



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 13th September 2018 at 9.30a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Sinéad Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Séamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Ms. June Murphy on behalf of Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Mr. Finbarr Filan	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN

APOLOGIES

Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Ms. Mairin Haran	State Agency	Dept. Of Social Protection
Ms. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	LCDC Chief Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Margaret McConnell	Senior Executive Officer	Sligo County Council

Mr. Jude Mannion	A/Senior Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
<i>Ms. Sarah Wetherald</i>	PPN Development Worker	PPN
<i>Ms. Antoinette Carney</i>	A/Assistant Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
<i>Mr. Martin McAndrew</i> <i>For Peace IV Update</i>	Peace Manager	Sligo County Council

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 26th July 2018 were proposed by Mr. Seán Tempany, seconded by Mr. Finbarr Filan and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. LECP IMPLEMENTATION:

- a) **Update on Urban & Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**
- b) **Community Enhancement Programme – consideration of applications**
- c) **Men’s Shed Programme – Consideration of applications**

a) Reports (2No.) on the **Urban & Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)** were circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke outlined Project Proposal list under the **Urban Regeneration Development Fund**, with 3No. projects included under Category A which are ready to go and 6No. projects under Category B which will require further development. With regards the Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Roads Scheme, Ms. Clarke advised that the Council had sought clarity from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government who confirmed that it is in order to include this Scheme under the Urban Regeneration Fund.

Ms. Clarke confirmed that Sligo County Council is looking at a site on the Mall for the *Shared Library Service SCC and IT Sligo* proposal.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes reminded Members of the competitive nature of this Fund and that Sligo has a number of projects in development over the last 10 years with the Council having to make a decision on what projects could now be put forward. Mr. Hayes advised that the Eastern Garavogue Bridge is critical for the development of Sligo.

Mr. Finbarr Filan acknowledged that the development of a localised gas network for Sligo city is crucial and noted that projects such as this could leverage other funding.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire asked if a weighting was given to project proposals and Mr. Hayes advised not but that projects were listed under Category A and Category B depending on stage of development, i.e. ready to go/requiring further development.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke then outlined Project Proposal list under the **Rural Regeneration Development Fund**, with 2No. projects included under Category 1 which are ready to go and 2 No. projects under Category 2 which will require further development.

b) Report on the **2018 Community Enhancement Programme** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion briefed Members and advised that there were 69 No. applications received with funds sought amounting to €300,000 which was well in excess of the allocation of €134,084. Some applications were ineligible for funding. Mr. Mannion's report outlined how applications were evaluated in accordance with Department Guidelines and having regard to geographical areas. Following an evaluation process 57 applications were now listed for funding approval of the LCDC. Councillor Maguire noted Mr. Mannion's comprehensive analysis of applications received.

LCDC Approval to the allocation of funding of €134,084 under the Communities Enhancement Programme, Capital Grant Scheme, 2018 was proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon, seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby and agreed by all.

c) Report on the **allocation of funding to Men's Sheds under the Community Enhancement Programme** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion briefed Members and advised that there were 7 No. applications received.

LCDC Approval to the additional allocation of €13,043 under the Communities Enhancement Programme, 2018 which has been ring-fenced for Men's Shed groups was proposed by Ms. Mary Brodie, seconded by Ms. Elizabeth King and agreed by all.

Councillor Maguire thanked Mr. Mannion for his reports.

5. SICAP UPDATE

- a) **Update on 2018 Plan to date**
- b) **End of Programme Report for SICAP 2015 – 2017 (Full & Executive Summary reports)**
- c) **PEIL Communications Strategy & ESF Information and Communication Guidelines**

a) Report circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Ms. June Murphy, County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG, outlined progress on SICAP to date in 2018. Ms. Murphy acknowledged that 'actuals' of 13 under Local Community Groups was behind annual target of 45 for Goal 1; however, there are a number of groups who have already received one intervention – two interventions are required in order to be recorded as an actual on the Integrated Reporting Information System (IRIS). Supports to groups include capacity building and community planning supports.

'Actuals' under Goal 2 to date are 300 individuals supported with the number of individual interventions totalling 956.

In relation to the Verification/Site visits for SICAP, Ms. Murphy advised of recent Barista Skills training event which took place on the 11th September and upcoming BTWEA event scheduled for the 17th September. Members were notified of these visits in advance of the meeting and invited to attend.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire advised that she had attended the Barista event with Mr. Aidan Doyle and Ms. Margaret McConnell and found it very interesting. Councillor Maguire encouraged Members to attend the event on the 17th September if they were available.

b) End of Programme Report for SICAP 2015 – 2017 (Full and Executive Summary reports) were circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefly went through the summary report and noted that 110,044 individuals and over 5,000 Local Community Groups were supported under SICAP over the course of the previous programme.

Ms. McConnell also mentioned SICAP/IRIS training delivered by Pobal in City Hall on the 12th September and thanked LCDC members who had attended.

c) PEIL Communications Strategy & ESF Information and Communication Guidelines were circulated in advance of the meeting. The Department of Rural & Community Development had requested that the Strategy and Guidelines be forwarded to LCDCs for information.

6. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Michael Kirby briefed Members on PPN update.

Ms Sarah Wetherald, PPN Worker advised that the Department had issued a mandate that all groups are to register with the Salesforce data management system.

It was noted that the PPN National Conference will take place in Athlone on the 11th & 12th October. Invitation from Westmeath PPN to be forwarded to the LCDC after the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell encouraged Members to attend if available.

7. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed Members on programme update with regards implementation.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SAVE-THE-DATE- 4th October 2018 - CYPSC : Enhancing child and youth well-being (e-mail 27.7.18)

Correspondence as above was circulated in advance of the meeting and noted by Members.

9. DATES FOR UPCOMING LCDC/LAG MEETINGS - 18TH OCTOBER, FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Dates above were noted.

10. AOB

Councillor Sinéad Maguire mentioned the need to raise awareness of the LCDC and the work carried out by the Committee. Councillor Maguire recalled an interview with Mr. Niall Delaney on Ocean FM earlier this

year and suggested that more publicity is needed in order to promote the LCDC especially in its role as LAG on the LEADER programme and more recently with the allocation of funds under various Grants schemes. It was agreed that an item be included on the Agenda for the next LCDC meeting around raising the profile of the LCDC.

Councillor Maguire also brought up members attendance at meetings which has become an issue especially with regards achieving a quorum for dealing with projects under the LEADER programme.

This matter of Attendance is addressed in the Terms of Reference for the Committee however the procedure to be followed in the event of non-attendance has not been enforced to date.

A letter had issued to Members in the past in relation to attendance, however it was suggested that a reminder letter issue on this matter.

Ms. Margaret McConnell mentioned Sligo's entries in the National Enterprising Towns competition which is being led out by the Council in collaboration with the Sligo Economic Forum. Three applications in total are submitted for Sligo, Cranmore Regeneration and Enniscrone Community. The adjudication date is Friday 21st of September and LCDC members are invited to attend the presentation that morning to be held in Sligo IT at 9.30.

Meeting concluded at 10.45a.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____