



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 25th July 2019 at 9.30a.m., County Hall, Riverside, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Dara Mulvey	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Mr. John Kennedy for Ms. Mairin Haran	State Agency	Dept. Of Social Protection
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN

APOLOGIES /ABSENT

Councillor Joseph Queenan	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Ann Marie Snee	Community & Voluntary	PPN

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Mr. Jude Mannion	A/Senior Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Martin McAndrew	Peace Manager	Sligo County Council

In the absence of Chairperson and in accordance with Guidelines for the Operation of LCDCs, Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Chief Officer, chaired the meeting until the new Chair was elected.

1. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Clarke welcomed Councillor Dara Mulvey and Councillor Joseph Queenan (apologies) as Elected Members to the LCDC following the recent local elections. Ms. Clarke also welcomed Mr. John Kennedy who was in attendance on behalf of Ms. Mairin Haran, DEASP Representative.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE LCDC

A report was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting outlining the process to be followed for the Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Clarke outlined the report and sought nominations for Chair from the Members present.

Mr. Seán Tempany announced his resignation from the LCDC and thanked staff and fellow members for their help throughout the last few years. Ms. Clarke acknowledged Mr. Tempany’s valued service and thanked him for his contribution to the LCDC.

Mr. Michael Kirby proposed Mr. Hugh MacConville (Private Sector) for the position of Chairperson, this proposal was seconded by Mr. Aidan Doyle.

Councillor Dara Mulvey proposed Councillor Chris MacManus for the position of Chairperson. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Seán Tempany.

As there were two nominees for the position, a poll was required in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Local Community Development Committee (SECTION 128E) REGULATIONS 2014.

Members agreed to an open roll call with Candidate 1 Mr. Hugh MacConville and Candidate 2, Councillor Chris MacManus. It was noted that Mr. John Kennedy was in attendance on behalf of Ms. Mairin Haran and as such could not vote.

Result of the roll call is tabulated below;

Members Name	Candidate 1 (Mr. MacConville)	Candidate 2 (Councillor MacManus)
Mr. Seán Tempany		✓
Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen		✓
Councillor Chris MacManus		✓
Councillor Dara Mulvey		✓
Ms. Patricia Garland	✓	
Mr. Chris Gonley	✓	
Mr. Aidan Doyle	✓	
Mr. Michael Kirby	✓	
Mr. Hugh MacConville	✓	
Mr. Ciarán Hayes		✓

As the poll resulted in a tie, Members agreed to drawing of lots to determine the position of Chairperson with Mr John Kennedy called on to draw the name of the successful candidate.

Following this draw, Councillor Chris MacManus's name was selected for the position of Chairperson. Ms Clarke declared Councillor MacManus as Chairperson of the LCDC. Councillor MacManus assumed the chair and thanked his proposer and seconder.

3. ELECTION OF VICE - CHAIRPERSON OF THE LCDC

Councillor Chris MacManus sought nominations for the position of Vice-chair of the LCDC. Councillor Mac Manus proposed Mr. Hugh MacConville for the position of Vice Chair. This proposal was seconded by Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen.

As there were no other nominees for this position Mr. MacConville was declared as Vice-Chairperson of the LCDC. He thanked his proposer and seconder.

Members thanked the outgoing Chair Councillor Sinéad Maguire and former Chair Mr Seán MacManus, and Vice-chair Mr Seán Tempany, for their contribution to the LCDC over the years and wished the new Chair and Vice-Chair well in their role.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley declared an interest in SICAP.

As regards the Community Enhancement Programme allocations Mr. Michael Kirby wished to declare an interest in Drumcliffe Rathcormac Tidy Towns application and Mr. Chris Gonley declared an interest in the application from Calry / St Josephs GAA.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30TH MAY 2019

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th May 2019 were proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby seconded by Mr. Aidan Doyle and agreed.

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. LECP IMPLEMENTATION:

- i. Community Enhancement Programme 2019 – Consideration of applications**
- ii. Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3**

- i. Report outlining **Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)** was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion briefed Members on this report which outlined the implementation of the CEP in 2019 with an allocation of €134,084 available for Sligo. In total seventy applications were received with nine deemed ineligible leaving sixty one applications being recommended for funding under the 2019 Programme. Mr. Mannion advised that applications were categorised according to the amount of grant aid being sought, i.e. Category 1 for Grants up to €1,000 and Category 2 deals with potential grants in excess of €1,000. Mr. Mannion's report also outlined a rationale for the nine

applications not recommended for funding under the CEP as they did not meet criteria under the Programme.

The report and recommendation as outlined was agreed by the members subject the inclusion of applications received from Acquired Brain Injury Ireland and the MS Therapy Centre and the overall funding to be reallocated accordingly. Approval to **63** applications was proposed by Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen and seconded by Ms. Patricia Garland.

- ii. Report on **Healthy Ireland Round 3** was circulated to Members. Ms. Aisling Smyth outlined the main differences between Round 3 and the previous rounds which include a two year funding allocation to the LCDC of €184,000 for the period 2019-2021, to include employment of a Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator. Ms. Smyth advised of the introduction of six thematic areas and set target groups. A minimum budget of €7,500 has been set for each action with a maximum of five actions per LCDC. Members were advised that actions must align with Government policy and must also contribute to one goal in the *Healthy Ireland, A framework for improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025*. It was noted that the Social Inclusion and SICAP Monitoring Committee at their meeting of 3rd July 2019 considered a proposal on how to advance this programme which is to be submitted to Pobal by 20th September 2019. It was agreed that all 37 lead Reporting agencies to the LECP across its 6 thematic areas would be invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for project ideas under Healthy Ireland Round 3. A total of 13 EOIs were submitted by the closing date of the 19th July. It was noted that there may be an opportunity for collaboration between agencies. Ms. Smyth advised that the final application comprising of 5 actions will be presented by way of recommendation to Sligo LCDC at its September 2019 meeting for consideration.

Councillor Chris MacManus noted that the September meeting of the LCDC is being brought forward to the 19th September in order to facilitate Pobal's deadline of 20th September for submission of applications under Healthy Ireland Round 3.

Councillor MacManus also mentioned the recent launch the Trishaw initiative at St John's Hospital which received funding under a previous round of Healthy Ireland.

8. SICAP UPDATE

a) Approval to 2019 Mid-year Review

i. Budget Reports

ii. Lot Summary Report – progress under Key Performance Indicators

iii. LCDC Review Checklist with Pobal's parallel review

b) Site Verification visits Quarter 3

- a) Reports pertaining to the **2019 Mid-year review of SICAP** were circulated to Members. Ms. Margaret McConnell advised that the Social Inclusion & SICAP Monitoring Committee at their meeting 3rd July had considered all reports submitted by Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG at mid-year which included – *Lot cost charged report, Goal 1 and Goal 2 Outcome reports* and the *Lot Summary Report*. In addition to reports submitted by SLPC, the LCDC support team had completed their checklist report which incorporated Pobal's feedback on the review and a check on the quality of data recorded on IRIS. Ms. McConnell advised that targets at mid-year have been achieved and budget spend is on target for 31st May, however some issues were raised with SLPC for follow up before Pobal's deadline of the 31st July 2019 for final approval of the mid-year review.

Ms. McConnell also advised of discussion between the Monitoring Committee and Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG at their meeting on the 3rd July with the Committee being satisfied to make a recommendation that the 2019 mid-year review be approved by the LCDC, subject to issues being addressed by SLPC.

Mr. Chris Gonley advised Members that SLPC is confident that issues will be resolved by the 31st July.

Approval of the 2019 Mid-year review subject to issues raised being addressed by SLPC, was proposed by Mr. Hugh MacConville and seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby.

- b) Ms. Margaret McConnell reminded Members that two SICAP projects are selected for **Site verification** each quarter. On the 17th July, LCDC Members and support staff had attended a Jewellery Making Workshop in Dromore West. Ms. McConnell advised of proposed visit to a Social Enterprise project on the 9th September with venue to be confirmed by Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG.

SLPC had also suggested the Intercultural day in September as a possible project for Members to visit.

Notification to issue to the LCDC once event for verification has been confirmed by Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG.

Councillor Chris MacManus urged members to attend quarterly verification visits if possible.

9. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Michael Kirby briefed Members on the update on PPN activities and proposals. In relation to Climate change, Mr. Kirby advised of Sligo PPN's submission that the environment sector of the PPN be represented across all Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs).

Mr. Kirby also advised that the PPN's Community Wellbeing statement is being progressed as directed by the Department.

Members were informed that the Membership of Sligo PPN now stands at 315 member groups following re-registration with the Salesforce software system.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes advised that a new SPC is to be established to deal specifically with Climate Change as this crosses all aspects of the Local Authority's functions. Policies coming from this SPC will be incorporated into all policies of the Council. With this focus on Climate Change, Mr. Hayes expects greater interaction between Sligo County Council and the local community. Mr. Hayes comments were welcomed by Mr. Kirby.

10. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed Members on programme update with many projects now completed and others to be completed in September.

11. UPDATE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING & LIFELONG LEARNING FORUM

Ms. Dorothy Clarke briefed Members on the update in relation to the Education, Training & Lifelong Learning Forum since the last LCDC meeting on 30th May. A meeting of representatives from the various agencies involved in Education and Training was held in June. Ms. Clarke advised of some concerns raised at this

meeting with the increased use of electronic and digital inputs which will impact on manual labour jobs. It was noted that people will have to be up-skilled accordingly.

Mr. Hugh MacConville chaired the meeting in June and commented on the enthusiasm of agencies represented. The need to examine barriers to education was noted at the June meeting. A meeting with Case Officers from the Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection has been arranged for the afternoon of the 25th July.

Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen queried if the voice of people with a disability is being represented on the Education Forum. Dr. Van Aswegen advised that the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) is engaging with Solas on accredited training and commented on the importance of having this cohort represented. Mr. MacConville and Ms Clarke acknowledged this contribution and advised that this issue had been raised at the forum and that the meetings are still only at an exploratory stage.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised Mr. Finbarr Filan's position on the Advisory Steering Group (ASG) to the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) is vacant. Councillor Chris MacManus asked that the PPN engage with Ms. Ann Marie Snee, Mr. Filan's replacement on the LCDC, to check if she would be interested in being a member of the LECP Advisory Steering Group as his replacement on the LCDC. Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen expressed an interest in the Advisory Steering Group also. It was agreed to refer to the LECP Guidelines around the composition of the ASG. and defer this matter to the September meeting of the LCDC.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Letter from the Dept Children and Youth Affairs re Comhairle na nÓg (dated 7/6/19)**
- b. **Coming Out As You: A Guide for Young People - HSE/Drugs Taskforce email 24.6.19**
- c. **Funding for Men's (and Women's) Sheds under the Community Enhancement Programme – DRCD letter 28.6.19**
- d. **Túsla Child and Youth Participation Strategy 2019 - 2023 & Child and Youth Participation Yearbook**
- e. **SICAP Distance Travelled Tool – Update from the DRCD 5th July 2019**
- f. **PRESS RELEASE 12th July 2019; Minister Zappone announces launch of LGBTI+ Capacity Building Initiative**
- g. **Correspondence in relation to attendance at LCDC Meetings**

Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined correspondence as above.

Members were advised that **Comhairle na nÓg** have expressed an interest in attending a meeting of the LCDC.

In relation to **Funding for Men's and Women's sheds**, Members were advised of a funding allocation of €10,471 available for Sligo. A report on allocation of funds to Men's sheds will be presented to the LCDC for their approval at the September meeting. It was noted that there are no Women's sheds in Sligo.

Under Pobal's correspondence relating to the **SICAP Distance Travelled Tool**, Mr. Hugh MacConville queried nomination of new representatives required on the project Steering Group. Ms. McConnell confirmed that representatives are to be nominated from the 15 LCDCs involved in the Pilot project.

All correspondence was noted by Members.

14. NEW DATE FOR NEXT LCDC/LAG MEETING – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019 (EARLIER DATE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF ALLOCATIONS UNDER HEALTHY IRELAND – DEADLINE OF 20TH SEPT FOR SUBMISSION TO POBAL)

Members agreed to change of date to the 19th September for the next LCDC/LAG meeting in order to facilitate Healthy Ireland Round 3 submission to Pobal.

It was noted that this date will not suit Mr. Ciarán Hayes, CE due to a clash with another meeting.

15. AOB

Mr. Ciarán Hayes advised Members that Sligo County Council has been selected for involvement by the European Investment Bank under the **Joint Assistance Supporting Projects in European Region (JASPER)**.

JASPER will present opportunities for Sligo and aim to capitalise on the potential of Sligo as a regional centre in terms of employment and services and will link strategies ranging from the Economic Spatial strategy, Climate Friendly, Environmentally Friendly, Socially inclusive and Smarter City.

Phase 1 involves a consultation process with potential funding being allocated in Phase 2.

Mr. Hayes advised that JASPER officials will be in Sligo on the 25th and 26th September for consultation with the main stakeholders involved in developing a strategy for Sligo, towards 2030.

LCDC members will be kept informed of progress.

Mr. Hayes further advised that a lot of the work involved in preparing this vision strategy will link with the work priorities of the Economic Forum.

In response to queries Mr. Hayes stressed that JASPER will be a high level strategy incorporating other local and sectoral strategies. Sligo County Council has started working with JASPER and has forwarded the Local Economic & Community Plan, the County Development Plan, Tourism strategy, and other strategies, in advance of consultation.

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members on issues ongoing in the Caltragh community particularly as regards the management and sustainability of the Caltragh Community Centre. Sligo LEADER Partnership has now advised SCC that it is not in a position to renew the lease past the expiry date of September 2019 and it is felt that other interagency collaboration may be required around which the LCDC may be able to assist. It was noted that this matter could be considered at the next meeting of the LCDC aligned to the SICAP item.

On behalf of the LCDC, Councillor Chris MacManus in conclusion acknowledged and thanked Mr. Seán Tempany for his contribution to the LCDC and wished him well for the future.

Meeting concluded at 11.25a.m.

Signed: _____

Councillor Chris MacManus
Chairperson

Date: _____