

Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 9th October 2014, 9.00am, City Hall, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Sinead Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Sean MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Seamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer	State Agency	Dept. of Social Protection
Mr. Damian McCallion	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Paul Keyes	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Sean Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Dr. John Bartlett	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar
Ms. Bernadette Maughan	Social Inclusion	Sligo County Community Forum
Mr. Gerard O'Connor	Community & Voluntary – Rural Communities	Sligo County Community Forum
Ms. Vanessa Clarke	Community & Voluntary – Urban Communities	Sligo County Community Forum
Mr. Brian Scanlon	Social Inclusion- RAPID Communities	Sligo County Community Forum

APOLOGIES

Mr. Michael Bourke	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	Chief Officer LCDC	Sligo County Council
Ms. Síofra Kilcullen	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council

1. MINUTES OF MEETING 18TH JULY 2014.

Minutes of the meeting dated 18th July 2014 were proposed by Mr. Brian Scanlon and seconded by Mr. Sean Tempany.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND STANDING ORDERS

Draft Terms of Reference and Standing Orders, Sligo LCDC July 2014 were circulated. C. Hayes, Chief Executive, SCC advised the Members present of Circular Letter AL 05/2014 dated 6th October '14 regarding the Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014 – 2020 which could have implications for the role of the committee. A copy of the Circular and accompanying paper entitled 'Local Community Development Committees as Local Action Group: A Proposed Implementation Arrangement' was distributed and read by the members.

After a lengthy discussion the following was agreed;

- A formal submission should be made to the Department airing concerns of the LCDC and seeking clarification in relation to the proposed implementation arrangements.
- LCDC members should email their concerns to S. Kilcullen before Friday 5pm 10th October
- An explanatory synopsis of the key terms and acronyms would be circulated to members
- A meeting to finalise and agree the contents of the submission would take place on 13th October at 5pm in County Council Offices.
- Notwithstanding the content of the circular, the LCDC will proceed with the development of the community elements of the LECP as prescribed in the legislation.
- The draft terms of reference and standing orders would be considered at the next meeting following clarification from the Department.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare if they had any conflict of interest in relation to the SICAP programme. C. Gonley from Sligo LEADER Partnership advised the groups and absented himself from the room.

Remaining members were requested to sign a declaration of Impartiality in relation to the Programme.

5. SICAP (SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME 2015 – 2017)

a. Formal agreement on SICAP 'lot' for Sligo

All Members agreed that Sligo would have one Lot in respect of the SICAP Programme on the proposal of Hugh McConville and seconded by John Bartlett

b. Establishment of Evaluation/Appraisal Sub Committee- The LCDC agreed the names of the members of the SICAP Evaluation Subcommittee responsible for assessing the tenders received for the SICAP programme. Members were also advised that an internal Council evaluation team with expertise in procurement, social inclusion and project evaluation has been established to support the process.

6. LCDC PROGRAMME (LOCAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)

a. Quarter 1 Performance Monitoring & Financial Report

b. Monthly Financial Reports July, August

Both above reports from Pobal were noted.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

A report was circulated by S. Kilcullen on the Sligo Public Participation Network. The following points were made

- In September 2013 the Government established the Working Group on Citizen Engagement with Local Government to make recommendations on more extensive and diverse input by citizens into the decision making at local government level. Their report recommended the establishment of the Public Participation Network.
- Following the commencement of Section 46 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 local authorities are required to establish PPNs and all community representation on committees of the local authority must be sourced through the PPN.
- Community, Environmental and Social Inclusion representation on the LCDC must come through the PPN.
- Sligo County Council has commenced work on the establishment of the PPN in conjunction with Sligo County Community Forum.
- Communications strategy has been agreed with the Forum and has commenced.
- Website established www.sligoppn.com.
- Leaflet and posters distributed throughout County.
- 5 area based information sessions throughout the County in Grange, Sligo City, Ballymote, Tubbercurry and Easkey – 90 people attended in total.
- Key workers in the heritage, culture, sport, community, environment and social inclusion sectors briefed
- Closing date for Registration 17th October.

Members agreed to encourage groups to register and agreed that the deadline should be adhered. Members complemented the work to date and the energy in the information sessions.

8. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members were advised that the Department would be seeking expressions of interest for the LEADER programme in the coming weeks.

Group to seek clarification from the Department in relation to issues raised under item 3.

Workshop on Local Economic and Community Plan

S Kilcullen gave a presentation on

- the socio-economic data on Sligo gathered to date
- broad issues raised during the public consultation process
- Proposed socio-economic framework for the LECP 'Community Elements'

The following high level priority themes were agreed

- Employment and Economic Activity
- Social Inclusion and Poverty
- Health and Well being
- Education and Training
- Climate Change and Environment

Members endorsed the framework in principle which included provision for several cross cutting themes or enabling objectives.

Members requested that the socio-economic data presented be made available online.

In light of the time constraints it was agreed to select one priority theme for detailed analysis and defer the others to the next meeting of the committee. The theme selected was social inclusion and poverty. The discussed the topic in the context of Sligo's the strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats.

Meeting concluded at 1.30pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson