

Sligo Local Community Development Committee
Thursday 30th July 2015, 9.30am, City Hall, Sligo

PRESENT

- Councillor Sean MacManus, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Councillor Sinead Maguire, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**
- Ms. Mary Brodie, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**
- 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**
- Mr. Michael Kirby, **Environmental Interests, Environment Pillar (PPN)**
- Mr. Gerard O'Connor, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**

APOLOGIES

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. John Reilly, **Local Government / LEO, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Frank Morrison, **State Agency, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE**
- Ms. Sharon Boles, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Mr. Michael Burke, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**

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**
- Ms. Maria Collery, **A/Assistant Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**
- Ms. Geraldine Timlin, **Assistant Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**

1. DECLARATIONS RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley (Sligo Leader Partnership Company) declared an interest in SICAP.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting held on the 2nd July 2015 were proposed by Mr Gerry O'Connor and seconded by Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer.

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3. MATTERS ARISING

Following query on information event held 16th July in relation to the Rural Development Programme members were advised that this event was for those successful in Stage 1 of the Local Development Strategy.

It was confirmed that funding would be channelled through Sligo County Council as the lead financial partner.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Equality and Rights Alliance

LCDC to be aware of and prioritise and promote equality in the drafting of the Local Economic & Community Plan. Equality to be mentioned in the vision for Community Development.

b. Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (Local Development Strategy)

Confirmation e-mail dated 13th July from DECLG advising that LCDC has been successful in Stage 1 of the Local Development Strategy selection process. Formal approval to issue from department.

c. Guidance Note on Local Economic and Community Plan

Guidance from the DECLG issued 17th July in relation to monitoring arrangements during the LECP formulation stage and engagement with the regional assembly in this regard. In relation to the establishment of economic fora as envisaged in the Guidelines, the Advisory Steering Group at their meeting on 28th July recommended that the LCDC meet with the Chief Executive with regards Sligo taking the lead in this region.

d. Letter dated 28th July from Sligo LEADER re staff changes (SICAP)

4 No. staff in Sligo LEADER Partnership Co have availed of voluntary redundancy in recent weeks. Letter received from SLPCo confirming that new staff will be competent to deliver SICAP.

5. LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP) – DRAFT REPORT

a. Adoption of draft for public consultation

Feedback received from a number of people/agencies was discussed by the Advisory Steering Group on 28/7/15. Comments from the Environmental Pillar were circulated to the members. Draft plan is to go on public display from 11th August for a period of 4 weeks.

Date on plan is amended to 2021 (6 year statutory plan).

Members are to revert with any feedback/submissions on draft plan before 7th August in order to have amendments included in draft for public display.

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Adoption of draft LECP was proposed by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Sean Tempany.

Facilitated workshop to be held in October for LCDC & SPC to sign off on final draft of LECP – proposed date for workshop is 8th October.

6. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LEADER)

LCDC were successful in Expression of Interest to deliver LEADER element of Rural Development Programme. Operating guidelines on the RDP to issue from the DECLG.

Next step in the process is the preparation and submission of the Local Development Strategy (LDS). Sligo LEADER Partnership will lead out on the preparation of the Local Development Strategy. A consultation session with LCDC members will be held at the next LCDC meeting on the 10th September.

7. SICAP

a. Presentation by Sligo LEADER Partnership Co on Annual Plan (by Ms. Ann Flynn)

Ms. Ann Flynn (SLPCo) delivered a presentation on SICAP.

Report to be circulated to members following the meeting.

b. Nominees for Sub-committee to monitor SICAP

- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer – proposed by Mr. Hugh MacConville and seconded by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan – proposed by Councillor Sinead Maguire and seconded by Mr. Gerry O'Connor
- Mr. Hugh MacConville – proposed by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes
- Councillor Sinead Maguire (to act as substitute) – proposed by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville

8. AOB

It was queried if the LCDC should have concerns regarding SICAP, given issues with staff resources within the Council. Members were advised that the Council has dedicated resources to managing the SICAP programme.

Next LCDC meeting scheduled for 10th September.

Meeting concluded at 11.35a.m.