

**Sligo Local Community Development Committee**  
**Thursday 10th September 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. John Reilly, **Local Government / LEO, Sligo County Council**
- 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. Sharon Boles, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**

**APOLOGIES**

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**
- Ms. Mary Brodie, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**
- Mr. Frank Morrison, **State Agency, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE**
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **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**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were proposed by Mr Sean Tempany and seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby.

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**3. MATTERS ARISING**

With regards the establishment of economic fora as envisaged in LECP Guidance, Members were advised that there is still no update in relation to counties included in this region and a meeting is to take place with the Chief Officer, LCDC Chair and CE to discuss Sligo taking the lead in this region

**4. SICAP**

- a. **Recommendation from SICAP Monitoring subgroup regarding SICAP Mid-year report**  
Hugh MacConville went through the conclusions & recommendations of the SICAP Monitoring Group in relation to mid-year report submitted by Sligo LEADER Partnership Co at a meeting with the subgroup on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

LCDC Members were advised that IRIS has been updated since this meeting, to reflect targets as per Tender received December 2014.

The Monitoring group's recommendation that the LCDC approve mid-year report and issue third SICAP payment to SLPCo was proposed by Ms. Sharon Boles and seconded by Mr. Sean Tempany.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **CCMA – Promotion of Equality in the delivery of the Local Economic and Community Plan – Establishment of Equality subgroup of LCDC**

Sub-committee to be set up to work on equality policy.

Advisory Steering Group to take on this role as an interim measure was proposed by Mr. Chris Gonley and seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles.

- b. **DECLG – Nomination to Operating Rules Focus Group**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke/Ms Siofra Kilcullen to represent Sligo LCDC on this Focus Group and report back to the LCDC where necessary was proposed by Cllr Seamus Kilgannon, seconded by Mr. Seamus Tempany and agreed by all.

**6. HEALTH AND WELLBEING: PRESENTATION FROM MR. MIKE RAINSFORD (HSE) – CONNECTING FOR LIFE SLIGO (PROPOSED COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN LINKED TO LECP)**

Councillor Sean MacManus thanked Mr. Rainsford for a comprehensive presentation. Copies of Presentation to be e-mailed to Members.

A discussion followed around the issue of resources (Funding and staff) for Youth Mental Health services. It is hoped that the County suicide prevention plan will be drafted by June/July 2016. A working group is to be established (within HSE) to formulate this plan.

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**7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (LEADER) – FACILITATED CONSULTATION SESSION LED BY SLIGO LEADER PARTNERSHIP CO**

Members were advised that public consultation is ongoing around the Rural Development Programme. The draft Local Development Strategy (LDS) is to be submitted to the DECLG by 25<sup>th</sup> September – this date may be extended on a case by case basis.

Ms. June Murphy gave a presentation on the main issues followed by open discussion.

It was confirmed that Sligo town is included in the RDP for the County.

SLPCo will arrange for meetings with LCDC members on a one to one basis as required. A consultation session will also be organised with Council Staff.

**8. LECP – UPDATE FROM ADVISORY STEERING GROUP – TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF A FACILITATOR FOR WORKSHOP**

Public consultation period ended 8<sup>th</sup> September. 19No. submissions received during the consultation period.

Advisory Steering Group met 28<sup>th</sup> August to discuss & evaluate tenders received in relation to provision of Advisory Support to LECP. Unfortunately the highest scoring tenderer, Mr. Ciaran Lynch (LIT) who was awarded the tender, has taken ill and is no longer available.

Decision to meet with next highest tenderer was proposed by Mr. Paul Keyes and seconded by Mr. Chris Gonley and agreed by all.

Members were advised that the draft LECP may have to go on public display again in order to comply with EU Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for any plans of this nature.

The Advisory Steering Group to meet and make final recommendations proposed by Ms. Sharon Boles and seconded by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon and agreed by all.

**9. UPDATED TIMELINE**

Timeline and status report for the LECP was circulated to members.

Members were advised that the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the plan could cause delay in meeting dates set. Members were also advised that consideration and endorsement of the draft LECP by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly may not take place until mid December 2015. This could mean that we may not be in a position to present draft LECP to the Council for adoption until January 2016.

LCDC will be kept updated on progress.

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**10. AOB**

None

Meeting concluded at 11.40a.m.