

Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 26th March 2015, 9.30am, City Hall, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Sinead Maguire, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**

Councillor Sean MacManus, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**

Mr. John Reilly, **Local Government / LEO, Sligo County Council**

Mr. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**

Mr. Hugh MacConville, **Trade Union Interests, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

Mr. Chris Gonley, **Local Development Sector, Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd**

Mr. Paul Keyes, **Business Interests, Sligo Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Sean Tempamy, **Farming / Agriculture Interests, Farming / Agriculture Pillar**

Mr. Michael Kirby, **Environmental Interests, Environment Pillar (PPN)**

Ms. Sharon Boles, **Social Inclusion, PPN**

Mr. Gerard O'Connor, **Community & Voluntary, PPN**

APOLOGIES

Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**

Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**

Mr. Michael Burke, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**

Mr. Frank Morrison, **State Agency, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE**

Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**

Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community & Voluntary, PPN**

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**

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

Ms. Geraldine Timlin, **Assistant Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**

Ms. Cait O'Beirne, **IT Student Placement**

Councillor Sean MacManus opened the meeting by welcoming new LCDC members present – round the table introductions

1. DECLARATIONS RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley (Sligo Leader Partnership Company) declared an interest in SICAP and Rural Development Programme which were listed for discussion at the meeting.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting held on the 4th February 2015 were proposed by Mr. Hugh MacConville and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Circular LG 2/2015 'Part 15 – Local Government Act 2001; Revised Annual Declaration Forms' (Importance of Ethical Framework in Local Government)

The Chief Officer advised the meeting of a directive from the DEC&LG contained in Circular LG/2015 outlining the requirement for members who are not local government nominees to comply with the provisions of the Circular relating to an Annual Declaration of interests. Declaration Forms to be adapted and sent to relevant members in the coming weeks. As per the Circular, completed Forms to be returned to the Chief Officer's office for filing. Completed Declaration Forms will not be placed on public record. Code of Conduct for Councillors will also be forwarded to members. There is an expectation that this code of conduct will extend to all members of the LCDC.

b. Local Link re: Transport Forum for Sligo

Report on Local Link was circulated to all Members. The meeting was advised of the new Transport co-ordination unit for this region (Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon) which is based in Leitrim County Council with Ms. Camilla Kelly as Co-Ordinator. A meeting has already been scheduled with Ms. Kelly and further updates will be given to LCDC at future meetings. The LCDC will be requested to provide representation on Transport Forum.

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5. LCDC 2014 ANNUAL REPORT (FOR APPROVAL)

The draft Annual report for the LCDC for 2014 was circulated to Members. The report outlines the membership, role and activities of LCDC since its formation to date. The Annual report has to be prepared before 31st March 2015 as per the criteria outlined in the LG Reform Act 2015. The Report was approved, proposed by Mr. Chris Gonley and seconded by Cllr Sinead Maguire.

6. UPDATE ON LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP) – COMMUNITY ELEMENTS

Ms. Siofra Kilcullen advised that over 200 people were in attendance at LECP Workshops in March 2015. The workshops were well attended on both days with huge support and participation from members of the LCDC, IT Sligo, Teagasc, HSE, Sligo County Council, DSP, ETB, Chamber of Commerce, IDA, EI, SLPCo, Community groups, business representatives and other organisations throughout the county. Contributions and feedback from the workshops will now be incorporated into tangible actions at the final workshops in April 2015

Representatives for Advisory Steering Group

The Final guidelines on preparation of the LECP issued in January with emphasis on integration on Community and Economic elements. It is recommended that each local authority establish an Advisory Steering group to assist in the preparation, drafting, adoption and monitoring of the LECP. A report on the Advisory Steering Group (ASG) was circulated. LCDC to consider nominees to sit on ASG – nominees to have expertise and knowledge of the LECP.

Nominees from LCDC are as follows;

Mr. Chris Gonley, Mr. Hugh MacConville and Ms. Sharon Boles

Cllr Sean MacManus (Chair SPC/Chair LCDC) and Ms. Dorothy Clarke (Chief Officer/DOS SPC 3) will also sit on ASG with John Reilly and Ms. Siofra Kilcullen (Nominees of Chief Officer).

Mr. Paul Keyes proposed that IT Sligo would also be involved on the Steering group. Ms. Dorothy Clarke will follow up with IT Sligo in this regard.

7. SICAP (SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME) UPDATE

Mr. Chris Gonley CEO of SLPCo excused himself from the meeting while this item was being discussed.

The Contract for the SICAP programme has since issued to the Programme Implementer the SLPCo and the programme will commence on 1st April 2015. A report showing the breakdown of SICAP Budget for 1st April – 31st December 2015 in the amount of €439,136 was circulated to the Members. The Budget was approved, proposed by Mr. Sean Tempany, seconded by Cllr Sinead Maguire and agreed by all members present.

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8. LCDC PROGRAMME (LOCAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)

- a. **Quarter 4 of 2014 Performance Monitoring and Financial Report**
- b. **Monthly Financial Reports January 2015**

Reports were noted.

Proposed by Mr. Hugh MacConville and seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles.

9. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LEADER) – FORMATION OF LOCAL ACTION GROUP

The LCDC were briefed on a meeting that had taken place between Department Officials, representatives of the LCDC & representatives of Sligo LEADER Partnership Company. Considerable progress had been made at this meeting in relation to clarifying roles regarding the delivery of the new local development programme.

Members were advised that the Department have issued a call for Expressions of Interest for Local Action Groups for the Local delivery of the Rural Development Programme with a closing date of 15th May '15 for receipt of applications. After some discussion Mr. Hugh MacConville proposed that Sligo LCDC form a LAG and submit an EOI for the delivery of the Rural Development Programme LEADER element in Sligo. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby and agreed by all.

Mr. Chris Gonley asked that it be noted that Sligo LEADER Partnership may also submit an Expression of Interest as the matter had yet to be considered by their board.

10. RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (REDZ)

The Chief Officer advised of a submission made to the Minister for Rural Affairs, Ann Phelan in relation to proposal that the Municipal District of Ballymote/ Tobercurry incorporating the rural towns of Tobercurry, Ballymote and Enniscrone be designated as a pilot area under the new REDZ scheme when and if this becomes government policy and is implemented at a local level. The REDZ form part of recommendations in the recent CEDRA report and the aim of a REDZ zone is to encourage and stimulate economic activity in smaller towns (population of 1500 approx) who have suffered drastically from job losses during the economic recession.

11. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to Members. Ms. Siofra Kilcullen advised that 293 groups have registered with the PPN to date with registration ongoing.

Ms. Sharon Boles complimented the PPN team on work carried out to date.

12. AOB

None.

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Meeting concluded at 11.00am.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson

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