

Sligo Local Community Development Committee
Wednesday 28th October 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. 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**
- 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**

APOLOGIES

- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Mr. Michael Burke, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**
- Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community AND 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**
- 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 10th September 2015 were proposed by Mr Sean Tempany and seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles.

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3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CONSIDER AND AGREE THE LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN

The draft LECP was circulated to Members. This draft incorporates comments/submissions from public consultation. The Advisory Steering Group met to discuss submissions and amendments required to draft LECP. Ms. Siofra Kilcullen advised that there were no substantive changes to the 33 core objectives of the Plan. There are now 177 actions (previously over 200 actions). LGMA had advised that the LECP must include an 'Equality and Human Rights Statement' – refer to Section 2.6.

Councillor Sean MacManus acknowledged work carried out to date on LECP by staff and members of LCDC. Members were asked to focus on targets and indicators and revert with amendments, if any, by 3rd November 2015 with final comments.

The draft Plan will be forwarded to both Municipal Districts and to the Northern and Western Regional Assembly for the adoption of a statement of support. It will then be placed on the Agenda of the January meeting for consideration and adoption by the County Council.

The Committee considered and agreed the draft Plan.

5. UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (LDS) FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENTPROGRAMME.

LDS circulated to Members 21st October. The LCDC as LAG are to approve the LDS before it is forwarded to the DECLG. It was agreed to establish a RDP Committee in relation to the LEADER Programme, with representatives from the LCDC, Sligo LEADER and Sligo County Council (as Financial Partner).

Nominations to the Advisory sub-committee as follows;

LAG (LCDC representatives)

Councillor Sean MacManus (Chair)

Councillor Sinead Maguire was proposed by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes.

Ms. Sharon Boles was proposed by Councillor Sinead Maguire and seconded by Mr. Kieran Dwyer.

Implementation Partner

Mr. Chris Gonley and one other from Sligo LEADER Partnership Company

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Financial Partner (Sligo County Council)

Ms. Dorothy Clarke and Ms. Patricia Guckian

A number of issues were raised in relation to the draft LDS.

It was suggested that consideration should be given to prioritising in particular the development needs of our rural towns and villages. Due to the impact of the recent recession, many of the rural towns and villages have struggled to survive. Prioritising funding support for the development needs of the hierarchy of towns and villages in the county would be a welcome step in encouraging them to be economic drivers in their own right and to make them more sustainable in the future. This would take time. The Rural Development Programme is an opportunity to make this happen.

Clarification was sought in relation to the role of the Independent Evaluation Committee and the recommendation of proposals for LEADER funding to the LCDC/LAG. There appeared to be a contradiction in relation to this on page 6 section (m) and again on page 11 under the heading of "Screening by the Board of the Sligo LEADER Partnership"

It was confirmed and agreed that it is the Independent Evaluation Committee who will make recommendations for the funding of proposals under LEADER, to the LCDC/LAG, for their final approval. The wording in the LDS is to be deleted and amended to reflect this.

6. SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

1. **Progress report dated 28th October 2015**
Report dated 28th October 2015 was circulated to members and noted.
2. **Regional Support Event for LCDCs in Cavan on 11th November**
Support sessions for LCDCs and Local Authority Staff working on SICAP to be held in the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on 11th November.

7. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members and noted.

8. AOB

Councillor Sean MacManus paid tribute to Ms. Siofra Kilcullen for her work with the LCDC since its establishment and especially her involvement in the preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan. Councillor MacManus acknowledged Siofra's significant contribution to Sligo County Council over the last 11 years.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes complimented Siofra on her expertise and competence and wished her well on behalf of all staff of the Council. Ms. Dorothy Clarke echoed this sentiment.

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Several members of the LCDC also complimented Siofra on her commitment and integrity.

Siofra thanked the LCDC and acknowledged the support of Dorothy and the team.

Meeting concluded at 10.40a.m.