

**Minutes of Meeting of  
Sligo Local Community Development Committee  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 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. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. John Reilly, **Local Government / LEO, Sligo County Council**
- 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. Paul Keyes, **Business Interests, Sligo Chamber of Commerce**
- Mr. Michael Kirby, **Environmental Interests, Environment Pillar (PPN)**
- Mr. Sean Tempany, **Farming / Agriculture Interests, Farming / Agriculture Pillar**
- Ms. Sharon Boles, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Mr. Gerard O'Connor, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**
- Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**

**APOLOGIES**

- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**
- Mr. Hugh MacConville, **Trade Union Interests, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, **Chief Officer LCDC, Sligo County Council**
- Ms. Margaret McConnell, **Senior Executive 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**

Councillor MacManus advised members of a change in procedure with regards dealing with Declaration of Interest. It has been confirmed with the Department that Sligo LEADER Partnership Co do not need to continue to absent itself from the meeting under the Declarations/Conflict of interest item as had been happening heretofore. This only applies during periods of consideration of tenders, contracts or other items of possible conflict of interest.

Mr. Chris Gonley (Sligo Leader Partnership Company) declared an interest in SICAP and the Rural Development Programme.

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**2. MINUTES**

Minutes of last meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and seconded by Ms. Jackie Sweeney.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**4. LOCAL ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY PLAN (UPDATE REPORT CIRCULATED)**

- **Presentation from ETB on Actions/Services as related to LECP**

Ms. Mary Brodie and Mr. Tom Grady gave a presentation on the services of Mayo Sligo Leitrim Education and Training Board including an update in respect of their actions under 'Education and Training' chapter of the Local Economic and Community Plan.

**5. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UPDATE REPORT)**

Update report circulated to members. Ms. Margaret McConnell advised of the next stage which is contract signing between Sligo County Council, Sligo LCDC and the DECLG. A Service Level Agreement is also to be signed between Sligo County Council, Sligo LCDC and Sligo LEADER Partnership Co.

Mr. Chris Gonley requested that once the contracts have been signed, that a meeting of the LCDC be arranged to discuss the Operating Rules.

**6. SOCIAL INCLUSION and COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME**

Update report as prepared by Sligo LEADER Partnership Co was circulated to members by Ms. June Murphy. It was noted that the courses provided under Goal 2 of SICAP compliment courses run by the ETB in that they help individuals to build confidence and prepare them to move onto more structured training programmes within ETB.

Mr. Chris Gonley advised that Sligo LEADER Partnership Co work closely with the Department of Social Protection to assist SICAP clients under Goal 3 (Employment). SLPCo intend to link more with employers going forward and identify skills required.

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**7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK**

Update report circulated to members. Ms. Margaret McConnell advised that 2 plenary meetings /Funding workshops have been arranged at Municipal District level, for the 4<sup>th</sup> May (Ballymote-Tubbercurry MD) and the 10<sup>th</sup> May (Sligo MD).

It was also noted that the 2016 Work Plan agreed by the Secretariat includes the option of a text alert system for reminding PPN groups of upcoming meetings/events.

Ms. June Murphy (SLPCo) is to circulate agenda for Sligo LEADER Partnership's upcoming workshop with Clan Credo in Collooney on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**8. PEACE IV PROGRAMME**

Report circulated to members.

The members discussed the issue of the most appropriate way for the Council to implement the PEACE plan through the LCDC. Due to the ongoing work load of the LCDC and the cumbersomeness of augmenting the LCDC with members additional to the existing 17 to supplement the gap that exists in the minority faiths, it was agreed that a subcommittee be set up to cover the consideration of the bulk of the operational work involved who would then report and recommend to the LCDC for their discussion and decision.

It was noted that the LCDC would still be responsible for considering and approving the plan in integrated manner in accordance with the recommendation of Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) and the Department.

It was proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. John Reilly and agreed that the following members be nominated to the sub-committee:

- Mr. Chris Gonley, Sligo LEADER Partnership Co
- Mr. Hugh McConville, Trade Union
- Mr. Gerry O Connor, PPN, CandV
- Mr. Michael Kirby PPN, Environment
- Ms. Sharon Boles, PPN, Social Inclusion and Childcare

It was requested by Councillor Seán McManus that in addition a representative of Victims and Survivors be included on the sub-committee.

**9. PIP APPLICATION TO IFI – CALTRAGH/BALLYTIVNAN COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Report circulated to Members. Sligo County Council submitted application to the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) in December 2015 which has been successful and a letter of offer has now issued from the IFI.

Proposal to proceed with this Community project as per IFI letter of offer was proposed by Ms. Sharon Boles and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes.

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Councillor Séamus Kilgannon complimented all involved in submitting the application.

**10. PROMOTION and BRANDING OF LCDCS**

Report circulated to Members. National logos are in place with individuals logos to issue to each individual LCDC. The Department will be in further contact as materials are produced and made available.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) – Children’s participation hub database**

Correspondence from the DECLG in relation to the DCYA Children’s Participation hub database was circulated to members and noted.

**12. AOB**

Mr. Ciarán Hayes, CE suggested that the LCDC avail of meeting facilities at the Northside Community Centre.

Councillor Séamus Kilgannon proposed, on a one off basis, for the June meeting to be held in the Northside Centre and then revert to City Hall for the July meeting. This was agreed by all members.

Next meeting of LCDC scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.30am

Meeting concluded at 12.15p.m.