

Sligo Local Community Development Committee
Thursday 4th February 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**
- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**
- Ms. Mary Brodie for Mr. Michael Burke, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**
- Mr. Paraic Casey for 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. Gerard O'Connor, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**
- Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**

APOLOGIES

- Mr. Hugh MacConville, **Trade Union Interests, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**
- Mr. Sean Tempany, **Farming / Agriculture Interests, Farming / Agriculture Pillar**
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Ms. Sharon Boles, **Social Inclusion, PPN**

IN ATTENDANCE

- 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

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

2. MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting held on the 1st December 2015 were proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Our Communities – A Framework Policy for Local and Community Development

Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined main points in this framework policy launched in January 2016 to ensure more joined up participation at local level with regards local and community development. The 5 core objectives include engaging with communities, working with partners, planning for local and community development, delivery at national and local level and evaluating, monitoring and reviewing of programmes and actions.

5. SICAP – CONSIDER AND APPROVE;

a. 2015 End year review

b. 2016 Annual Plan

The work of Sligo LEADER Partnership Co in the delivery of SICAP was acknowledged. 2015 End year report and the 2016 Annual Plan were circulated to LCDC members together with the SICAP Monitoring Committee's report of recommendation.

Under spend of €30,583.76 in 2015 against salaries was noted. The inclusion of low income families as a target group for 2016 was welcomed.

Councillor Seán MacManus acknowledged the excellent work of the Monitoring Committee in reviewing both reports and stated that the LCDC also have a responsibility with SICAP.

To note the 2015 end year review was proposed by Mr. Ciarán Hayes, seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes and agreed by all.

Adoption of the 2016 Annual Plan was proposed by Councillor Sinéad Maguire, seconded by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and agreed by all.

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

a. Launch date set for Friday 12th February 2016

Update report circulated to members. Ms. Margaret McConnell acknowledged the work of the team on the plan to date. Launch date set for 12th February with invitations to issue by e-mail asap to Sligo County Council, LCDC, SPC PPN, Council staff and all key stakeholders.

The LCDC will be responsible for the monitoring and review of the LECP. It was agreed to look at the Action Plan (Chapter 7 of the plan) at the next meeting of the LCDC in April.

Councillor Seán MacManus stated that the LECP has been an integral part of the work of the LCDC for the last 18 months. He acknowledged the invaluable work of the Council staff and all others involved in putting the plan together. Councillor Séamus Kilgannon also thanked all involved in preparation of the LECP.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes echoed the comments of Councillor MacManus and Councillor Kilgannon and stated that we are all going to be measured against this document. It will fall to all agencies to deliver on actions in the plan.

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Mr. Hayes advised that if the LECP is to be meaningful, we need to constantly look at the work of the LCDC in the context of actions included in the plan.

It was noted that a lot of sectors are represented on the LCDC and there is a need to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to engage and give feedback.

7. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE WITH REGARDS APPROVAL OF LDS

LDS for Sligo was considered at a meeting of the National Independent Selection Committee (ISC) on the 28th January.

New version of the Operating Rules for the rural development programme is being drafted nationally with finalised document to issue shortly.

8. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members and noted.

Mr. Michael Kirby acknowledged the work of the PPN team in supporting the Secretariat.

Mr. Gerry O'Connor advised that the Constitution had taken up a lot of time in 2015 (it has since been adopted) and identified communication as a problem.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes advised that the Council will continue to support the PPN and stated that communication is one issue that we need to work at and continue to have a focus on.

9. AOB

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members of the Final LCDC HSE representative guidelines which were received from the DECLG. This document sets out the protocol for engagement between the HSE rep locally and the LCDC and includes suggested areas for cooperation through the LECP. The Executive of the Council and the HSE are to look at this document.

Councillor MacManus asked that any documentation for discussion at meetings be circulated in advance (where possible). This was noted by Ms. Margaret McConnell.

Members were advised of regional support/information sessions for LCDCs – e-mail in relation to Cavan session to be forwarded to LCDC.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes wished all candidates well for General Election on 26th February.

Next meeting of LCDC scheduled for 7th April at 9.30am

Meeting concluded at 10.15a.m.