

**Minutes of Meeting of
Sligo Local Community Development Committee
Thursday 2nd June 2016, 9.30am, Northside Community Centre, Sligo**

PRESENT

- Councillor Sean MacManus, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Chris Gonley, **Local Development Sector, Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd**
- Mr. Paul Keyes, **Business Interests, Sligo Chamber of Commerce**
- Mr. Hugh MacConville, **Trade Union Interests, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**
- 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**
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**

APOLOGIES

- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**
- 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**
- Councillor Sinead Maguire, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Michael Kirby, **Environmental Interests, Environment Pillar (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. 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 and the Rural Development Programme.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting held on the 14th April 2016 were proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes.

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3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. SICAP:

The following areas were considered in relation to the SICAP programme.

- a. Progress on follow up of actions/issues from 2015 End Year Reviews (including issues of under spend) and feedback on End of Year Narrative Report.
- b. 2016 Annual Plan and areas for consideration by Programme Implementer for 2017
- c. Progress on Mid Year Targets (2016)
- d. LCDC oversight of SICAP and engagement with PI

Mr. Chris Gonley briefed Members on progress on implementation of the SICAP to date. With regards targets for Mid-year, Mr. Gonley advised that Sligo LEADER Partnership Co (SLPCo) had met with the SICAP Monitoring Committee and that while it was noted that reporting needs to be enhanced, progress overall has been good to date with Goal 3 around Employment being the strongest area.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised Members of a meeting on 21st April with Ms. Clodagh McDonnell (DECLG) and Mr. Donnacha McSorley (Pobal) in relation to the 2015 under-spend of €30,583.

Community and Economic Development staff and SLPCo met on the 29th April and a process for review and reporting has now been put in place with a schedule of meetings for 2016 agreed with the SICAP Monitoring Committee at their meeting on the 20th May.

Councillor Seán MacManus welcomed Ms. Pauline Perry, Liaison Officer for SICAP with Pobal to the meeting. Ms. Perry gave a brief overview on SICAP progress to date. It was noted that the targets for the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were exceeded in 2015 and while the under-spend was an issue, the reporting & review process now in place for monitoring expenditure and progress has been accepted by DECLG and Pobal. Targets set for 2016 are realistic given targets achieved in 2015. Ms. Perry advised that there are some issues with data on IRIS; however Pobal will highlight these issues in their parallel review. Nationally figures for Travellers & Roma community engaged in SICAP are still very low. Ms. Perry advised that targets, indicators and budgets may be the same for 2017 so planning could start earlier in order to identify priorities and focus for 2017.

It was noted that payment in respect of Quarter 3 is not to issue to the Programme Implementer until the Mid-year review has been approved by the LCDC.

Councillor MacManus thanked Ms. Perry for input and acknowledged Pobal's support to SICAP to date.

5. LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN

- **Presentation by Ms. Sharon Boles on the work of Sligo County Childcare Committee in delivering National Policy context locally, and the CCC's role as lead agency for actions in the LCEP**

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Update report circulated to members.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised Members that a number of meetings had taken place with agencies not represented on the LCDC. Meetings with other agencies to be scheduled over the coming months.

It was agreed that the LECP Advisory Steering Group would hold a meeting in advance of the next LCDC meeting on the 28th July.

Ms. Sharon Boles gave a presentation on the work of Sligo County Childcare Committee in delivering National Policy context locally, & the Committee's role as lead agency for actions in the LECP.

6. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Update report circulated to members. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that the DECLG has given the 1st July as indicative commencement date for the Programme.

Mr. Chris Gonley advised that Sligo is in the first 12 LAGs to be approved. Concern was expressed at the fact that the Operating Rules have still not been finalised.

It was noted that the restructuring of government departments has implications on the LEADER programme and others.

With regards membership of the Independent Evaluation Committee (IEC), it was clarified that an LCDC member cannot be a member, however a member of the organisations represented on the LCDC can sit on the IEC.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

Report circulated to members.

Members congratulated Ms. Geraldine Timlin, Sligo PPN Team who has been asked to sit on the National PPN Monitoring and Advisory Group.

8. PEACE IV PROGRAMME

Report circulated to Members. The deadline for submitting Stage 1 of the process is the 21st June 2016.

Mr. Paul Keyes proposed that the LCDC authorise the Peace IV Sub-committee to sign off on the Stage 1 submission on behalf of the LCDC. This was seconded by Mr. Seán Tempany, and agreed by all.

To facilitate an input at this level from the County Council it was recommended that the sub Committee would have as an elected member as part of its membership.

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It was proposed by Mr. Gerry O'Connor and seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles that Councillor Seán MacManus be nominated to the sub-committee.

A proposal to have Minority faiths and Victims represented on the Committee was proposed by Mr. Chris Gonley and seconded by Ms. Bernadette Maughan.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- **DECLG e-mail 6/5/16 in relation to LCDC progress report questionnaire**
- **Pobal e-mail 13/5/16 in relation to LCDC regional workshop in Cavan on 21st June (for SICAP Midyear review)**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke briefed members on correspondence as above.

With regards LCDC progress report questionnaire it was suggested that the Chief Officer circulate sample answers to Members for their comment/feedback. Ms. Fiona Gilligan is to forward composite return to DECLG by 10th June 16, based on responses received from members

10. AOB

The HSE, in partnership with local organisations and community and voluntary groups is developing a Suicide Prevention Action Plan for County Sligo. Ms. Bernadette Maughan asked that the information regarding Connecting for Life Sligo – 'Let's talk about suicide' and the online survey be circulated to LCDC Members.

Ms. Sharon Boles advised members that it has been noted at national level that the interaction between the CYPSC Plan and the LECP for Sligo was very comprehensive.

Next meeting of LCDC scheduled for 28th July at 9.30am

Meeting concluded at 11.30a.m.