



## **Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee**

**Thursday 1st June 2017 at 9.30a.m., GAA Centre of Excellence, Scarden, Strandhill Road**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr. Sinéad Maguire	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Cllr. Séamus Kilgannon	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Cllr. Chris MacManus	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	<b>Local Government /CE</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. John Reilly	<b>Local Government / LEO</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Seán Bourke for Ms. M <sup>r</sup> . Chr <sup>i</sup> s G <sup>o</sup> nley	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB</b>
Mr. Des Faul	<b>Local Development Sector</b>	<b>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG</b>
Mr. Hugh MacConville	<b>Business Interests</b>	<b>Sligo Chamber of Commerce</b>
Mr. Seán Tempany	<b>Trade Union Interests</b>	<b>Irish Congress of Trade Unions</b>
Mr. Michael Kirby	<b>Farming / Agriculture Interests</b>	<b>Farming / Agriculture Pillar</b>
Mr. Gerard O'Connor	<b>Environmental Interests</b>	<b>Environment Pillar (PPN)</b>
Ms. Sharon Boles	<b>Community &amp; Voluntary</b>	<b>PPN</b>
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>PPN</b>
Ms. Bernadette Maughan	<b>Community &amp; Voluntary</b>	<b>PPN</b>
	<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>PPN</b>

### **APOLOGIES**

Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Dept. Of Social Protection</b>
Mr. Frank Morrison	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE</b>

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	<b>Chief Officer LCDC</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Margaret McConnell	<b>Senior Executive Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Jimmy O'Brien	<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Maria Collery	<b>A/ Assistant Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	<b>Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Geraldine Timlin	<b>Assistant Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
<i>Ms. June Murphy</i>		<b>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG (SICAP</b>

Chair Cllr Sinéad Maguire opened the meeting and acknowledged Mr. Gerry O'Connor's invitation to hold this meeting of the LCDC at the GAA Centre of Excellence in Scarden. Cllr Maguire also welcomed Mr. Seán Bourke who was in attendance as ETB representative on behalf of Ms. Mary Brodie.

#### **1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Mr. Chris Gonley (Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG.) declared an interest in SICAP.

#### **2. MINUTES**

Minutes of last meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were proposed by Mr. Gerry O'Connor, seconded by Cllr. Chris MacManus and agreed by all.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. LCDC BIENNIAL REPORT**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised members that the LCDCs are required to prepare and submit an annual report to the local authority. The last annual report covered activity in 2014 so this year a biennial report has been prepared to cover 2015 and 2016. Ms. Clarke referred to extensive work carried out by the LCDC during this period including the consultation, preparation and adoption of the Local Economic & Community Plan, SICAP, Local Development Strategy for the Rural Development Programme and Peace IV Programme.

Cllr Maguire commented that this was substantial report and credited the support staff to the LCDC.

Submission of this Biennial Report to Sligo County Council was proposed by Ms. Sharon Boles and seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

#### **5. LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN**

- **Presentation by Mr. Gerry Hone, Túsla**
- **Funding opportunities for Economic & Community Development**
  - **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017**
  - **CLÁR Programme 2017**
  - **Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme 2017**

It was noted that Túsla had been invited to make a presentation but were unavailable to attend this meeting and had to give apologies at short notice. Their presentation is deferred to a future meeting of the LCDC.

Report on Funding Opportunities was circulated to Members. Ms. Margaret McConnell went through the report which outlined funding streams as above. This item will be included on agenda for future meetings of the LCDC in order to keep members informed.

It was noted that CLÁR funding is not open to all areas in the County. This issue was raised at a meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee.

## **6. SICAP UPDATE FROM SLIGO LEADER PARTNERSHIP CLG**

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members of communication received from the Department 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 informing LCDC Chief Officers of the requirement to issue a Prior Information Notice (PIN) for the procurement process for SICAP 2018 which is being re-tendered nationally. As instructed by the Department, due to possible conflict of interest, the Council was not in a position to discuss this PIN with Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG until after the Notice was published. Formal notification letter has since issued to SLPCo.

The Department's letter OF 17<sup>TH</sup> May also outlined expected dates for the next SICAP procurement process - Request for Tender (RFT) to issue in late July with a closing date for receipt of tenders in early October and contracts to issue in December 2017.

Ms. McConnell endorsed Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG's work to date on SICAP.

Ms. June Murphy circulated update report on SICAP with actuals achieved as at 25<sup>th</sup> May. Members were advised that the mid-year review will be undertaken in June and will review progress from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Pobal's mid-year targets for the two Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), have both been exceeded at 25/5/17.

The Chair, Cllr Sinéad Maguire thanked Ms. Murphy for her report.

## **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK UPDATE**

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Geraldine Timlin briefed Members on the work of the PPN and advised that the PPN membership continues to grow. Cllr Séamus Kilgannon commended the PPN team on work to date and Cllr Sinéad Maguire commented on the very informative monthly bulletin.

Cllr Chris McManus raised some concerns with regards groups self defining at registration in that some groups registered with the Social Inclusion College do not have social inclusion as their primary focus. It was noted that there are no guidelines on the registration process.

## **8. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE.**

Report was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke went through this report and advised members that the agreement was signed with the SEUPB in April, however approval to commence the Action Plan has still not issued.

Sligo received instruction from the SEUPB with regards the programme for Children & Young People which included the condition that projects run in schools must be extra-curricular and held outside of school hours for projects which are intended to be run in Transition Year.

Sligo County Council has appealed this condition to the SEUPB as it will impact on the delivery of the Music Programme.

Cllr Chris MacManus expressed disappointment with this delay in commencement of the programme and raised concerns as the programme for Children had a start date in September.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that because Sharing Education and other projects lead into the academic year, it was necessary to delay project start to January 2018. Cllr Maguire queried if

confirmation has been received from the SEUPB to approve the January 2018 start date and Ms. Clarke advised that approval is anticipated.

It was also noted that work necessitated with regards proposed capital project for Stephen Street car-park will require integration with the Infrastructural Directorate workload of the Council.

Ms. Sharon Boles complimented Ms. Aisling Smyth on work to date on the Peace IV Programme.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Department of Social Protection e-mail 11.5.17 in relation to Targeted call for Community Services Programme (CSP) proposals AOB**
- **Letter from Ombudsman for Children re 'Children Now, Rights now' (March 2017)**
- **Pathfinder Programme – Pilot Programme for the Development of Local Community Development Committees (Department e-mail 4<sup>th</sup> April)**

Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed Members on correspondence as above.

With regards Targeted call for Community Services Programme (CSP), it was noted that there is already a waiting list for CSP with the Department. This targeted call has a very short turnaround of 6 weeks for proposals.

In relation to the letter from the Ombudsman for Children and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ireland's ratification of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Ms. Sharon Boles advised Members that CYPSC is currently working on a participation lab for children and young people to have their say. Ms. Boles is to get details from Ms. Maeve Whittington. This could represent Sligo's action to mark the anniversary of the UNCRC.

With regards the Pathfinder Programme, Ms. McConnell advised that Sligo is one of the LCDC's selected for this Pilot. LCDC Members were invited to consider how their role can be enhanced and feedback to Ms. McConnell who will then feedback to the National Forum.

The Department are looking at developing an accredited training programme for LCDCs and support staff around the implementation and delivery of their Local Economic & Community Plans. Members to be kept informed on any update with this.

## **10. AOB**

Members queried progress with regards to the Sligo Economic Forum and Ms. Clarke advised of a meeting proposed for early July.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes reiterated that the function of the Economic Forum will complement but not compete with that of the Action Plan for Jobs. One of the main focuses of the Forum will be to look at the challenges arising from Brexit and how best Sligo positions itself to address these challenges.

Mr. Hayes advised of recent trip to Brussels with the Director of the NWRA and how supportive other institutions are of Ireland in the context of Border issues now presenting from Brexit.

A discussion followed around how infrastructural gaps in the North West can be addressed by working collaboratively with other counties and also the partnership with Knock Airport. The Economic Forum will form part of this process of collaboration.

Meeting concluded at 10.40 a.m.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson**