



## Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 9.30a.m., City Hall, Sligo

### PRESENT

Cllr. Seán MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr. Séamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr. Sinéad 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	Dept. Of Social Protection
Mr. Frank Morrison	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd
Mr. Des Faul	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Mr. Gerard O'Connor	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Sharon Boles	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN

### APOLOGIES

Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
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. Aisling Smyth	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Jimmy O'Brien	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Maria Collery	A/ Assistant Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Geraldine Timlin	Assistant Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
<i>Ms. June Murphy</i>		<i>Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd (SICAP item)</i>

Vote of sympathy: Mr. Chris Gonley extended sympathy, on behalf of all members of the LCDC, to Ms. Margaret McConnell on the death of her father.

## 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

This item was not dealt with therefore no conflict of interest was declared.

## 2. MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were proposed by Mr. Seán Tempany, seconded by Ms. Jackie Sweeney and agreed by all.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

## 4. SICAP UPDATE

- **Consideration/approval of 2016 End-year review**
- **General update SICAP programme**

SICAP End-year summary report as submitted by Sligo LEADER Partnership Co and the End-year Headline Indicator report was circulated to Members. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed members on feedback from Pobal following their review of SICAP delivery in Sligo in 2016. Both Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were achieved in 2016 with the target of 719 under KPI 1 '*Total number of disadvantaged individuals (15 years upwards) engaged under SICAP on a one-to-one basis*' being exceeded (actuals achieved 797). Ms. McConnell advised members that the next meeting of the SICAP Monitoring Committee is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Ms. June Murphy went through the End-year Summary report which deals with the qualitative aspect of SICAP. Ms Murphy advised members that individuals/Local community groups must receive two or more interventions in order to be recorded under SICAP with 797 individuals counted in 2016, while a total of 985 individuals were registered.

With regards KPI 2 – '*Number of local community groups assisted under SICAP*', Ms. Murphy confirmed that the target of 55 groups had been achieved with an additional 17 groups in receipt of 1 intervention.

The Chair, Cllr Seán MacManus thanked Ms. Murphy for her report and commented that 2016 had been a successful year for SICAP.

A Resolution that the Sligo LCDC approves 'in principle' the 2016 End Year Review for SICAP was proposed by Cllr Séamus Kilgannon, seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville and agreed by all.

## 5. LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN

- **Update Report on aspects of the LECP**
- **Presentation by Túsla**

Túsła were unavailable to attend the meeting, their presentation is deferred to a future meeting of the LCDC.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke circulated a report to Members advising of an update on the establishment of the Economic Development Forum for Sligo as per Action 1.1.1 of the Local Economic & Community Plan. It is hoped to have this forum in place by the end of March 2017. An exploratory meeting is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to identify representatives from the various economic agencies. Some suggestions from Members included;

- a representative from the Environmental sector as sustainable economic and community development is central to the objectives in the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP),
- representatives from participants at the LECP consultation workshops in particular those from a young entrepreneurial /entrepreneurial background
- Director of the Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA).

With regards the Director of the NWRA, members were advised that the Director would be briefed on developments with the Forum as opposed to being a representative.

It is intended that the Forum will report back to the Council on an annual basis and report to SPC 3 (Planning, Community & Economic Development, Arts & Culture) and the LCDC on a quarterly basis.

The establishment of the Economic Development Forum was welcomed by members of the LCDC.

It was noted that the structure of the Forum will be a mix of Public & Private representatives. The forum will be action orientated and will not take over any agency's role. Terms of Reference for the forum will be drafted.

## **6. EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL 2017 UPDATE**

Report of Ms. Margaret McConnell was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The launch of Sligo EVC 2017 will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 with a Civic reception at 5pm followed by the Spirit of Sligo official opening and Concert at 7.30 pm. Members noted that the designation of Sligo as European Volunteering Capital for 2017 is a phenomenal achievement for Sligo.

The work of Ms. McConnell, as Project Manager of the launch, and staff was acknowledged by Members.

Cllr Séamus Kilgannon advised that the Northern & Western Regional Assembly, of which Cllr Kilgannon is Chairperson, will hold a meeting in Sligo in March in honour of Sligo's designation as EVC 2017.

## **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. The Secretariat is currently undertaking a review of 2016 and planning for 2017. It is hoped to host a National PPN Conference in Sligo in September 2017 which will address Social Inclusion, Environment and Community & Voluntary Sector issues. As Sligo is the European Volunteering Capital for 2017 this conference will have a specific focus on Volunteering.

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

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. It was noted that the full allocation of €860,866 under Peace IV Programme for Sligo has not been approved by the Special European Union Projects Board (SEUPB). Ms. Aisling Smyth advised members of approved funding in the amount of €773,286.74. There is an opportunity for Sligo to re-submit to the SEUPB for the remaining €87,580. This matter will be discussed by the Peace IV Sub-committee at its next meeting.

Mr. Chris Gonley complimented Ms. Smyth and team for work to date on the Peace IV Programme.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Revised Guidelines for the Operation of LCDCs (Dec 2016)**
- **Guidance Document for CYPSC and LCDCs (Jan 2017)**
- **SICAP 2018-2020 Consultation Survey**
- **SICAP Regional support event – Radisson Hotel, Sligo 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed members on correspondence as above.

With regards Revised Guidelines for the operation of LCDCs, Chair Cllr Seán MacManus asked that Members familiarise themselves with these guidelines.

## 10. AOB.

A review of LCDC membership is to take place in 2017.

A meeting of the Local Action Group (LAG) followed immediately after the LCDC meeting.

Cllr Seán MacManus formally resigned as Chairperson of the LCDC/LAG after the LAG meeting.

Members acknowledged Cllr MacManus's significant contribution to the LCDC/LAG since May 2014 and wished him well in his retirement.

Meeting concluded at 11.15 a.m.

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

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

**Chairperson**