



## Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.30a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Sligo

### PRESENT

Councillor Séamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Seán Tempny	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Mr. Finbarr Filan	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN

### APOLOGIES

Councillor Sinéad Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Mairin Haran	State Agency	Dept. Of Social Protection

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

Mr. Jude Mannion	<b>A/Senior Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	<b>Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
<i>Ms. Sarah Wetherald</i>	<b><i>PPN Development Worker</i></b>	<b><i>PPN</i></b>
<i>Ms. Antoinette Carney</i>	<b><i>A/Assistant Staff Officer</i></b>	<b><i>Sligo County Council</i></b>
<i>Mr. Martin McAndrew</i> <i>For Peace IV Update</i>	<b><i>Peace Manager</i></b>	<b><i>Sligo County Council</i></b>

Mr. Seán Tempany, Vice Chairperson of the LCDC chaired the meeting.

## 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley declared an interest in SICAP. Mr. Michael Kirby and Mr. Finbarr Filan declared an interest in the Community Enhancement Programme.

## 2. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were proposed by Cllr Séamus Kilgannon seconded by Mr. John Reilly and agreed.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

## 4. UPDATE ON LECP IMPLEMENTATION:

- a) **General Update on LECP**
- b) **Healthy Ireland**
- c) **Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018**
- d) **Second Round of Community Enhancement Programme funding – Consideration and approval of applications**

a) Report on **General Update on LECP** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion outlined approaches in relation to fulfilling actions by agencies agreed at a recent meeting of the LECP Advisory Steering Group. Reporting requirements for some actions will be requested on an annual basis as opposed to quarterly. This will be on a case by case basis depending on the nature of the action. It was also noted that some actions have been re-categorised from Short to Medium term. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that the approach agreed by the Steering Group would assist in streamlining actions in the LECP. Mr. Hugh MacConville thanked Mr. Mannion for his work to date on reviewing actions.

b) Report on the **Healthy Ireland Fund** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion briefed Members and advised that all reporting in respect of the 2017 – 2018 Scheme (Round 1) was completed in full and returned to POBAL who are satisfied with expenditure. Balance of funding due for Round 1 is expected shortly. With regards Healthy Ireland Fund 2018/2019, Mr. Mannion outlined the 8 actions included in the 2018/2019 Scheme with funding of €74,998 approved to be disbursed across four 'Delivery Partner Agencies' - the HSE, STSG, SSRP and SLPC. Together, these agencies will roll out 6 of the 8 approved actions. Sligo County Council will be responsible for the delivery of the 2 remaining actions.

c) Report on the **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke briefed Members on the scheme which is an initiative under the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development, *Realising our Rural Potential*. In April 2018, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring T.D., launched the new Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018, with funding of €21.2 million. Sligo submitted the maximum number of applications allowed per local authority, i.e. 12No. Minister Michael Ring T.D., announced the towns and villages in rural Ireland who were successful in the 2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme on 5th October 2018 with the overall award for Sligo being €1,138,400 for 11 projects approved. A small cash contribution is required from Community Groups and contracts are to be delivered within 12 months.

d) Report on the **Second Round of Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) with schedule of applications recommended for consideration by the LCDC** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised of additional funding in the amount of €116,275 approved by the Department of Rural & Community Development under the CEP. Mr. Jude Mannion outlined the report to members and advised that following consultation with the Chair of the LCDC and the Chief Officer, a second call would issue through the PPN, LCDC and Elected Members inviting submissions from community groups. The initial funding of €134,084 under Round 1 was allocated to 57 applications with an average grant of €2,500 for small scale projects. In the interest of fairness, groups successful under Round 1 were excluded under Round 2. A total of 91 applications were received by the closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> October, with the sum applied for in excess of €320,000. Mr. Mannion advised of an 'in-house' exercise carried out in order to categorise applications (e.g. Community Centres/Youth/Sports/Health/Culture) received under Round 2 while still being consistent with the approaches taken with and outcomes of Round 1. Grant levels were also capped in line with grants allocated under Round 1.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke acknowledged Mr. Mannion's work in the applications process. Councillor Séamus Kilgannon also complimented Mr. Mannion on work carried out on CEP.

Councillor Chris MacManus queried cases where applications deemed ineligible per Department Guidelines, if the groups would be informed of alternative sources of funding available. Mr. Mannion confirmed that groups would be advised of other funds.

In response to Ms. Patricia Garland, Mr. Mannion advised that he doesn't envisage that the capacity of some groups to spend grant or raise shortfall would be an issue and that this has been taken into account when determining grant allocations.

LCDC Approval to the allocation of funding under Round 2 of the Communities Enhancement Programme, 2018 was proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon, seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

## 5. SICAP UPDATE

- a) **Update on 2018 Plan to date**
- b) **SLPC Case Study – Enterprise supports – for agreement by LCDC**
- c) **Verification visits – Open Studio programme-October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**
- d) **Social Inclusion Stats Sligo – Pobal's Report**
- e) **2019 Plan**
  - **Timeline**
  - **Budget**
  - **Targets for Key Performance Indicators**
  - **Identification of Emerging Needs Group**

a) Report circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Ms. June Murphy, County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG, outlined progress on **SICAP to date in 2018**. Under Goal 1 (Supporting Local Community Groups), Ms. Murphy advised that 44% of the annual target of 45 groups was achieved as at 10<sup>th</sup> October per report. This figure had increased to 49% achieved at 17<sup>th</sup> October with data being input on the Integrated Reporting Information System (IRIS). Under Goal 2 (Supporting Individuals), 87% of the annual target of 431 was achieved at 10<sup>th</sup> October and this percentage had increased to 96% at 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Ms. Murphy advised of other individuals who had received one intervention to date (not recorded on IRIS) however SLPC will focus on increasing interventions with existing individuals. Ms. Murphy's report included a table showing the breakdown of SICAP target groups supported in Sligo lot with a comparison with National figure. Ms. Murphy advised that SLPC has experienced an issue whereby a lot of individuals supported under SICAP do not self-declare as substance misusers.

b) **SLPC Case Study – Enterprise supports** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed members of a change in reporting whereby Case studies have been removed from SICAP End of Year Progress report and are now to be submitted by the Programme Implementer to Pobal in September/October each year. Pobal issued Guidelines on Case Studies, i.e. content, theme, description, highlight what had worked/lessons learned etc. SLPC submitted a Case Study on Enterprise supports in line with Pobal's guidance and had included Evaluation Forms from clients who had received training/supports. Endorsement of the LCDC to Case Study as submitted was proposed by Mr. Finbarr Filan and seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby.

c) In relation to the **Verification/Site visits for SICAP**, Ms. Murphy reminded of dates for visits to the Open Studio Programme in Sligo Presbyterian Church on Thursdays - 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November and Science Workshop in Dromore West Community Centre on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> November. Dates to be circulated to LCDC. It is requested to have 2 representatives from LCDC Members and support staff at each project.

d) Pobal's report on **Social Inclusion Statistics for Sligo** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined this report which lists the top 8 Social Inclusion indicators for Sligo from analysis of the 2016 Census. It was noted that every county has a different profile of statistics. Ms. McConnell advised that the SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee had requested information on other Indicators listed at the end of the Stats report and this information will be circulated to the LCDC on receipt of same from Pobal.

Mr. Hugh MacConville welcomed this report and Sligo's comparison with the National position. This report will assist in planning for SICAP 2019.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke agreed with Mr. MacConville in that the statistics will assist in effective planning at local level.

e) With regards the **SICAP Annual Plan 2019 – Targets & Emerging Needs Group**, hard copies of report was circulated to members. Ms. Margaret McConnell advised that 2019 targets for both Key Performance Indicators would have to be agreed by the LCDC at this meeting. A decision was also needed in relation to inclusion of an Emerging Needs Target group for 2019. Regard to be given to Pobal's stats report in making this decision. In considering substance misusers, Ms. June Murphy advised that SLPC staff are not skilled professionals in the area of substance misuse and that their role is in referring individuals to appropriate supports. SICAP workers indirectly deal with substance misusers in their actions under

Employment and Life Long Learning. Substance misuse is noted as one of the Social Inclusion Barriers experienced by beneficiaries.

Mr. Hugh MacConville recognises that this is an issue and acknowledged that collaboration with other agencies is ongoing around substance misuse.

Mr. MacConville raised another issue in relation to future skills whereby people currently employed/employed on a part-time basis in jobs that may no longer exist in 5 years such as Ware-housing, Caring, Delivery etc.

Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen endorsed Mr. MacConville's comments regarding jobs under threat and advised that Education institutions are looking into the area of workplace learning, up-skilling, diversifying skills. This will require an interagency and community response in order to address future skills crisis.

Ms. June Murphy will take on board comments in relation to collaboration and interagency approach. Dr. Van Aswegen suggested that a presentation on Future Skills be arranged for a meeting of the LCDC in 2019.

Ms. Patricia Garland stated that Pobal's Stats report cannot be ignored in deciding on an Emerging Needs Target Group and as Sligo is fifth in the country for Substance misuse, Ms. Garland proposed that this be included as Emerging Needs target group for 2019. This was seconded by Mr. Finbarr Filan.

Following recommendation by Pobal on Key Performance Indicators for Sligo, and subsequent confirmation from SLPC on their ability to deliver on same, the recommended figures for the 2019 Plan are in line with those of 2018 i.e. Goal 1 – 45 Groups and Goal 2 – 431 Individuals. LCDC approval to these targets was proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby and seconded by Ms. Jackie Sweeney.

## **6. PPN UPDATE**

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Sarah Wetherald, PPN Development Worker briefed Members on PPN update including the development of a Communications Strategy which outlines to groups the PPN information cycles and key information partners including local media outlets. It was noted that the Salesforce data management system will ensure compliance with GDPR.

Ms Wetherald also advised of upcoming Plenary scheduled for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Clayton Hotel.

## **7. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed Members on programme update with regards implementation. Mr. Finbarr Filan raised a query in relation to the proposed uses and management of the Shared Space (cantilever structure) to be developed at Stephen Street Car Park and the role of the Working group in place.

Ms. Clarke advised that this structure will be a small part of a bigger development, i.e. Stephen Street and the Cultural Plaza. The Peace Committee will have to ensure that the project will complement the wider development and is an inclusive space.

Councillor Chris MacManus advised that the wider use of the Community Plaza will be determined by the Elected Members of Sligo County Council and that in due course a Terms of Reference will be developed. Cllr MacManus also supported the view that the shared space is as inclusive as possible.

**8. AWARENESS/PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF LCDC**

This was raised at the September meeting of the LCDC. Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined report and the possible ways in which the work of the LCDC can be promoted. Ms. McConnell advised that the LCDC process would benefit from a national promotion. Ms. McConnell also noted that there is limited photography of the full Committee and proposed that photos be taken of members at the LCDC meeting in December. Other areas where the work of the LCDC is promoted include SICAP site visits and in the Monthly reporting to the Elected Members.

Mr. Jimmy O’Brien will take photos during the LAG meeting by way of promoting the allocation of funds under the LEADER programme.

Mr. Hugh MacConville suggested that the LCDC be promoted through local media.

Councillor Chris MacManus proposed that LCDC support staff roll out suggestions as outlined by Ms. McConnell and present to the LCDC at December meeting.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Getting Ireland Brexit Ready Public Outreach Events – Pobal e-mail 27/9/18**
- b) **EU country level factsheets – promoting physical activity – HSE e-mail 10/10/18**

Correspondence as above was circulated in advance of the meeting and noted by Members.

**10. DATES FOR REMAINING 2018 LCDC/LAG MEETINGS - FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised Members that Councillor Sinéad Maguire, Chairperson had asked that the December meeting be rescheduled if possible. It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the LCDC on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. E-mail notification of this date change to be circulated to Members.

**11. AOB**

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 11.15a.m.

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

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