



## Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 9.30a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Sligo

### PRESENT

Councillor Sinéad Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
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. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Ms. Margaret Heffernan on behalf of Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
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)
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Mr. Finbarr Filan	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN

### APOLOGIES

Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Ms. Mairin Haran	State Agency	Dept. Of Social Protection
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN

### IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	LCDC Chief Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Margaret McConnell	Senior Executive Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Jude Mannion	A/Senior Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Karen Comaskey	Clerical Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Sarah Wetherald	PPN Development Worker	PPN

Ms. Antoinette Carney	<b>A/Assistant Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Martin McAndrew For Peace IV Update	<b>Peace Manager</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>

Vote of sympathy: Councillor Sinéad Maguire extended sympathy, on behalf of all members of the LCDC, to Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and Ms. Margaret Heffernan on their recent bereavements.

## 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr. Michael Kirby and Mr. Hugh MacConville declared an interest in the Peace IV Programme.

## 2. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby, seconded by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and agreed.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

## 4. LECP IMPLEMENTATION:

- a) **Presentation by PPN**
- b) **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**
- c) **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund**
- d) **Community Enhancement Programme**
- e) **Update on monitoring of the LECP**

a) Mr. Gerry O'Connor (PPN Secretariat) and Ms. Sarah Wetherald (PPN Worker) gave a presentation on **Sligo PPN** outlining background to its establishment, PPN Secretariat, the development of the work plan for 2018/2019 and it's alignment to the Local Economic & Community Plan and other County strategies, challenges faced and priorities of the PPN going forward.

Ms. Wetherald noted the imbalance that exists in PPN representation between the two Municipal Districts with 316 groups registered in Sligo MD and 176 registered in Ballymote-Tobercurry MD and between colleges with 424 groups registered with the Community & Voluntary College, 51 with the Social Inclusion College and 17 with the Environmental College. It was noted that some groups registered with Community & Voluntary may fit better under Social Inclusion. With the introduction of Salesforce (new software) and in order to comply with the recent General Data Protection Regulation, all groups will have to be re-registered.

Ms. Wetherald advised of the need to raise awareness and promote the PPN and noted that the LCDC provides a good forum for this given its membership.

Ms. Mary Brodie queried if there is a rolling opportunity for groups to register with the PPN and Ms. Wetherald confirmed that this is the case, however at present there is limited information collected

on groups registered. It is hoped that this will change with the implementation of Salesforce. Ms. Brodie advised of grants available from the MSLETB which can be circulated to PPN groups. Feedback from PPN groups in relation to training needs analysis could inform the MSLETB with regards delivery of future training. Ms. Brodie & Ms. Wetherald are to meet to discuss further.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire thanked Mr. O'Connor & Ms. Wetherald for their presentation and asked that it be forwarded to Members after the meeting.

Mr. O'Connor left the meeting.

**b)** Report on the **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke outlined this fund which will be administered by the Department of Rural & Community Development. As part of Project Ireland 2040, the Government has committed to providing an additional €1billion over a 10 year period for towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000 in rural Ireland. Initial funding of €315million is being allocated on a phased basis over the period 2019 – 2022.

Ms. Clarke advised that funding will be awarded through a competitive bid process with a closing date of 27<sup>th</sup> September for call of proposals. Submissions are invited under two categories with Category 1 for projects that are ready to go and Category 2 for proposals that require some work in order to be moved to Category 1. Collaboration projects across local authority areas are encouraged; however the Lead must be a state funded body. It was noted that projects under the first call for proposals will be of a scale such that the minimum request from the Fund for Category 1 projects will be €500,000 with no upper limit. Ms. Clarke advised that Sligo County Council is working on an application for the Mountain Bike Centre in Coolaney for inclusion under Category 1. Ms. Clarke further advised that funding of €315million has to be split nationally.

Councillor Chris MacManus queried if there is a forum whereby agencies can discuss proposals in advance of applications being submitted in order to ensure that there is no overlap between agencies. Ms. Clarke confirmed that the RRDF will be discussed at a meeting of the Economic Forum scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**c)** Report on the **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke outlined this fund which will be administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG). As part of Project Ireland 2040, the Government has allocated €2billion for the 10 year duration of the National Development Plan (NDP) to 2027, with €550m allocated in the NDP to 2022 and €100m for 2019. This fund will focus on Ireland's five cities and large urban centres in line with the National Planning Framework and the NDP. Ms. Clarke advised that the Fund will be a competitive, bid-based exchequer grant programme that will operate on a multi-annual basis. Closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> September for submission of proposals under two categories – Category A for projects that are ready to go in 2019 and Category B for projects which will require further development.

Ms. Clarke advised members that Sligo County Council is working on proposals to allow projects to be submitted under both categories.

**d)** Report on the new **Community Enhancement Programme** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed members on this new programme which builds on and replaces both the 'RAPID' and 'Communities Facilities Scheme' delivered in 2017. The programme will be administered by and delivered through the LCDC and aims to address disadvantage as identified in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) by providing funding to communities to enhance facilities. The allocation to Sligo LCDC for 2018 is €134,084.

The Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) recommends that 30% of this allocation be directed towards small scale capital grants of €1,000 or less with the balance directed towards larger projects. Due to the DRCD timeline, members were advised that it may be necessary to hold a meeting of the LCDC in September to approve applications received under CEP.

**e)** Report on the **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review of the LECP** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion advised that the Advisory Steering Group to the LECP had met on the 5<sup>th</sup> July to discuss time-frames on actions in the LECP with many short-term actions now deemed complete. The ASG also discussed the matter of agencies not submitting reports in a timely fashion and agreed that responsibility lies with the Lead agency to liaise (where applicable and necessary) with the support agencies in the preparation of its quarterly reports.

## 5. SICAP UPDATE

- a) **Approval to 2018 Mid-year Review**
- b) **Update on 2018 Plan to date**
- c) **Pobal Lot level training 12th September (City Hall) – max 10 participants (5 LCDC& 5 PI)**
- d) **ESRI Research on SICAP 2015-17 – The Goals & Governance of SICAP 2015 – 2017 (July 2018)**

**a) & b)** A report on the Recommendations of SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee in relation to the **2018 Mid-year review for SICAP** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed members on the report which covers the review period from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. The SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee met on the 5<sup>th</sup> July to consider reports submitted by County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG at mid-year and review reports of the LCDC admin team and Pobal. Ms. McConnell advised that as no mid-year targets were set, guidance from Pobal suggested that expected achievement at mid-year is 40% of the annual target. It was noted that both Key Performance Indicators were under-achieved at the 31<sup>st</sup> May as follows;

Ref	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Annual Target	Actuals as at 31.5.18	% achieved
1.	Total number of local community groups engaged under SICAP	45	11	24.4%
2.	Number of Individuals (aged 15 years upwards) assisted under SICAP on a one to one basis	431	132	30.6%

Ms. McConnell advised of actuals of 13 groups and 197 individuals recorded under both KPIs at the 25<sup>th</sup> July. Ms. McConnell also advised of discussion between the Monitoring Committee and Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG at the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July with the Committee being satisfied that end-year targets will be met and their recommendation that the 2018 mid-year review be approved by the LCDC.

Ms. Margaret Heffernan advised that at mid-year, SLPC were still developing programmes and a lot of this pre-development work is not recorded on the Integrated Reporting Information System (IRIS), however Ms. Heffernan assured the LCDC that work is taking place on the ground.

Approval of the 2018 Mid-year review was proposed by Mr. Seán Tempany and seconded by Ms. Jackie Sweeney.

c) Ms. Margaret McConnell advised of upcoming **Lot level training to be delivered by Pobal on the 12th September** in the Council Chamber, City Hall with a maximum of 10 participants (5 LCDC & support staff & 5 Programme Implementer). The following members volunteered to attend this training on the 12<sup>th</sup> September;

Mr. Hugh MacConville, Mr. Finbarr Filan and Ms. Mary Brodie

d) Report on **ESRI Research on SICAP 2015-17 – The Goals & Governance of SICAP 2015 – 2017 (July 2018)** was circulated in advance of meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell advised that the ESRI had been commissioned by the Department of Rural & Community Development to produce this report.

## 6. 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. Hugh MacConville and Mr. Michael Kirby left the LCDC meeting as both had declared an interest in this item.

Mr. McAndrew advised of 17No. applications received under the Small Grants Fund which were assessed by Small Grants Working Group who then recommended five applications for funding. Their recommendation was endorsed by the Peace IV Sub Committee at their meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Mr. McAndrew then briefed members on the successful applications.

It was proposed by Councillor Chris MacManus and seconded by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon that the LCDC endorse the Peace IV Subcommittee's recommendation to fund the 5 selected projects under the Small Grants Fund.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### a) Oireachtas Report Obesity & Healthy eating in schools (July 2018) & Press release

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

## 8. DATES FOR UPCOMING LCDC/LAG MEETINGS

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised that the next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018, however as discussed under Item 4d, it was suggested that a meeting take place in

September to approve applications under the Community Enhancement Programme. It was agreed by Members to hold a meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Dates were also suggested for meetings of the LCDC subcommittees with members in agreement to the 26<sup>th</sup> September for meetings of the Peace IV subcommittee and the RDP Subcommittee.

Date to be confirmed for meetings of the SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee and the LECP Advisory Steering Group – Members to be circulated once date has been confirmed.

**9. AOB**

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 11.15a.m.

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

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