



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 30th May 2019 at 9.30a.m., City Hall, Quay Street, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Séamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Mr. John Kennedy for Ms. Mairin Haran	State Agency	Dept. of Social Protection
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN

APOLOGIES / ABSENT

Councillor Sinéad Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government / CE	Sligo County Council
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Ann Marie Snee	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Dr. 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
<i>Ms. Sarah Wetherald</i>	<i>PPN Development Worker</i>	
<i>Ms. June Murphy</i>	<i>Programme Manager</i>	<i>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG</i>
<i>Mr. Martin McAndrew</i> <i>For Peace IV Update</i>	<i>Peace Manager</i>	<i>Sligo County Council</i>

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley declared an interest in SICAP.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18TH APRIL 2019

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 18th April 2019 were proposed by Mr. Hugh MacConville Kirby seconded by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

****Members agreed to take Item 9 ahead of remaining items on the Agenda****

9. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed Members on programme update with many projects now completed. Mr. Hugh MacConville complimented the PEACE team on the management and delivery of the Peace programme so far. Councillor Séamus Kilgannon queried if the Heritage office had been involved in the development of the Heritage programme under Peace IV and Ms. Dorothy Clarke confirmed that Ms. Siobhán Ryan, Heritage Officer was involved. Councillor Kilgannon also suggested that in the event of future Peace Programmes, that regard be given to the delivery of a project relating to the GAA as it caters for youth countywide.

Mr. McAndrew then left the meeting.

4. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME - 2019

Report circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion provided update and advised of the national deadline set of 5pm on the 30th May 2019 for submission of applications.

Mr. Mannion informed Members that the 2019 allocation of €134,084 was reduced from the 2018 allocation and given the numbers of applications received to date it is likely that the scheme will be oversubscribed. Applications are to be cognisant of the Local Economic and Community Plan and it is envisaged that a

number of applications will be received from key target groups of the Council & LCDC, such as Youth related activities and Older Persons.

5. NATIONAL COMMUNITY WEEKEND: 4TH – 6TH MAY 2019 – UPDATE

Report circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion outlined the report which included summary of events with photos funded under this Initiative and held over the May Bank Holiday weekend. In total 14 community groups received funding and the Initiative proved very successful.

6. UPDATE ON LECP IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Healthy Ireland Programme – Video Presentation**
- b. Draft framework for Roll-out of Future HIF Programmes**

a) Mr. Jude Mannion introduced this item and a **video featuring 2018 HI Projects** was presented to Members. Councillor Séamus Kilgannon suggested that for future Healthy Ireland programmes, consideration be given to supporting students in the lead up to the Leaving Certificate and third level exams.

b) Report on the **Framework and approach to roll out of future Healthy Ireland Funds** was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Ms McConnell briefed Members and advised that a draft *LCDC HI Vision for Sligo 2019-2021* along with *draft LCDC HI Support Notes (2019) for applicants* had been presented to the Social Inclusion & SICAP committee at their meeting 1st May. Mr. Mannion informed members that since the meeting on the 1st May, Pobal had advised that work is ongoing on a Round 3 HIF National Framework that will identify certain priority themes for funding support. In light of this, it is considered prudent to await the National Framework document before finalising the local draft Vision and Support notes.

She advised that applications for funding will have to be consistent with the National Framework as well as complementary to actions in the LECP and local priorities such as Age Friendly, and that it is proposed to invite applications, as part of a managed call, from all lead agencies referenced in the LECP across all of its 6 themes.

Ms. McConnell also advised that Sligo LCDC will engage with CYPSC in finalising Sligo's approach.

7. SICAP Update

- a) Case Studies 2019 – Email from Pobal 1.5.19**
- b) Site Verification visits Quarter 2**

a) Pobal's e-mail in relation to **Case Studies for 2019** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell advised of a closing date of 4th October for submission of Case studies to Pobal.

b) In relation to **Site Verification visits for Quarter 2**, Members were advised by email 23rd May of two proposals;

- **Open Gardening at Sligo Community Gardens** on the 31st May – Mr. Aidan Doyle & Ms. Margaret McConnell to attend
- **English Conversation classes at the Avalon Centre** on the 6th June – Ms. Elizabeth King and Mr. Michael Kirby to attend

Ms. Jackie Sweeney asked that projects in West Sligo be considered for Quarter 3.

Ms. June Murphy then circulated hard copies of her report outlining progress under SICAP to date. Ms. Murphy advised that the 2019 mid-year review covering the period from 1st January – 31st May will be carried out in June and presented to the LCDC at their July meeting.

Ms. Murphy then briefed Members on the various projects being implemented under SICAP which include Capacity building & Annual planning supports to Local Community Groups.

In relation to individuals it was noted that of the 234 individuals supported to date, 85% of these are newly registered in 2019 with clients in receipt of an average of 3 interventions.

76% of those supported have identified more than one social inclusion barrier with the main barriers being 'jobless household' and 'transport'.

The largest target group supported is the Unemployed. Ms. Murphy advised of work with Shalomar House and Sligo Social Services in supporting Substance misusers (*Emerging Needs target group for 2019*). Supports around health & wellbeing include personal development, cooking, exercise and gardening.

Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG continues to target Individuals/Groups in the most geographically disadvantaged areas.

Ms. Murphy then highlighted programmes being rolled out such as Exploring New Opportunities and Healthfest under Healthy & Wellbeing; supports to Foroige around youth development projects in Coolaney and Tubbercurry, After- school project in Ballymote, Seasonal camps in Caltragh & Dromore West and ongoing collaboration with the Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection (DEASP) in providing services to the unemployed (Kickstart programme).

Ms. Mary Brodie queried if an individual's progression to other programmes is captured and Ms. Murphy confirmed that SLPC follow up with individuals after 6 months and 12 months. These checks will identify if the individual has progressed to education/employment.

Ms Murphy advised that she could provide information on SICAP clients' progression to education and also the barriers to participating in Education for the next LCDC meeting. Mr. Hugh MacConville agreed that this information will be important in light of the proposed Education Forum which will have representation from a number of agencies involved in the remit of Education.

In relation to employment, Councillor Séamus Kilgannon commented on the success of the Business Innovation Centre and suggested that Mr. Niall McEvoy, Manager be invited to present to the LCDC at a future meeting. Councillor Kilgannon advised that the Centre is at full capacity and is finding it difficult to secure funding for expansion and suggested that the LCDC could follow up on funding opportunities here.

8. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Sarah Wetherald briefed Members on the update on PPN activities and proposals. Ms. Wetherald advised of a national review of the PPN Framework currently being carried out, with the resource worker from Sligo PPN sitting as a member on the national communications strategy group.

Ms. Wetherald also advised of a survey created by the PPN Environment College and the Environment section of Sligo County Council, to assess the priorities for the local community in relation to climate change.

Membership of Sligo PPN now stands at 296 member groups following re-registration with the Salesforce software system.

10. MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Report circulated to members. Ms. Dorothy Clarke reminded Members of the LCDC's Terms of Reference (ToR) adopted in December 2014. Attendance at meetings is covered in the ToR with 9.11 and 9.12 outlining recourse in the event of poor attendance. Ms. Clarke acknowledged that agencies may have other commitments; however, good attendance is critical in order to meet quorums necessary for the decision making function of the Local Action Group for the LEADER Programme. Dates for meetings of the LCDC/LAG are notified to Members at the start of the year. Ms. Clarke asked Members to consider their priorities and if they cannot guarantee commitment to the LCDC, alternative representatives may be sought.

Councillor Séamus Kilgannon asked that in relation to this matter that the Chief Officer write to the Members of the newly Elected Council in advance of their AGM on the 7th June, to advise them of the level of commitment required by members for the LCDC/LAG which would assist councillors considering taking on this role.

Letters to issue to the Members of Sligo County Council with regards the work of the LCDC was proposed by Mr. Hugh MacConville and seconded by Ms. Patricia Garland.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Reforming Youth Funding – DCYA Newsletter (Email 2.5.19)

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

12. DATES FOR NEXT LCDC/LAG MEETING – 25TH JULY 2019

Date noted by Members.

13. AOB

In relation to the proposed Education Training and lifelong learning Forum, Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised members of a recent exploratory meeting which took place with agencies involved in Education and Life-long learning. Ms. Clarke advised of positive feedback from the agencies who considered that the Education sector and its recipients could benefit from such a forum. A further meeting has been scheduled for the 26th June.

Mr. Chris Gonley acknowledged outgoing Councillor Séamus Kilgannon's contribution to the LCDC and noted that Councillor Kilgannon was always a strong advocate of the community.

Councillor Kilgannon thanked Mr. Gonley for his comments and advised of his disappointment at losing his seat on the Council; however he advised he will continue to work for the development of the community. Councillor Kilgannon thanked the support staff of the LCDC for their work to date.

On behalf of the LCDC Mr. Seán Tempany and Ms Dorothy Clarke on behalf of the LCDC support staff also acknowledged Councillor Kilgannon's contribution to the LCDC. All members wished to be associated with the good wishes to outgoing Councillor Kilgannon wishing him well in the future.

Meeting concluded at 11a.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____