



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 11.45a.m., City Hall, Quay Street, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Dara Mulvey	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Joseph Queenan	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Mr. John Kennedy	State Agency	Dept. of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN

APOLOGIES /ABSENT

Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Ms. Kathleen Henry	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Ms. Ann Marie Snee	Community & Voluntary	PPN

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Ms. Aisling Smyth	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Sinéad Branley	A/Senior Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
<i>Ms. June Murphy</i>	<i>Programme Manager</i>	<i>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG</i>

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th September 2019 were proposed by Mr. John Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Patricia Garland and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. SICAP UPDATE

- a) SICAP Update 2019
- b) Agreement to 2020 Targets under KPIs 1 & 2
- c) Agreement to Inclusion of Emerging Needs Group for 2020 – *Economically Vulnerable in need of Up-skilling*
- d) Site Verification visits
- e) SICAP Regional Support Event - Cavan, 26th November – Pobal's email 21/10/19

- a) Ms. Aisling Smyth introduced this item and advised Members that LCDC support staff have devised a new template for reporting on SICAP. Completed template was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Ms. June Murphy then briefed members on progress to date under **SICAP 2019** with expenditure in the amount of €400,005 at 30/9/19 representing 68% of the total budget allocation for 2019. Under the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Ms. Murphy advised of 35 Local Community Groups supported (Annual target is 45 groups) and 446 individuals supported (Annual target is 431 Individuals exceeded). SLPC's focus for the remainder of the year will be on increasing interventions with individuals. Ms. Murphy outlined sample projects undertaken throughout the county under both Goals. In relation to Goal 2 (supporting Individuals), Ms. Murphy advised that Health & wellbeing supports exceeded expectations with many people on the live register not yet ready for employment and in need of developmental support. It was noted that self employment supports are dependent on referrals. Referral numbers had decreased in 2018 and Sligo LEADER Partnership had reduced the target under this action accordingly, however referrals are now increasing and SLPC are responding to the need for self employment supports with 99 individuals supported to date which has exceeded the target of 40 set under Action 2.6.

With regards breakdown by Target Group, it was noted that 54% of the Individuals supported belong to the Unemployed target group.

Ms. Murphy also advised of the geographical spread for individuals supported with 133 residing in the Ballymote-Tubbercurry MD and 379 residing in the Borough of Sligo/Sligo Drumcliffe MD.

In response to a query in relation to how the success of the programme is measured, Ms. Murphy advised that achievement of targets measures performance (quantitative). Ms. Murphy also advised of the Distance Travelled Tool devised by Pobal, which will be available in 2020 to assist in the qualitative monitoring of SICAP. This tool has been successfully piloted in other counties.

- b& c)** Report on the **SICAP Annual Plan 2020 – Targets & Emerging Needs Group** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. Aisling Smyth outlined this report which included key dates for SICAP from October 2019 – February 2020 for noting.

Ms. Smyth briefed Members on the recent annual engagement meeting with Pobal which took place on the 17th October 2019. This meeting helped inform the planning process for 2020. At the meeting Pobal presented their Social Inclusion Analysis Report 2019 which gives an analysis of local and national social inclusion data across a variety of indicators relevant to SICAP.

Following Pobal's meeting the Social Inclusion & SICAP Monitoring Committee considered the targets under both KPIs. Pobal had recommended that targets remain as for 2019, i.e. KPI 1 - 45 Groups & KPI 2 - 431 Individuals and the Committee were in agreement with this.

The Committee also identified the target group ***Economically Vulnerable in need of Up-skilling*** as the Emerging Needs Group for 2020. Substance misusers had been identified as the Emerging Needs group for 2018 and 2019. Ms. Smyth advised that Sligo LEADER Partnership will continue to work with substance misusers under SICAP.

LCDC approval to KPI targets as outlined above and to the inclusion of ***Economically Vulnerable in need of Up-skilling*** as the Emerging Needs Group for 2020 was proposed by Mr. Ciarán Hayes and seconded by Councillor Joe Queenan.

- d)** With regards **Site verification visits**, Ms. Margaret McConnell advised that 2 projects are identified for verification/visit by the LCDC each quarter. Eight projects have already been identified for 2019.

Councillor Chris MacManus asked that if available to attend site visits, Members notify LCDC support staff.

Ms. McConnell reminded Members that the verification visits are a good opportunity for promotion of the LCDC.

- e)** Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members of the upcoming **SICAP Regional Support Event - Cavan, 26th November** with places limited to four per LCDC (2 Members & 2 support staff). Notification email issued to Members on the 22nd October. Reminder email to issue.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Small Capital Grants Scheme for Social enterprises – to be administered by Local Development Companies (DRCD email 23/10/19)**

Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined correspondence as above which was noted by Members.

6. DATE FOR NEXT LCDC/LAG MEETING – 5TH DECEMBER 2019

Date of 5th December 2019 noted by Members - start time of 9.30am.

7. AOB

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 12.30p.m.

Signed: _____

**Councillor Chris MacManus
Chairperson**

Date: _____