



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 5th December 2019 at 9.30a.m., City Hall, Quay Street, Sligo

PRESENT

Cllr. Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr Dara Mulvey	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. John Kennedy	State Agency	Dept. Of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
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. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN
Mr. Gerry O'Connor	Community & Voluntary	PPN

APOLOGIES / ABSENT

Cllr. Joseph Queenan	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. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Kathleen Henry	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar

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. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
<i>Ms. June Murphy</i>	<i>Programme Manager</i>	<i>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG</i>

Cllr Chris MacManus opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Gerry O'Connor back to the LCDC. Mr. O'Connor is replacing Ms. Ann Marie Snee as PPN Representative. It was noted that the timing of the LCDC meetings didn't suit Ms. Snee due to work commitments.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30TH OCTOBER 2019

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th September 2019 were proposed by Mr. Hugh MacConville, seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. LECP IMPLEMENTATION

- **Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 & Community Mental Health Fund – Update**

A report outlining the update on the **Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 & Community Mental Health Fund** was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Aisling Smyth briefed Members on this report and advised of 5 projects included in the application submitted to Pobal on the 20th September. Pobal sought clarifications and additional information which has since been forwarded for their consideration.

Ms. Smyth advised that the *Addendum to Grant Agreement* for the Healthy Ireland Fund was received on the 4th December and is to be noted by the LCDC before signing.

The above was proposed by Cllr Chris MacManus and seconded by Mr. Gerry O'Connor.

Ms. Elizabeth King and Mr. Chris Gonley declared an interest in the HIF.

5. SICAP 2019 UPDATE

A report was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. June Murphy briefed members on progress under SICAP with expenditure in the amount of €442,288 at 31/10/19 representing 76% of the total budget allocation for 2019. Under the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Ms. Murphy advised of 35 Local Community Groups supported (Annual target - 45 groups) and 465 individuals supported (Annual target of 431 Individuals exceeded). Ms. Murphy then outlined sample projects undertaken throughout the county under both Goals. In relation to Goal 2, Ms. Murphy advised of continued support for Substance misusers under the Health & Wellbeing programme at Shalomar House. Ms. Murphy also advised of the *Low Income Workers Programme* which was piloted this year and highlighted a definite need for supports to employees of Social Enterprises.

With regards breakdown by Target Group, it was noted that 53% of the Individuals supported belong to the Unemployed target group.

6. PPN UPDATE

A report was circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr. Michael Kirby outlined the report and advised of the very successful AGM held in the Radisson on the 27th November with over 120 people in attendance. At this event new representatives were elected to the Independent Evaluation Committee (IEC) and the PPN Secretariat. Also at the AGM, Ms. Sarah Wetherald, PPN Development worker, gave a presentation which included an overview of the work of the PPN in 2019 and priorities identified for 2020. Mr. Kirby also mentioned the upcoming 'Meet & Greet' event scheduled for the 12th December as a welcome for new PPN representatives and to thank outgoing PPN reps.

Mr. Kirby advised that the PPN's Community Wellbeing statement is being progressed as directed by the Department with three consultation sessions proposed for January/Feb 2020 in each Municipal District.

7. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed Members on programme update with most projects now completed and others due for completion in 2020. Mr. McAndrew advised of the SEUPB's approval to an extension of the Peace programme to the 30th September 2020. The SEUPB also approved a request for additional funding to address the shortfall on the Shared Spaces Project (*Cantilever space in Stephen Street car-park*). This additional funding will allow the project to progress.

In relation to the '*Lest Sligo Forgets*' project under the Small Grants fund, Mr. McAndrew advised that the Part 8 Planning Application in respect of the World War One Memorial Garden was approved at a meeting of Sligo County Council on 2nd December 2019. The SEUPB have granted an extension to the timeframe for completion of the Memorial Garden to July 2020.

Mr. McAndrew also advised of upcoming PEACE PLUS information event scheduled for the 9th January 2020 in the Sligo Park Hotel.

Cllr Chris MacManus welcomed the SEUPB's approval to additional funding and the extension of the Peace IV programme to September 2020.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **SICAP 2018 End year report – (Pobal email 5.11.19 with links to Full version & Summary reports)**
- b) **DRCD Email 6.11.19 in relation to 2020/21 Higher Education Scholarships for Adult Learners (Uversity) – Deadline for applications 1st March 2020**
- c) **Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2020 – Minister Seán Canney DRCD Press office email 7.11.19**
- d) **Resignation of Ms. Ann Marie Snee (PPN rep)**
- e) **€1.5M Ability to Work Fund – Social Innovation Fund Ireland (email 11.11.19)**
- f) **Invitation to Sligo PPN Meet & Greet Event 12 December 2019**

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

9. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR 2020 MEETINGS OF SLIGO LCDC/LAG – AGREE DATE FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

A Schedule of proposed dates for 2020 meetings of the LCDC was circulated.

Adoption of dates as outlined was proposed by Cllr Chris MacManus, seconded by Mr. Chris Gonley and agreed by Members. The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for Thursday 27th February 2020 at 9.30am.

10. AOB

Ms. McConnell advised that the issue of poor attendance is being raised and had been raised at previous meetings with letters issued to some Members. It was noted that the Terms of Reference for the LCDC do not adequately deal with sanction for poor attendance at meetings. It was suggested that a review of the Terms of Reference be listed for review at a future meeting of the LCDC.

Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined letter 21st November 2019 from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in relation to ongoing commitment of Local Authorities to supporting Comhairle na nÓg.

Ms. McConnell advised of Invitation from Cranmore Community Co-Op to attend their annual Christmas Tree Event on 7th December.

Ms. McConnell also advised of intentions to review method of circulating reports to members in advance of meetings. An electronic system which would increase efficiency and improve environmental friendliness called 'One drive' will be investigated. Cllr MacManus advised of the Council's agenda towards paperless communications in the interest of Climate change.

Meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.

Signed: _____

Cllr Chris MacManus
Chairperson

Date: _____