



## Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 9.30a.m., City Hall, Quay Street, Sligo

<b>PRESENT</b>		
Cllr. Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Dara Mulvey	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr. Joseph Queenan	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Mr. John Kennedy	State Agency	Dept. Of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Ms. June Murphy	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN
Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Kathleen Henry (from 10.30am)	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
<b>APOLOGIES /ABSENT</b>		
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Mr. Gerry O'Connor	Community & Voluntary	PPN
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>		
Ms. Dorothy Clarke	LCDC Chief Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Margaret McConnell	Senior Executive Officer	Sligo County Council

Ms. Sinéad Branley	<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	<b>Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Sarah Wetherald	<b>PPN Development Worker</b>	
Ms. Lorraine Gray	<b>Clerical Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>

Mr. Jimmy O'Brien gave a briefing on the new sound system in operation in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Chris MacManus opened the meeting by welcoming Ms. June Murphy who is Acting CEO of County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG. Ms. Murphy is replacing Mr. Chris Gonley as the Local Development Sector representative on the LCDC.

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Ms. June Murphy declared an interest in SICAP.

Ms. Elizabeth King declared an interest in the Healthy Ireland Fund.

### **2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were proposed by Mr. John Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby and agreed.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. SICAP**

- a) Approval to 2019 Annual Performance Review**
  - i. Annual Progress Report submitted by SLPC**
  - ii. Financial Reports & Lot Summary**
  - iii. Pobal Feedback Report**
  - iv. Annual Performance Checklist – LCDC Admin team review**
  - v. Recommendation of the SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee**
- b) 2020 Annual Plan – Formal Approval of the LCDC**
  - i. Recommendation of the SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee**
- c) Resources for My Journey (Distance Travelled Tool) – Information leaflet & Questionnaire/form**
- d) Verification/Site visits Q1; 2020**

Ms. Margaret Mc Connell briefly outlined the breakdown of SICAP reports circulated to Members in advance and advised that formal approval of the LCDC is required for the 2019 Annual Performance Review and 2020 Annual Plan.

- a)** Ms. McConnell advised that the **2019 Annual Performance Review** had been undertaken by LCDC support staff with relevant reports and findings presented to the Social Inclusion and

SICAP Monitoring Committee for consideration at their meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January. Ms. McConnell further advised that Pobal carried out a parallel review of performance in 2019.

Councillor Chris MacManus advised that the SICAP Committee had considered 2019 review reports in detail at their January meeting.

Formal approval of the LCDC to the 2019 Annual Performance Review for SICAP was proposed by Mr Hugh MacConville, seconded by Councillor Dara Mulvey and agreed.

- b) Ms. Margaret Mc Connell advised the **2020 Annual Plan** had been circulated and considered by the Social Inclusion & SICAP Committee at their meetings 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Formal approval of the LCDC to the 2020 Annual Plan for SICAP was proposed by Mr Hugh MacConville, seconded by Councillor Dara Mulvey and agreed.

- c) Information leaflet and questionnaire in relation to **Resources for My Journey (Distance Travelled Tool)** were circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

Ms. June Murphy outlined this new qualitative tool which may be used to assess the progress of individuals supported under SICAP.

*Quality Matters* was the successful tenderer contracted to design and deliver a tailor-made Distance Travelled Tool for SICAP.

Ms. Murphy advised that this tool is not mandatory and is not linked to Integrated Reporting Information System (IRIS) which is used for SICAP, however Sligo LEADER Partnership intend to use the *My Journey – Distance Travelled Tool* to assess clients' progress.

Pobal are to schedule training at a later date.

- d) With regards **Site verification visits**, the following projects were suggested for Quarter 1;
- Return to Work Information event for Women – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020
  - Other Voices workshop – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Ms. June Murphy advised that generally in the first quarter, the focus of SICAP staff is on one to one interventions.

Ms. Murphy advised that both of the above projects are collaboration events.

Notification e-mail to issue to all Members of the LCDC.

Councillor Mac Manus asked that Members attend site visits if possible.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised Members that the Department had complimented Sligo LCDC on undertaking verification/ site visits of projects delivered under SICAP.

## **5. PPN Update**

Mr. Michael Kirby advised of recent Community Wellbeing workshop in the Radisson Hotel on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Ms. Sarah Wetherald then briefed the members on updates nationally and advised that consultation for the PPN User Guide is now closed with a draft guide expected in Spring 2020.

Ms. Wetherald advised that Sligo PPN is currently in the process of filling the remaining seat on SPC 1.

In relation to the Health & Wellbeing consultation, members were advised of targeted consultations with 400 people engaged to date. Feedback from the recent Community Wellbeing workshop will be presented to the LCDC at a later date. The PPN is working with IT Sligo in relation to the presentation of data.

Sligo PPN with the Environment Section of Sligo County Council and Sligo Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is exploring the option of hosting a seminar in 2020 to simplify for the public, alternative energy sources and to make these options more accessible at community level.

Mr. Hugh MacConville acknowledged that feedback in relation to Health & Wellbeing could assist in drafting the next Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP).

The involvement of IT Sligo in developing apps around rural isolation was noted.

The proposed seminar on alternative Energy sources will be geared towards people interested in carrying out energy upgrades in their homes. The seminar can be resourced within the Local Authority structure together with PPN. It was suggested that Residents associations could provide practical information at local level. Additional resources are to be sought from the Department also.

## **6. Peace IV Programme Update**

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed Members on programme update with most projects now completed and the Cantilever & Lest Sligo Forgets projects due for completion in July 2020.

Members were advised that consultations in relation to the Peace Plus programme have commenced with a consultation event held in Sligo on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that the new programme will be a combination of the Peace programme and INTERREG funding, however it could be 2021 before the Peace Plus programme is introduced.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes then read a letter from the Chief Executives of the six border counties to the SEUPB in relation to their submission to the Public consultation for the Peace Plus programme. This letter dated 27.2.20 is to be circulated to the LCDC for information.

## **7. To note update on Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 & Community Mental Health Fund**

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. Margaret McConnell briefed Members on this report and advised of €246,010 awarded to Sligo.

Members were advised of ongoing engagement with lead agencies.

In relation to the recruitment of the Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator, Ms. McConnell advised of 32 applications received which will be shortlisted for interview. Engagement is ongoing with the Council’s HR department in this regard.

Update report was noted by Members.

**8. To nominate two members of Sligo LCDC (one male; one female) for consideration by the MSLETB to fill one position on the Governing Body of the Institute of Technology, Sligo**

A letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from the MSLETB was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. In their letter, the MSLETB are seeking two nominations from Sligo LCDC to serve on the Governing Body of the Institute of Technology, Sligo.

It was proposed by Councillor Dara Mulvey and seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby that Mr. Ciarán Hayes be put forward as the male nominee.

Mr. Hugh MacConville proposed Ms. Elizabeth King as the female nominee. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby.

Councillor Joe Queenan proposed Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen as the female nominee; this proposal was seconded by Councillor Dara Mulvey.

As there were two nominees for the female nominee, Members agreed to an open roll call.

Result of the roll call is tabulated below;

Members Name	Nominee 1 (Dr. Van Aswegen)	Nominee 2 (Ms. King)
Cllr. Chris MacManus	✓	
Councillor Dara Mulvey	✓	
Cllr. Joseph Queenan	✓	
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	✓	
Mr. John Kennedy	✓	
Ms. Patricia Garland	Abstained from Vote	
Ms. June Murphy		✓
Mr. Hugh MacConville		✓
Mr. Michael Kirby		✓
Ms. Elizabeth King		✓
Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen	✓	
Ms. Kathleen Henry	Not present for roll call	

As Dr. Van Aswegen received the most votes, it was agreed that she be put forward as the female nominee.

**9. Update on the Sligo: One Vision One Voice towards 2030 (JASPER project)**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised members that JASPER officials visited Sligo on two occasions recently to assist with the preparation of ‘Sligo: One Vision One Voice towards 2030’ a holistic spatial plan for

Sligo is to be implemented. Sligo County Council has provided information to the JASPER officials, on all strategies/plans currently in place in Sligo. It is noted that the Economic Forum is best placed to lead this project.

Ms. Clarke confirmed that a consultation period will be an important part in developing the strategy. Any feedback from this consultation will also feed into the next LECP.

Ms. Clarke advised that the JASPER project has been carried out a lot of work in Eastern European and less developed areas to date. In this regard, Sligo will be different to previous projects as it has more experience with preparing strategies and successes in economic development.

Mr. Ciarán Hayes stressed the importance of the JASPER project and advised that it will involve Government, Industry and Education sectors working collaboratively.

Mr. Hayes noted that Sligo has suffered from rural depopulation in the past. The JASPER project will have a role in guiding Sligo in the direction of future funding and low interest loans from the European Investment Bank.

With the issue Climate change to the fore, it is noted that a smart economy is the way forward.

Mr. Hayes advised that this project represents a great opportunity for Sligo and all sectors will be engaged in order to get a combined vision for Sligo.

Mr. Hugh MacConville queried the role of the LCDC in any consultation process and commented that it is vital that the LCDC and PPN participate in this process.

Mr. Hayes confirmed that the consultation process has not yet commenced. Sligo County Council is currently drafting the Terms of Reference to start this consultation.

Mr. Hayes also confirmed that the Economic Forum will act as the Steering Committee once key partners are identified.

Mr Hayes and Ms. Clarke agreed that the LCDC as a statutory entity will be important in the consultation process. Ms. Clarke noted that the primary role of the LCDC is in implementing the Community elements of the LECP; however the LCDC will continue to be briefed on the work of the Economic Form which was established on foot of an action in the LECP.

Ms. June Murphy mentioned a Co-operation project with other local development companies (Monaghan, Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim and Louth) which will be presented to the LAG at a later date. This project involves the training of communities around design thinking – smart village, smart town. The aim of the project is to empower communities to identify their own needs. It was noted that this project will have links to the JASPER project.

Ms. Sarah Wetherald commented on the timeliness of the JASPER project with PPN consultations on wellbeing and advised that the PPN process was available to support and inform the JASPER strategy as necessary.

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised that JASPER officials are keen that the LCDC be included in the consultation process.

Ms. Clarke advised that a brief would be available after March and that progress on JASPER will be included on the Agenda for future LCDC meetings.

**10. Correspondence**

- a) DRCD Press release email 6.12.19 - 'Over €1 million Support Fund to assist organisations supported under the Community Services Programme'**
- b) E-mail 14.1.20 from Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG advising of A/CEO Ms. June Murphy with Letter dated 18.12.19**
- c) Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020 – 2025 (email from CYPSC 16.1.20)**
- d) Letter of support to SCC re proposed funding application under the Historic Town Initiative 2020 (6.2.20)**
- e) Legislative Deadline - Review of Child Safeguarding Statements and Risk Assessments - Relevant Services - Children First – DRCD email 19.2.20**

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

**11. Date for next LCDC/LAG Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Date of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 noted by Members - start time of 9.30am.

**12. AOB**

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 11.00a.m.

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

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