



## Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 9.30 a.m. (MS Teams)

<b>PRESENT</b>		
Councillor Dara Mulvey (by video)	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Councillor Tom Fox (by video)	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Martin Lydon (by video)	<b>Local Government / CE</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. John Reilly (by video)	<b>Local Government / LEO</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. John Kennedy (by video)	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Dept. Of Employment Affairs &amp; Social Protection</b>
Mr. John Feerick (by video)	<b>Local Development Sector</b>	<b>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG</b>
Mr. Aidan Doyle (by video)	<b>Business Interests</b>	<b>Sligo Chamber of Commerce</b>
Ms. Kathleen Henry (by phone)	<b>Farming / Agriculture Interests</b>	<b>Farming / Agriculture Pillar</b>
Dr. Connie Nell (by video)	<b>Environmental Interests</b>	<b>Environment Pillar (PPN)</b>
Mr. Brendan Lynch (by video)	<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>PPN</b>
Ms. Noelle O'Gara (by phone)	<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>PPN</b>
Mr. Pat Benson (by video)	<b>Community &amp; Voluntary</b>	<b>PPN</b>
Ms. Jean Finnerty (by video)	<b>Community &amp; Voluntary</b>	<b>PPN</b>

<b>APOLOGIES / ABSENT</b>		
Ms. Patricia Garland	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE</b>
Mr. Peter Egan	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB</b>
Mr. Pat Fallon	<b>Trade Union Interests</b>	<b>Irish Congress of Trade Unions</b>
Councillor Joseph Queenan	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>		
Ms. Dorothy Clarke (by video)	<b>LCDC Chief Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Margaret McConnell (by video)	<b>Senior Executive Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Aisling Smyth (by video)	<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Niamh Harkin (by video)	<b>A/Senior Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Fiona Gilligan (by video)	<b>Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Lisa Kelly (by video)	<b>Clerical Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. June Murphy (by video)	<b>Programme Manager (SICAP)</b>	<b>County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG</b>
Mr. David McGlinchey (by video)	<b>Manager</b>	<b>KPMG - Future Analytics</b>
Mr. Caoimhin Kelly (by video)	<b>Manager</b>	<b>KPMG - Future Analytics</b>

Councillor Dara Mulvey opened the meeting and welcomed Mr. Martin Lydon, Chief Executive who is replacing Mr. Tom Kilfeather on the LCDC. Councillor Mulvey also welcomed officials in attendance from KPMG-FA.

**1. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT REVISED AND UPDATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATEMENT & HIGH-LEVEL GOALS FOR THE NEW LECP SLIGO 2030, FOLLOWING THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND INPUT BY THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES, PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED  
(PRESENTATION FROM KPMG-FA)**

Report outlining the *Revised and updated Socio-Economic Statement, Profile and Needs Analysis* was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

Mr. David McGlinchey then delivered a presentation on the update with regards the Sligo 2030 Plan and advised of additions to the Socio-Economic profile in the area of Climate Change & sustainability, Community Wellbeing and the impact of Covid 19, a review of the Policy context underpinning the Plan, updated and expanded SCOT analysis, findings from the Consultation process and an expansion of the Needs Analysis to include sections on Community and a Smart Sligo. The revised guiding principles, draft vision and High-Level Goals were outlined to Members.

The next phase of the process involves the development of objectives and actions before finalizing the Plan.

The *Revised and updated Socio-Economic Statement, Profile and Needs Analysis* as outlined was proposed by Councillor Tom Fox, seconded by Mr. John Reilly and agreed,

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. Brendan Lynch declared an interest in the Northside Partnership (application submitted under the Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021).

## **3. MINUTES OF MEETING 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 were proposed by Councillor Tom Fox, seconded by Mr. John Feerick and agreed.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **5. RATIFICATION OF THE NEW VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE LCDC FOLLOWING ELECTION PROCESS**

Ms. Margaret McConnell reminded Members of the recent online election process via Survey Monkey which resulted in an outcome of 9 votes for Councillor Tom Fox and 8 votes for Mr. Brendan Lynch determining Councillor Fox as the winning candidate.

Councillor Fox in accepting the role thanked all who had voted for him and acknowledged the work of Mr. Hugh MacConville who had previously held the position of Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Lynch congratulated Councillor Fox and wished him well in the role.

Ratification of Councillor Tom Fox as the new Vice-Chairperson of the LCDC was proposed by Mr. John Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Martin Lydon and agreed.

## **6. SICAP**

- a) Update on SICAP 2021**
- b) 2021 Case Study**
- c) Decision on inclusion of additional target group for 2022 under the Emerging Needs option**
- d) Agreement to Annual Targets for 2022**
- e) Q4 Verification visits**
- f) LGAS exchequer audit – DRCD email of 19.10.21 7 & DHLGH letter of 21.10.21**

**a)** Report outlining the **update on SICAP 2021** was circulated in advance of the meeting. Ms. June Murphy briefed Members on progress to date and advised that 82% of the annual target under Key Performance Indicator 1 (Supporting Groups) has been achieved with the annual target under KPI 2 (Supporting Individuals) overachieved (113%) to date.

It was noted that total budget spend is at 73% at the 30<sup>th</sup> September with most spend occurring in the final quarter. Ms. Murphy then briefed Members on projects being delivered under both SICAP goals.

Ms. Murphy also advised of a meeting with Mr. Brendan Lynch and Dr Connie Nell to discuss how climate change supports could be incorporated into SICAP.

b) Members were informed that the **2021 Case Study** will be in written format. The case study this year will focus on **Menopause Supports – Supporting Women’s Healthy Ageing**.

c) Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed members on the 12 SICAP Target Groups and advised of flexibility within the Programme whereby the LCDC can identify an additional **Emerging Needs Target Group** each year. Ms. McConnell also mentioned a number of national priorities that have been highlighted by Minister Joe O’Brien and the DRCD which are to be considered by each LCDC and Local Development Company.

Ms. June Murphy confirmed that Sligo LEADER Partnership will continue to provide supports to Emerging Needs Groups previously identified by the LCDC, i.e., Substance Misusers (2018 & 2019) and Economically Vulnerable in need of Up-skilling (2020 & 2021).

Members agreed not to include an Emerging Needs Group for 2022.

d) Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members that the DRCD and Pobal have decided that given the likelihood that some Covid restrictions may continue into early next year, **2022 targets** should remain the same as targets for 2021, i.e., KPI 1 (Groups) – 38; KPI 2 (Individuals) – 366.

Agreement to 2022 annual targets as outlined was proposed by Councillor Tom Fox, seconded by Mr. Pat Benson and agreed.

e) In relation to **Verification/Site visits for Quarter 4**, the following projects were suggested;

- o Menopause event – 2<sup>nd</sup> November (7.30 – 9pm)
- o Science Week (Collaboration with IT Sligo) – 11<sup>th</sup> November

Mr. Pat Benson asked if Social Farming could be put forward as a suggested verification/ site visit.

Ms. June Murphy will forward further details for circulation to the LCDC.

f) Members were advised of the upcoming **audit of SICAP 2019** by the Local Government Audit Service (LGAS) on behalf of the DRCD. It was noted that the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2019 will also be subject to audit.

## 7. UPDATE ON HEALTHY IRELAND PROGRAMME

Report circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Aisling Smyth briefed Members on this report and advised of a programme extension for Round 3 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 which will

allow flexibility for funding claims in respect of projects. Further correspondence is expected from the Department of Health and Pobal in relation to Round 4 of the Healthy Ireland Programme.

## **8. UPDATE ON PPN**

Report circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Pat Benson briefed Members on the update with regards the PPN Secretariat election with one seat vacant (Sligo- Drumcliffe MD). As no nominations were received in October, the Secretariat have agreed to reopen the nomination process in Q1 of 2022.

It was noted that the PPN Team is currently in the process of completing a review of the PPN Website which will incorporate feedback from PPN reps following a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Members were also briefed on updates with regards National & local projects including upcoming events such as the Sligo PPN Warmer Homes Event in collaboration with IT Sligo and the Cultural Competencies workshop with Sligo FRC.

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised of a recent request from the Municipal District meetings where Members asked to be updated on PPN activities. Further correspondence is to follow in relation to this request.

## **9. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION PROVIDED UNDER THE DORMANT ACCOUNTS FUNDED SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME 2021**

Report circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

As Mr. Brendan Lynch, Dr Connie Nell and Ms. Noelle O’Gara declared an interest in this grant scheme, they recused themselves while this item was being discussed.

Ms. Aisling Smyth briefed Members on this report and advised of 7No. applications received with 2 applications deemed invalid as the applicants had not submitted all the required documentation. Members were reminded that while the application process for this scheme will be handled locally, a list of recommended projects compiled by each LCDC is to be returned to the Department for approval by the Minister, in line with Dormant Accounts Fund Legislation.

It was proposed by Councillor Tom Fox, seconded by Mr. Pat Benson and agreed to submit the list of 5No. projects recommended for funding under the 2021 Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme as outlined, to the DRCD for approval.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Local area collaborative forum in Tubbercurry – email 12.10.21 Service Reform Fund**
- b) **RE: Charity Trustees’ Week 2021 – Pobal email 15.10.21**
- c) **HSE Invitation: Launch of Healthy Ireland Progress Report 2015-2020 (2.11.21)**
- d) **Covid 19 - Partner Pack Update – Pobal email 28.10.21**
- e) **Letter from the SEUPB to Councils re PEACE PLUS 21.10.21**

Correspondence as above was noted by Members.

**11. DATE FOR NEXT LCDC/LAG MEETING – THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

Members were advised that the date proposed for the next meeting of the LCDC/LAG is the 2<sup>nd</sup> December however this will be confirmed in due course.

**12. AOB**

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 10.50a.m.

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

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