

Sligo Local Community Development Committee
Wednesday 4th February 2015, 9.30am, City Hall, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Sinead Maguire, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**

Councillor Sean MacManus, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**

Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**

Mr. John Reilly, **Local Government / LEO, Sligo County Council**

Mr. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**

Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**

Mr. Frank Morrison for Mr. Damian McCallion, **State Agency, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE**

Mr. Michael Burke, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**

Ms. June Murphy for Mr. Chris Gonley, **Local Development Sector, Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd**

Mr. Paul Keyes, **Business Interests, Sligo Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Sean Tempany, **Farming / Agriculture Interests, Farming / Agriculture Pillar,**

Dr. John Bartlett, **Environmental Interests, Environment Pillar**

Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, Sligo County Community Forum**

Mr. Gerard O'Connor, **Community and Voluntary – Rural Communities, Sligo County Community Forum**

Ms. Vanessa Clarke, **Community and Voluntary – Urban Communities, Sligo County Community Forum**

Mr. Brian Scanlon, **Social Inclusion - RAPID Communities, Sligo County Community Forum**

APOLOGIES

Mr. Hugh MacConville, **Trade Union Interests, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dorothy Clarke, **Chief Officer LCDC, Sligo County Council**

Ms. Síofra Kilcullen, **Administrative Officer, Sligo County Council**

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Ms. Fiona Gilligan, **Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**

Ms. Maria Collery, **A/Assistant Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**

Ms. Geraldine Timlin, **Assistant Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**

Ms. Cait O'Beirne, **IT Student Placement**

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Councillor Sean MacManus extended sympathy, on behalf of all members of the LCDC, to Mr. Paul Keyes on the death of his father.

1. DECLARATION S RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Ms. June Murphy (Sligo Leader Partnership Company) declared an interest in SICAP.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised on e-mail correspondence and draft policy received from the DECLG (and circulated to LCDC members 30/1/15) in relation to the commencement of a public consultation process for a National Framework for Local and Community Development. Advertisements have been placed in national newspapers and the closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday 10th April '15.
- b) Correspondence from DECLG regarding Small and Medium sized urban areas (SMUAs) and their potential of growth, as commissioned by the Latvian Ministry of Environment and Regional Development. LCDC team to co-ordinate response.
- c) Sligo Leitrim Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) – Joint committee established and Co-ordinator appointed. A three year plan called the Children and Young People's Plan has to be developed by each committee and this plan will form part of the LECP
- d) Correspondence from DECLG regarding new statutory duty conferred to Public bodies under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014 to have regards to Human rights and equality issue. This is to be reflected in the Local Economic and Community Plan. Proposed to incorporate legislation into the LECP and include specific measures under the high level objectives relating to Social Inclusion, Equality and Poverty. Proposed Mr Ciaran Hayes, seconded Ms Bernadette Maughan
- e) Reply from DECLG in response to Sligo LCDC's request to have all of Sligo incorporated in any proposal for LEADER funding. DECLG have confirmed that it is possible to prepare a local development strategy under the new programme which includes all of County Sligo.

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3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting dated 4th December 2014 were proposed by Mr. Sean Tempany and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. SICAP (SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME 2015 – 2017)

Ms. Siofra Kilcullen gave a presentation on SICAP and the Tender Evaluation Process. The role of the LCDC is to ensure that the process has been robust and transparent. The Committee recommends that Sligo LCDC ratifies SICAP evaluation procurement process and the final tender evaluation score awarded to the successful tenderer by the SICAP Evaluation sub-committee.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke confirmed that Pobal guidance had been adhered to and that the Evaluation sub-committee now recommends that the LCDC accept the tender and award contract. Other evaluation Sub-Committee members present, Ms. Vanessa Clarke. Mr. John Bartlett and Mr. Sean Tempany concurred with this recommendation.

Acceptance of the recommendation of the Evaluation Sub- Committee, the SICAP Tender and award of contract was proposed by Mr. Gerry O'Connor and seconded by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon

Following points were made

- Further clarity is needed from the Department as regards the level of flexibility that the LCDC will have in reviewing the work being carried out by the Tenderer and implementation of SICAP.
- Costs relate to 13 posts both full time and part time – 9.3 FTE
- Summary of financial breakdown to be circulated

6. LCDC PROGRAMME (LOCAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)

- a. Quarter 3 of 2014 Performance Monitoring and Financial Report
- b. Monthly Financial Reports October, November, December 2014

Reports were noted

7. LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP) – COMMUNITY ELEMENTS

- a. Circular LG 1/2015 AL1/2015 – Local Economic and Community Plan
- b. Developing Objectives, Actions and Indicators

Ms. Dorothy Clarke gave an update on LECP. Guidelines issued on 21st January 2015. There must be consistency and uniformity across all LAs. The performance of the Plan and its delivery will be

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subject to audit. The first LECs should be completed by 31/12/15. Progress in Sligo to date includes vision agreed; 5 goals/themes agreed; issues identified. Workshops proposed for 4/5 March and 15/16 April. The Plan has to go before both Municipal Districts and the Full Council. LCDC and Interim Group members to assist with identifying participants/ data/information for use at workshops. An e-mail regarding the workshops is to be circulated shortly.

With regards Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members have been agreed. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that the PPN elections to the SPCs will be held on 12th February.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK UPDATE

Report circulated to the members was noted

9. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LEADER)

Ms. June Murphy advised that Sligo LEADER Partnership Leader is not in a position to make any decision to participate in a LAG led by the LCDC until the Expressions of Interest for LAGs have been issued by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government.

Following correspondence from the Sligo LCDC, the Department have confirmed that all of Sligo can be incorporated in a Local Development Strategy (and not just areas with populations of under 15,000).

10. AOB

The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for 26th March 2015. It was noted that Mr. Damien McCallion, HSE was moving to a new post within the HSE at a national level. Appreciation of Mr. McCallion's contribution to the LCDC to date is to be recorded and a letter of thanks is to issue. Mr. Frank Morrison confirmed that he would act as interim representative for the HSE until the full-time representative had been determined.

Meeting concluded at 11.30am.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson