

**Sligo Local Community Development Committee**  
**Thursday 7th May 2015, 9.30am, City Hall, Sligo**

**PRESENT**

- Councillor Sean MacManus, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Councillor Sinead Maguire, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. John Reilly, **Local Government / LEO, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Hugh MacConville, **Trade Union Interests, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**
- Mr. Chris Gonley, **Local Development Sector, Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd**
- Mr. Paul Keyes, **Business Interests, Sligo Chamber of Commerce**
- Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**
- Mr. Michael Kirby, **Environmental Interests, Environment Pillar (PPN)**
- Mr. Gerard O'Connor, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**

**APOLOGIES**

- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**
- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Michael Burke, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**
- Mr. Frank Morrison, **State Agency, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE**
- Ms. Sharon Boles, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Mr. Sean Tempany, **Farming / Agriculture Interests, Farming / Agriculture Pillar**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, **Chief Officer LCDC, Sligo County Council**
- Ms. Síofra Kilcullen, **Administrative Officer, Sligo County Council**
- 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**

Councillor Sean MacManus opened the meeting by welcoming Ms. Jackie Sweeney, new member to the LCDC. It was agreed to make a slight change to the agenda and take Item 4, 'Presentation from Ms. Camilla Kelly on the newly established Local Transport Coordination Unit and County Transport Plan' second.

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**1. DECLARATIONS RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Mr. Chris Gonley (Sligo Leader Partnership Company) declared an interest in SICAP.

**2. PRESENTATION FROM MS. CAMILLA KELLY ON NEWLY ESTABLISHED LOCAL TRANSPORT COORDINATION UNIT AND COUNTY TRANSPORT PLAN**

Report by Ms. Kelly was circulated to all Members.

Councillor Sean MacManus thanked Ms. Kelly for a comprehensive presentation. Ms. Kelly advised that the Transport Forum has been set up and will be looking for representatives from the LCDC to sit on the Forum.

Ms. Kelly complimented Sligo LEADER on their support in design of services and the success of the programme to date.

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of last meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were proposed by Mr. Paul Keyes and seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**5. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LEADER)**

**a. Memorandum of Understanding with Sligo LEADER Partnership Company**

Report on draft proposal circulated to members. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that a number of meetings have been held to date with Sligo LEADER and the Memorandum of Understanding reflects the three distinct roles needed to deliver the RDP in Sligo.

Some discussion followed around the Implementation of the Local Development Strategy and the establishment by Sligo LEADER of an Independent Evaluation Committee approved by the LCDC to assess and evaluate funding application against the Local Development Strategy and eligibility. The Evaluation committee consists of representatives from other relevant sectors, appropriate to the RDP, thereby ensuring that there is no duplication of services. This committee must be approved by the LCDC and the makeup of the committee was never prescribed. Ms. Siofra Kilcullen advised that the guidelines recommend that there is a representative from the Local Enterprise Office on the committee but other than that it's open. Suggestion was made to amend the wording of the Memorandum to reflect that the administration of the Evaluation Committee is by Sligo LEADER and the LCDC approves the establishment of the Committee. A line is also to be included in the MOU around the review of the Committee.

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Acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding was proposed by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes and agreed.

**b. Expression of Interest**

Report on draft proposal circulated to members. Draft proposal is compliant with Guidelines from EU and involves a joint approach to the delivery of the Rural Development Programme whereby the LCDC acts as the Local Action Group (LAG) in the oversight and management of the Programme, Sligo LEADER are the Implementing body and Sligo County Council, the financial partner. The LCDC is responsible for the adoption of the Local Development Strategy and as such can influence the shape of the strategy for Sligo. The LCDC will also be responsible for the final approval of funding allocations.

Ms. June Murphy (Sligo LEADER) gave a presentation on the Expression of Interest for delivery of the Rural Development Programme.

RDP 2014 – 2020 allocation for County Sligo (including Sligo town) is €7.65m. Ms. Murphy advised that the Operation rules will be published in early June following assessment of EOI.

Mr. Chris Gonley is to forward Local Development Strategy for the previous RDP to members.

EOI proposed by Ms. Bernadette Maughan and seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby.

**6. LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP) – PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM WORKSHOPS**

Preliminary report from the workshops was circulated to members. This report will be refined further and is split into 5 goal areas. Members were asked to look at this report and give feedback.

**7. LCDC PROGRAMME (LOCAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)  
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2015**

Reports were circulated. Ms. Siofra Kilcullen confirmed expenditure is in line with parameters. Proposed by Ms. Bernadette Maughan and seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

**8. AOB**

With regards SICAP, Ms. Siofra Kilcullen advised that LCDC will be presented with the Annual plan at the next meeting. Midyear review of this plan is due in September 2015 and the End year review will be carried out in January 2016.

Meeting concluded at 12.40pm.

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

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

**Chairperson**