



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 26th October 2017 at 2p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Sligo

PRESENT

Cllr. Sinéad Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr. Séamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr. Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer	State Agency	Dept. Of Social Protection
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Des Faul	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Ms. Bernadette Maughan	Social Inclusion	PPN
Mr. Gerard O'Connor	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Sharon Boles	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN

APOLOGIES

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
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	Chief Officer LCDC	Sligo County Council
Ms. Margaret McConnell	Senior Executive Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Aisling Smyth	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Jimmy O'Brien	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Jude Mannion	A/Senior Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Maria Collery	Clerical Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Martin McAndrew	Peace Manager	Sligo County Council

Mr. Enda Candon, First Western & Ms. Sile Garret-Haran, Sligo Tourism– Tourism Consultation

Ms. June Murphy, SLPCO – SICAP Update

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley (Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG) declared an interest in SICAP.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting held on the 27th July 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Séamus Kilgannon seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles and agreed by all.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Ms. Margaret McConnell mentioned item under Healthy Ireland Fund. At their July meeting, members had passed a resolution to agree to become part of the National Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network to support and implement Healthy Ireland. Since then a submission had been forwarded to Pobal on the 15th September with 11 projects proposed. A resolution is required to approve this submission to the Healthy Ireland Fund. This resolution will be dealt with under AOB, once Members have had time to consider report by Mr. Jude Mannion.

4. LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN

- **LECP – Update report on implementation generally**
- **Presentation on Proposed Tourism Strategy 2018-2023 - by Mr. Enda Candon, First Western**

Mr. Candon's gave a presentation on the proposed Tourism Strategy and advised that there have been a number of public meetings held to date. It was recognised that Sligo has a huge wealth of products to offer – scenery, outdoor pursuits, food, culture, Yeats, Heritage, adventure sports etc. It was noted that there is a shortage of affordable accommodation, i.e. guest houses/hostels in Sligo. The 'flagship' for Sligo has to be agreed.

Members congratulated Mr. Candon on his presentation which offered clarity and direction. The LCDC is responsible for oversight of the LECP and ensuring that collaboration occurs in the implementation of the Plan. It was noted that Tourism development featured strongly in the early development of the Plan.

Cllr Chris MacManus asked how Brexit is factored into the Strategy.

Mr. Candon commented that Brexit is still a relative unknown and advised that Sligo needs to be very competitive in terms of what we can offer the UK market and replace any loss in this market by focussing on mainland Europe.

The success of the Tourism Strategy will depend on Sligo Tourism Ltd and the ability of agencies who sit on the Tourism Board to engage with stakeholders/trade sector.

Cllr Séamus Kilgannon acknowledged the good work carried out by BIDs and Sligo County Council.

A Straw Poll was taken to ascertain the opinion of those present as to what is the 'Big Ticket' for Sligo – Outdoor pursuits 8; Archaeology 4; Yeats 12.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke asked if there was any weighting with regards selection of theme to be explored. Mr. Candon advised that in reality this is reliant on availability of funding.

Cllr Sinéad Maguire, Chair, thanked Mr. Candon for his presentation/consultation.

- **LECP – Update report on implementation generally**

Report was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion went through the report and advised Members that the actions included in the LECP will be reviewed in 2018. The Department are in the process of developing guidelines for monitoring progress of the Plans. At present, Ms. Fiona Gilligan contacts all lead agencies on a quarterly basis for progress reports on their actions.

Mr. Mannion undertook a preliminary analysis of the 26 actions under Health & Wellbeing Theme to check the relevance of actions. It was noted that some outcomes for actions are more measurable than others. It is intended to escalate the level of engagement with agencies involved in the implementation of the Plan.

The Review of other themes in the LECP will follow and a report will issue to the LCDC at a later date. Cllr Maguire commented on the important role of the LCDC in overseeing the implementation of the Plan. Ms. Dorothy Clarke hopes to hold a workshop on the LECP in 2018. It was agreed that an update on the review be given at every second meeting of the LCDC.

5. IRELAND 2040: DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK (NPF)

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke briefed Members on the report. The NPF is intended to be a high level document that will provide the framework for future development and investment in Ireland over the next 20 years. It will also be a tool to assist the achievement of more effective regional development. Ms. Clarke advised of disappointment that Sligo was not mentioned as a location in the NPF. This is a cause for concern as the Department are linking the National Planning Framework with the Capital Investment Programme.

Sligo County Council and the Economic Forum are to make a submission to the Department on the draft NPF. Mr, Frank Moylan, Senior Planner is working on this submission which will focus on areas where Sligo has potential and gaps in the NPF where Sligo should be included.

A copy of the submission will be forwarded to LCDC Members for comment/feedback and the LCDC's submission will then be forwarded to the Department by the 10th November deadline.

6. SICAP

- i. SICAP 2017 – update**
- ii. SICAP Inspection Visits 2016 – Core Findings**
- iii. SICAP 2018 – Update on Evaluation of Tenders**

(i) Report on 2017 update was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Ms. June Murphy, SLPCo went through the report which focussed on actuals achieved under the set Headline Indicators. SLPCo is confident that the targets set under the 2 Key Performance Indicators will be achieved and Ms. Murphy advised that there are a number of individuals who have already received one intervention under SICAP. It is noted that beneficiaries must receive two interventions to be recorded on IRIS.

Ms. Murphy informed members of a joint intervention with the Dept of Social Protection on the 8th Sept where 120 people were in attendance. Unfortunately the follow up event clashed with the All-Ireland final which resulted in very low attendance.

Ms. Murphy thanked Mr. Des Faul and Sligo Chamber for their involvement with the Barista Skills training.

(ii) Margaret McConnell went through the SICAP Inspection Visits 2016 – Core Findings Report. This report included checklists for various files (Beneficiaries, Finance files and Training courses).

(iii) Mr. Chris Gonley and Ms. June Murphy excused themselves from the meeting while this item was dealt with.

Hard copies of the SICAP Evaluation Committee’s Report of Recommendation in relation to the Tender Evaluation for SICAP 2018 – 2022 were circulated to Members. Ms. McConnell went through this report. A Resolution that the LCDC accept the tender received from Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG in respect of Services in relation to the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 – 2022 was proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby and seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles.

7. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed Members on PPN update including the positive feedback received from the National PPN conference on the 19th October. Minister Seán Kyne had sent a letter to Ms. Geraldine Timlin and team acknowledging their work on the conference.

Mr. Michael Kirby also acknowledged the success of the conference and the work of staff involved, in particular that of Ms. Timlin.

8. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed members on programme update. The re-bid for €87k was submitted at the beginning of October. With the agreement of the PEACE IV Sub Committee, the focus of the re-bid is on the Building Positive Relations theme with proposed increases in budget allocations for Small Grants, Community Placemaking and Heaney Yeats trail. A decision is expected on the outcome of the re-bid in late November.

9. PROPOSED NATIONAL REVIEW OF LCDCS (DEPT E-MAIL 2/10/17)

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised Members of upcoming review of LCDCs. The scope of the review is not fully finalised by the Department but they will be in contact with Chief Officers in the coming months.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- **National Policy for Equity of Access to Higher Education 2015-2019 (e-mail 25.8.17)**
- **Updated LCDC Quality and Capacity Development Plan (14.9.17)**
- **Notice of LGA Audit of Sligo LCDC element of SICAP Programme for the periods 2015 & 2016 (e-mail dated 13.10.17)**

Correspondence circulated to Members.

In relation to the National Policy for Equity of Access to Higher Education 2015-2019 the Department are looking for proposals for targeted funding. Ms. Mary Brodie advised that the MSLETB will be part of the consultation, as will LCDCs.

11. AOB

In relation to the Healthy Ireland Fund, a resolution that the LCDC approve the submission to the Healthy Ireland Fund was proposed by Ms. Sharon Boles and seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members that the indication is that the HIF will run again in 2018.

Ms. McConnell advised members of the upcoming closing ceremony to mark the end of the European Volunteering Capital 2017 which will take place on Friday 1st December 2017. Save the date e-mails are to issue to guests w/e 27th October.

Meeting concluded at 4.30pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson