



## **Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee**

**Thursday 27th July 2017 at 9.30a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Sligo**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr. Sinéad Maguire	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Cllr. Chris MacManus	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Dept. Of Social Protection</b>
Ms. Patricia Garland	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE</b>
Ms. Mary Brodie	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB</b>
Mr. Chris Gonley	<b>Local Development Sector</b>	<b>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG</b>
Mr. Des Faul	<b>Business Interests</b>	<b>Sligo Chamber of Commerce</b>
Mr. Hugh MacConville	<b>Trade Union Interests</b>	<b>Irish Congress of Trade Unions</b>
Mr. Seán Tempamy	<b>Farming / Agriculture Interests</b>	<b>Farming / Agriculture Pillar</b>
Mr. Gerard O'Connor	<b>Community &amp; Voluntary</b>	<b>PPN</b>
Ms. Sharon Boles	<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>PPN</b>

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Séamus Kilgannon	<b>Local Government Member</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	<b>Local Government /CE</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. John Reilly	<b>Local Government / LEO</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Michael Kirby	<b>Environmental Interests</b>	<b>Environment Pillar (PPN)</b>
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	<b>Community &amp; Voluntary</b>	<b>PPN</b>
Ms. Bernadette Maughan	<b>Social Inclusion</b>	<b>PPN</b>

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	<b>Chief Officer LCDC</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Margaret McConnell	<b>Senior Executive Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Mr. Jimmy O'Brien	<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Maria Collery	<b>A/ Assistant Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	<b>Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>
Ms. Geraldine Timlin	<b>Assistant Staff Officer</b>	<b>Sligo County Council</b>

Mr. Seán Tempany, Vice Chair presided as Chair in the absence of Cllr Sinéad Maguire who was unable to stay for the duration of the meeting. Mr. Tempany welcomed Ms. Patricia Garland to the meeting, as the replacement for Mr. Frank Morrison as the HSE Representative.

## **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 1st June 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Chris MacManus seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles and agreed by all.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

- **Presentation by Mr. Gerry Hone, Túsla**
- **LECP – Update report**
  - *Sligo Economic Forum Update*
  - *Tourism*
  - *Healthy Ireland Fund*
  - *Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017*
  - *CLÁR Programme 2017*
  - *Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme 2017*
  - *Membership of Advisory Steering Group – SPC reps*

Report was circulated to members giving update under headings listed above. Ms. Margaret McConnell briefed members on progress under the Local Economic & Community Forum.

It was noted that the membership of Sligo Economic Forum may be extended as the agenda of the Forum progresses.

With regards the Healthy Ireland Fund, Ms. McConnell outlined that the Department have advised that funding will be provided to each LCDC to assist in the delivery of actions in this area as they relate to the LECP. One requirement to avail of funding is for cities/counties to commit to becoming part of the National Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network. Members welcomed the funding opportunity.

A Resolution that Sligo LCDC agrees to become part of the National Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network to support and implement Healthy Ireland – the national framework for improved health and wellbeing – at the local level in Sligo in response to local people's needs, was proposed by Ms. Sharon Boles and seconded by Mr. Gerry O'Connor.

Members were briefed on applications submitted/approved under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017, CLÁR Programme 2017 and Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme 2017.

Members were reminded of the requirement of representation from the Strategic Policy Committee for Planning, Community and Economic Development, Arts and Culture to sit on the Advisory

Steering Group for the Local Economic & Community Plan which has arisen due to changes in LCDC structure.

A Resolution that the LCDC seek one or two nominees from this SPC to sit on the Advisory Steering Group was proposed by Cllr. Chris MacManus and seconded by Mr. Des Faul.

Mr. Gerry Hone gave a presentation on behalf of Túsla. Mr. Hone thanked the LCDC for the invitation to present and advised that Túsla and the Children & Young People's Services Committee are working on the Children & Young People's Services Plan which is on the verge of being published. Both agencies work together to avoid duplication of services.

Túsla has responsibility for statutory welfare & education services. This links in with LECP Action 2.4.7 *Develop local initiatives to deal with school absenteeism by working with education providers.* School absenteeism can arise in cases where there is childhood neglect. Túsla fund a Home Youth Liaison Service and Túsla has a presence in schools through this service. They work with parents and children in the transition between primary & secondary school.

With regard LECP action 4.5.3 - *Provide preventative support for children who have unmet support needs but do not require referral to social work under Children First through the rollout of Meitheal programme,* Mr. Hone advised that Meitheal follows on from the ION (Identification of Need) Programme. Identified needs are now being met through specific plan delivered by Sligo Social Services.

In relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS), the issue with regards access to psychiatric services was noted - currently 19 hours Consultant time provided per week. Túsla is investing resources in parents who have children with psychiatric/mental health problems. Mr. Hone advised that Sligo is having problems recruiting a Consultant Psychiatrist as Consultants usually link to universities

Mr. Hone also advised of Túsla's support service through Diversity Sligo to assist with resettlement of families, in particular those moving from Direct Provision accommodation.

Finally with regards Domestic Violence Service, members were advised of a national assessment of needs in local communities to ensure consistency in delivery of services. Túsla have developed a commissioning unit in Head office. Services will be based on assessment of need. Túsla will keep members informed on this matter.

Cllr Chris MacManus thanked Mr Hone for his presentation and welcomed consistency in the delivery of domestic violence services.

It was suggested by Cllr MacManus and agreed by all members that Items 7 & 8 on the Agenda (PPN & Peace IV) be taken in advance of other items to allow staff dealing with these items return to their desks.

## **5. PPN UPDATE**

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Geraldine Timlin briefed Members on preparations for the first national PPN conference which will be held in the Clayton Hotel on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. A Working Group is in place to organize this event. Invitations to issue

shortly. The key elements/themes of the conference will be around Social, Environmental, Economic & Democratic issues for PPNs.

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised Members of Geraldine's recent promotion and upcoming transfer from the Community & Economic Section. Ms. McConnell thanked Geraldine for her contribution to the PPN.

Mr. Hugh MacConville also thanked Geraldine on behalf of the LCDC and noted her skill and talent. Members congratulated Geraldine on her promotion and wished her well in the future. Mr. Gerry O'Connor acknowledged Geraldine's work, on behalf of the PPN Secretariat.

Ms. Timlin thanked members for their good wishes and acknowledged the support of Dorothy and staff of Community & Economic Development Section.

## **6. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Report was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Aisling Smyth briefed members on programme updates. Under the Programme, 'Delivering Children and Young Peoples Projects in Schools' it was noted that the SEUPB had relaxed the condition for projects in schools which states that they must be "extra-curricular and run outside of school hours" for projects which are intended to be run in Transition Year. This decision was welcomed in Sligo with the Music Generation Programme.

## **7. COMMUNITIES FACILITIES SCHEME 2017 – CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR RECOMMENDATION TO MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS**

Report circulated to members. Applications received under this scheme were considered by an Assessment Committee at a meeting 12/7/17. Funding of €64,500 is to be split evenly between both Municipal Districts (Sligo & Ballymote-Tobercurry) with funds to be expended this year. It was noted that a large number of applications were received.

Proposal to recommend allocation of funding under the Communities Facilities Scheme 2017 to Sligo & Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal Districts was proposed by Cllr Chris MacManus and seconded by Mr. Chris Gonley.

## **8. SICAP**

### **i. 2017 Mid-Year Review**

#### **• Report of Recommendation by the SICAP Monitoring Committee**

Ms. Margaret McConnell went through report circulated to the LCDC.

Mr. Chris Gonley advised that the SICAP team is working well with most actions on target. Focus for the latter part of the year will be on actions where actuals are below target.

Approval of the 2017 Mid-year review was proposed by Ms. Sharon Boles and seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

### **ii. SICAP 2018 – Procurement Process**

#### **• SICAP Monitoring Committee Report to LCDC**

Mr. Chris Gonley excused himself from the meeting.

Hard copy of the SICAP 2018 report was circulated to the members together with Declarations of Impartiality for signing.

Ms. Margaret McConnell went through the report. It was noted that targets under the current SICAP are very stringent. Under the new programme the Department are looking for an increase in the number of interventions with community groups and individuals and more of a focus on the quality of supports and outcomes. Targets under the two Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have been substantially reduced.

The Request for Tender is currently being developed for publishing on 31<sup>st</sup> July. At this stage the LCDC are requested to agree targets under the KPIs and inclusion of Substance Misusers as a new SICAP target group, as recommended by the SICAP Monitoring Committee at their meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July.

<b>KPI 1:</b> Number of local community groups supported	<b>Recommended level (by Dept)</b>
	44
<b>KPI 2:</b> Number of individuals supported	<b>Recommended level (by Dept)</b>
	431

LCDC approval was also sought in relation to the extension of the remit of the SICAP Monitoring Committee to take on the role of Evaluation Committee for the procurement process for 2018, and to agree the membership of the Evaluation team.

LCDC to approve as above was proposed by Mr Hugh MacConville and seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles.

Dates for LCDC meetings for remainder of the year may have to be rescheduled. Proposed dates to be checked with Cllr. Sinéad Maguire, Chair and circulated to Members.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- **LCDC Quality and Capacity Development Plan (Dept e-mail 21/7/17)**

Correspondence circulated to Members. The Department are seeking feedback/comments on the Development plan by 28<sup>th</sup> July 17.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised members of the Department's emphasis on LCDCs going forward and their willingness to provide training and up-skilling to LCDC members.

## 10. AOB

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members of correspondence received from Ms. Rose Hally at Community Finance Ireland (CFI). Ms. Dorothy Clarke met with Ms. Hally recently and she is willing to give a presentation to the LCDC on the CFI. Presentation to be scheduled for future meeting of the LCDC.

Ms. McConnell informed member of a suggestion made by Ms. Bernadette Maughan at a recent SICAP Monitoring Committee Meeting of possible training/Information session in relation to the use of the Ethnic Equality Monitoring Toolkit. Ms. Ronnie Fay could present to the LCDC/ provide training. Mr.

Kieran O'Dwyer commented that this toolkit could be beneficial in a number of areas. Members were in agreement to scheduling a presentation on this Toolkit.

Mr. Des Faul advised that Mr. Aaron Forde is the new Chair of the Economic Forum. Some discussion followed on the importance of the Western Distributor Route for future economic development. Funding is needed to complete the site at Oakfield as access is a problem. The IDA have proposed €5 million advance funding towards the WDR. Mr. Faul suggested that the LCDC send a letter of support for the IDA, to Minister Ring. All Members were in agreement to this proposal. Ms. Clarke & Mr. Faul are to discuss this letter. It was noted that Finisklin is at full capacity so the development of the site at Oakfield is now a priority.

Mr. Chris Gonley suggested that the IDA/Economic Forum be invited to present to the LCDC

Meeting concluded at 11.10 a.m.

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

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

**Chairperson**