



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 31st May 2018 at 9.30a.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. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Ms. June Murphy on behalf of Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Mr. Finbarr Filan	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN

APOLOGIES

Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer	State Agency	Dept. Of Social Protection
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	LCDC Chief Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Margaret McConnell	Senior Executive Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Jude Mannion	A/Senior Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Karen Comaskey	Clerical Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Sarah Wetherald	PPN Development Worker	PPN

Ms. Antoinette Carney	A/Assistant Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Martin McAndrew For Peace IV Update	Peace Manager	Sligo County Council

Councillor Sinéad Maguire opened the meeting by welcoming new members elected to the LCDC at PPN elections in April.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No conflict of interest was declared.

2. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 29th March 2018 were proposed by Councillor Chris MacManus, seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby and agreed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

4. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LCDC MEMBERS - UPDATE ON LCDC REVIEW**

Report circulated to Members. Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined the report and advised on update with regards review of LCDC Membership referring to PPN elections which took place on the 19th April to elect the 5 positions covering Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental interests. It was noted that the National Pillars for Farming & Trade Union Sectors endorsed existing representatives, Mr. Seán Tempany and Mr. Hugh MacConville respectively. It was also noted that the Business Pillar representative, Mr. Aidan Doyle is a new member to the LCDC having replaced Mr. Des Faul in November 2017, and as such this position will not be reviewed at this time. As previously noted the Department Guidelines state that as a general rule, there is no requirement to renew the public sector membership.

The Corporate Policy Group has considered the LCDC Membership review in accordance with Department Guidelines and the review report will be brought to the June meeting of Sligo County Council for their approval to membership.

5. **GENERAL UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ASPECTS OF THE LECP**

- a) **Healthy Ireland Fund**
- b) **Review of the LECP**
- c) **Sligo Economic Forum – update on branding**
- d) **Update on Culture & Creative Strategy for Sligo**

a) Report in relation to **Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF)** was circulated to Members. Mr. Jude Mannion advised that €5 million had been set aside nationally for the HIF. In 2017, Sligo was successful in securing funds in the amount of €96,500. Under the terms of the scheme, all projects approved had to be completed by the 31st March – this deadline was later extended to the 25th June.

In mid April 2018, Pobal announced funding for 2018-2019. The maximum grant that can be applied for by LCDCs has been reduced from €100,000 to €75,000 with a limit of 8 'actions' set. Minimum cost per action is €5,000.

Mr. Mannion advised of a tight timeframe for submission of applications to Pobal with a closing date of the 25th May which did not unfortunately allow the LCDC to consider the application before submission. Delivering Partner agencies were given a closing date of the 18th May to submit their actions to the Council. Applications received totalled €96,794 which then had to be reduced to €75,000 as per guidelines. It was outlined to the members the process of selection to reduce applications to the €75,000 threshold. It was proposed by Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, seconded by Mr. Michael Kirby and agreed by all that the proposal submitted per Mr. Mannion's report be approved.

Councillor Chris MacManus asked that an information e-mail issue to members in instances where an application has to be submitted prior to a meeting of the LCDC. Councillor Maguire advised that Mr. Mannion had contacted her as LCDC Chair in advance, and she expressed disappointment with Pobal's tight timeframe allowed.

In response to Ms. Elizabeth King's query regarding communication with CYPSC Ms. Clarke advised that contact would be made with CYPSC as necessary around common actions.

b) Mr. Jude Mannion gave a brief update on the ongoing **review of the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)** advising that there has been a concentration on examining progress reports submitted by lead agencies in respect of 'Short' & 'Short-medium Term' actions across all themes. In determining whether actions have been delivered on and are now complete, it was noted that some actions are specific while others are less clear on time frame. Mr. Mannion advised that some actions may need to be re-categorised to a longer term range. It was also noted that some actions are no longer relevant while others are ongoing in that they capture the existing operational work of agencies. The review of the Plan will be considered further at a meeting of the LECP Advisory Steering Group.

Mr. Finbarr Filan asked if the LCDC needed to revisit the LECP based on Sligo's designation under Ireland 2040. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that the LECP is a statutory document and a review is to be undertaken in late 2018/early 2019. Ms. Clarke also advised of the need to review all of the Council's plans in the context of the Regional Spatial & Economic strategies.

c) Report circulated to Members in relation to the development of an **overarching brand for Sligo** which the Economic Forum is leading out on. It was agreed that Sligo would benefit from a brand identity under which all agencies would position themselves. A workshop on Branding, facilitated by Consultant 'On-the-dot' was held on the 30th May in City Hall. All comments and submissions will be considered by the Consultant who will present the outcomes to the Council and the Forum. Work is ongoing in relation to a 10 point plan for the Forum, particularly in the context of areas that the Forum sees as significant for the economic development of the county.

d) Report circulated to Members in relation to the 5 year **Culture & Creative Strategy for Sligo**. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised members that under the Creative Ireland National strategy, local authorities are required to plan and prepare a Culture and Creativity Strategy for each of their

counties under the *Pillar Enabling Creativity in every Community*. County Sligo's Culture and Creativity Strategy seeks to nurture and support creativity in our communities, increase participation in high quality cultural activities and encourage collaboration across sectors and communicate to maximise all that Sligo has to offer. It ties in with the national objectives of Creative Ireland to place creativity at the centre of public policy. During the implementation of the Strategy a number of specific projects and proposals will be developed.

Mr. Finbarr Filan advised that BID had been approached in relation to allowing artists to use vacant shop units in Sligo town, however there is an issue with rates payable. Mr. Filan asked if consideration could be given to exploring this issue in order to facilitate artists using these vacant units to work. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised that this is something that can be looked at in the future.

6. SICAP UPDATE

Ms. Margaret McConnell gave an update to the Members on SICAP. Following an audit of SICAP 2015 – 2017 in November 2017 by the Local Government Audit Service (LGAS) on behalf of the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD), the Department forwarded the LGAS recommendations on the 23rd May 2018. The DRCD asked that the LCDC engage with the Programme Implementer to ensure that all the recommendations are addressed satisfactorily and that a formal report issue to the Department within six months outlining progress made in addressing the recommendations and advising of any further action to be undertaken.

Ms. McConnell informed members of the upcoming 2018 mid-year review which will be undertaken in June and is to be considered by the LCDC by the 31st July 2018.

Ms. June Murphy, County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG, then briefed members on progress to date this year under SICAP. Ms. Murphy's report was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. For the benefit of new members to the LCDC, Ms. Murphy advised that SICAP 2018 – 2022 is a five year programme with two main goals, for supporting community groups and individuals. There are 13 SICAP target groups, including Substance misusers under the Emerging Needs group. This new programme has an increased focus on quality and as such SLPC have reverted to a Community Development approach.

Ms. Murphy advised of the Rickter Scale model which SLPC piloted in 2017. This Scale is being used to monitor progress as a precursor for the Distance Travelled Tool which Pobal are tendering later this year. Ms. Murphy suggested that the Rickter Scale model could be demonstrated at a meeting of the SICAP subcommittee.

Ms. Murphy further advised of technical problems with the Integrated Reporting Information System (IRIS) which has resulted in numbers being low on the system, however once all data is input on IRIS, Sligo LEADER Partnership is confident that targets will be achieved.

A meeting of the SICAP Subcommittee will be scheduled for early July.

7. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Michael Kirby briefed Members on PPN update and advised of a transition period with new members recently elected to the Secretariat and LCDC. Mr. Kirby welcomed Ms. Sarah Wetherald, the new PPN Development worker.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire complimented the report on the First National PPN Conference and congratulated the team in organising the conference in October 2017. Hard copies of the conference report were circulated to members.

8. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed Members on programme update with regards implementation.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire complimented Mr. McAndrew on the official launch of the Peace IV Programme on the 10th April, which coincided with the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.

9. LCDC ANNUAL REPORT – ACTIVITY IN 2017

Annual Report was circulated to Members. Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members of the requirement under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 for the LCDC to prepare an annual report in respect of the performance of its functions and submit same to the County Council. The Annual report covers all areas in which the LCDC have an involvement.

Approval of the 2017 Annual Report and submission of the to the next meeting of Sligo County Council was proposed by Mr. Seán Tempany and seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

10. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

Report circulated to members. Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined the new regulation around data protection. At the centre of the new law is the requirement for organisations and businesses to be fully transparent about how they are using and safeguarding personal data, and to be able to demonstrate accountability for their data processing activities. Individuals will have greater control over their data.

11. NOMINATIONS TO SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE LCDC

Hard copies of report showing current subcommittee membership were circulated at the meeting. New nominations are required following the recent review of membership of the LCDC.

LECP Advisory Steering Group

- Replacement member: Mr. Finbarr Filan (to replace Ms. Sharon Boles) proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Seán Tempany

SICAP Monitoring Committee

It was agreed to extend the remit of this committee and rename it as the '**Social Inclusion & SICAP Monitoring Subcommittee**' and to increase its membership from four to six members.

- Replacement member: Further to Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer's recent resignation as the Department of Social Protection (DSP) representative on Sligo LCDC, members were in agreement to Ms. Mairin Haran as Mr. O'Dwyer's replacement, subject to formal confirmation being received from the DSP. As Mr. O'Dwyer was also a member on the SICAP Monitoring Committee, it was agreed that Ms. Haran be nominated to the SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee.
- Replacement member: Ms. Elizabeth King (to replace Ms. Bernadette Maughan) proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby and seconded by Councillor Chris MacManus.
- Additional member: Ms. Patricia Garland (LCDC HSE rep) nominated by Councillor Sinéad Maguire and seconded by Mr. Finbarr Filan
- Additional member: Ms. Jennifer Van Aswegen (PPN Social Inclusion rep) proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby and seconded by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon

Rural Development Programme (RDP) Subcommittee

The role of this Committee is to overview the implementation of the Local Development Strategy and examine issues pertaining to the delivery of the LEADER Programme generally.

- Replacement member: Mr. Hugh MacConville (to replace Ms. Sharon Boles) proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby and seconded by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon

Peace IV Subcommittee

It was proposed by Councillor Séamus Kilgannon and seconded by Councillor Sinead Maguire and agreed, that due to the complexity of the PEACE programme, and for continuity purposes, that Ms. Sharon Boles and Mr. Gerry O'Connor retain their positions on this committee, albeit that they are no longer members of the LCDC. It was noted that their Community and Social Inclusion experience resp. remained appropriate to the needs of the committee.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Letter HSE National Men's Health Action Plan, 'Healthy Ireland Men [HI-M] 2017-2021**
- **E-mail dated 16th May from Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, DSP Rep on LCDC**

Ms. Margaret McConnell outlined correspondence as above. Ms. Patricia Garland confirmed that there is no overlap between the Healthy Ireland programme and the Men's Health Action Plan.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke acknowledged the valuable contribution of Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer to Sligo LCDC and the SICAP Monitoring Sub-Committee.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire commented on Mr. O' Dwyer's commitment to the work of the LCDC, in particular with regards to SICAP. It was agreed that a letter would issue to Mr. O'Dwyer to thank him for his very valuable contribution to the LCDC from its establishment on the 28th May 2014 to date and to wish him well in his new role within the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection.

13. DATES FOR UPCOMING LCDC/LAG MEETINGS – 26TH JULY 2018, 18TH OCTOBER, 6TH DECEMBER 2018

Ms. Patricia Garland advised members that she is unable to attend July & December meetings of the LCDC. Ms. Garland further advised that the HSE have scheduled meetings for the last Thursday of each month.

Dates of meetings to be discussed further at the LAG meeting.

14. AOB

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 11.15a.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____