**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee**

**Date: 3rd October 2018**

**Time: 3.30pm**

**Location: Breffni Integrated, Corlurgan Business Park**

**Present:**

**Statutory**

Cllr Clifford Kelly, Ms Carmel Denning (DSP), Cllr Paddy McDonald (Elected Member), Cllr Paddy O’Reilly (Elected Member), Mr Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive, CCC), Ms Marcella Rudden (Head of LEO).

**Private Sector Interests**

Mr Fintan McCabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Bob Gilbert (Older People’s Interests), Mr Eugene Greenan (Chamber of Commerce), Ada Vance (Women’s Interests). Mr Jim Reilly (C&V Interests), Mr Thomas Duffy (Agricultural and Farming Interests), Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.).

**Apologies**

**Statutory:**

Ms Mary Rose Smith (HSE), Mr John Kearney, CMETB

**Private:** Ms Ciara McPhillips (Youth Interests).

**In attendance:** Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Theresa Tierney (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (Breffni Integrated), Mr Brendan Jennings (Director of Service), Dr Emer Coveney, Ms Sinead Tormey.

The Chair (Mr Fintan McCabe) opened the meeting and noted apologies from Ms Ciara McPhillips, Ms Mary Rose Smith and Mr John Kearney. He welcomed Mr Eugene Greenan onto the committee representing the Chamber of Commerce and noted that Ms Ciara McPhillips will be replacing Ms Aisling Tobin.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

There was one amendment to the minutes of the previous meeting. The number of Peace grants approved should read 21.

Minutes were proposed by Jim Maguire and seconded by Bob Gilbert.

1. **Matters arising**

The Chief Officer noted that he expected to hear from the Department this month about a proposed review of the LCDCs. Workshops had been held for chairs and vice chairs. He anticipated that recommendations from the Department would centre on capacity building for LCDC members and creating a broader awareness of LCDCs in the public domain.

With regard to the proposed review of Local Economic and Community Plans, the Department will give guidance on this early in the new year. They are looking at the production of new LECPs but this would require legislation. The rationale for new documents is to tie them in with the forthcoming Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies.

1. **Conflict of Interests**

The chair reminded members of their conflict of interests responsibilities.

1. **Peace IV Update**

The Chief Officer gave an update on Peace IV in the absence of Jane Crudden, Peace IV Co-ordinator, who sent apologies to the meeting. All Peace IV monies have now been allocated. SEUPB has approved all small grants. Projects are progressing well. The launch of Peace IV will take place on 19th October at 6pm, venue to be confirmed.

1. **Healthy Cavan Report on Phase 1 Activity**

Ms Sinead Tormey, Healthy Cavan Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on activity completed under phase 1 of Healthy Ireland funding for Cavan LCDC and activity planned under phase 2. Many projects were including health screening with men’s sheds and Traveller groups, sponsorship of Run with Catriona, a mental health conference with blogger Jamie Harrington and former prison governor John Lonergan, sponsorship of Chef Adrian at the Comhairle na nOg Gaeltacht, sponsorship of Cavan Triathlon. The HSE has supported local breastfeeding groups and is running a conference on breastfeeding with international speakers in October.

Detail was provided of the actions under phase 1 of Healthy Cavan which were:

Employment of co-ordinator; branding; Breifne College schools health initiative, HSE breastfeeding initiative, Fit Towns, Fit Schools, Tobacco Free spaces, and a Walking and Cycling Strategy. Over €100k has been secured for the first tranche of trails to be developed under the walking and cycling strategy.

Actions under phase 2 will include:

Employment of co-ordinator; branding; West Cavan Schools health and wellbeing initiative; Fit Towns, and a Family Fizzical Fun Programme

Cllr Paddy McDonald congratulated Sinead on her work especially in the area of mental health. Sinead distributed a programme of events for World Mental Health Day taking place on 10th October and encouraged members to take part in the various events.

1. **LECP mid-year review**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the LECP mid year review in advance of the meeting. The Chief Officer presented the information. Most actions are making significant progress.

In relation to heritage actions, Cllr Paddy O’Reilly spoke about historic graveyards, many of which he said are closed or in poor condition. He expressed his wish that some action would be taken to address the conditions of historic graveyards.

Director of Service Brendan Jennings said that the heritage officer was doing work in this area and the issue was getting some attention, however funding was limited. It was suggested that the heritage officer could present to the LCDC on activity in this area.

The chair Fintan McCabe commented that the review focused on community actions and asked if it would be possible to see the economic actions. The Chief Officer explained that the Economic Strategic Policy Committee was responsible for the economic half of the plan but that it would be possible for LCDC to see the actions. He asked that if there are particular areas people are interested in to let him know and the secretariat would facilitate presentations on these areas at future meetings.

1. **Community Enhancement Grants**

The Chief Officer advised that the Community Enhancement grants programme was launched at the end of May. Originally the scheme was allocated €4.5m nationally. Cavan was allocated €134,757 initially. This scheme builds on and replaces RAPID and Community Facilities schemes from last year. It is aimed at addressing disadvantage. The Municipal Districts were involved in the assessment process, with the LCDC having the final decision. Applicants were initially assessed for eligibility, and having a balanced geographic spread.

The Department later offered an additional €124k for Cavan. This gave a total of €260k for the scheme in Cavan.

The Chief Officer presented the applications for each of the three Municipal Districts.

Fintan McCabe welcomed the money being given out in a varied way to help all communities. John Donohoe commented that there are still some areas of the county that are not benefitting from funding (‘blackspots’) but we are looking to see how we can help these areas.

Mr Fintan McCabe asked if it would be prudent to have LCDC members on the assessment committee for these grants. John Donohoe explained that staff in Community & Enterprise conduct an initial assessment and that the grants went to the Municipal Districts for assessment in line with the guidance issued by the Department on how the scheme was to be administered. Timescales were restrictive. The deadline for receipt of applications was the end of July.

Mr Jim Reilly said that one problem with funding is that calls are short. Mr Fintan McCabe said he would re-visit it as an agenda item in advance of the next round of funding.

Cllr Clifford Kelly left the room declaring a conflict of interests in the Community Enhancement grants decisions.

The grant allocations were proposed by Mr Jim Reilly and seconded by Cllr Paddy O’Reilly.

**Community Enhancement Men’s Sheds Grants**

A separate strand of Community Enhancement funding was made available for grants for men’s sheds. Cavan was allocated **€14,493. Groups had to be affiliated with the Irish Men’s Sheds Association to be eligible for the funding.**

**The grants for the men’s sheds were proposed, as presented by the Chief Officer, by Jim Maguire and seconded by Marcella Rudden.**

1. **AOB**

Dr Emer Coveney gave an update on SICAP Programme Requirements training in Donegal. A new ‘distance travelled tool’ is in development to help track the progress of SICAP beneficiaries. The case study has been removed from the end of year report and is now submitted in autumn. The European Social Fund will be contributing to the 2018 programme but there will be a simplified method to claim ESF funding based on the average salary of direct SICAP workers. There was a discussion at the training about the ‘right to be forgotten’ under GDPR and how this could be implemented while maintaining client files.

Dr Coveney said that the LCDC must agree targets for the 2019 SICAP programme in Cavan. Terry Hyland and Jim Maguire left the room for this discussion. Pobal had provided guidance on targets for Cavan, which the LCDC could vary by plus or minus fifteen percent.

The Pobal recommendation for 2019 for KPI 1 was 39 and for KPI 2 was 502 – the LCDC could vary both by plus or minus fifteen percent.

Targets agreed locally for 2018 were 42 local community groups (KPI1) and 540 individuals (KPI 2). Given the introduction in the new Distance Travelled tool and falling unemployment levels which leaves a cohort who have greater support needs, she recommended a slight reduction in the target for supporting individuals to 520. She recommended keeping the KPI 1 target of 42 local community groups the same for 2019. This recommendation was also based on a review of IRIS data.

These targets were proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Mr Bob Gilbert.

Dr Emer Coveney distributed a handout on social inclusion statistics from Pobal which shows where Cavan is ranked in relation to other counties for a range of categories. The appendix of the document lists other datasets that Pobal can access for Cavan if LCDC members are interested in further specific data.

She distributed a draft copy of the new LECP newsletter for comments.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th October 2018 at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan.

Fintan McCabe thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

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Chairman