

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 2nd October 2024

Time: 3pm

**Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Cavan County Local Development
Offices, Corlurgan, Cavan**

Present:

Statutory

Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection), Cllr Val Smith (Elected Member), Mr Conor Craven (Local Enterprise Office), Mr Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council), Ms Ruth Woods (HSE), Dr Fiona McGrath (CMETB)

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company) - Chairperson, Ms Beth McEntee (Community and Voluntary Interests), Ms Frances O'Neill (Disability Interests), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Maryam Temile (Women's Issues), Ms Aisling Traynor (Youth Issues), Ms Catherine McCollum (Agricultural and Farming Interests).

Apologies:

Mr Terry Hyland, CCLD, Ms Gayathri Devi Soman (Social Inclusion Interests)

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Deirdre Donnelly (Cavan County Council), Ms Siobhan Morgan (Cavan County Council), Ms Sinead Tormey (Cavan County Council).

The Chair (Mr Jim Maguire) opened the meeting and welcomed Ms Sinead Tormey to the meeting.

Apologies were noted.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr TP O'Reilly and seconded by Ms Carmel Denning.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Conflicts of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their conflict of interest's responsibilities.

4. Presentation on Sláintecare Healthy Communities Cavan

Ms Sinead Tormey, Sláintecare Healthy Communities Development Officer gave a very informative presentation outlining the work that has been done under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities programme within County Cavan. The programme is being delivered in Belturbet Urban, Cavan Urban, Cavan Rural, Cootehill Urban, Bailieborough and Ballyjamesduff. €75,000 seed funding is secured for 2024/2025 and it is proposed to allocate it as follows:

Bailieboro Creative Hub – Wellness Programme	€2,500
Healthy Families Food Programme	€10,000
Planet Youth Programme – Leisure Time Activities	€25,000
Cavan Library Sensory Room	€5,000
Drumbannon Community Garden	€24,500
Cavan Monaghan Connects –	
Wellbeing website/online presence	€8,000

Cllr TP O'Reilly thanked Ms Tormey for her presentation. He acknowledged how much money has been allocated to projects through Sláintecare and the number of programmes that have been delivered. The Chief Officer Mr John Donohoe stated that Cavan County Council fought hard to get more areas of Co Cavan included in the programme when it was being rolled out and were successful in this regard. He said that it was a great programme to be involved in and that it has a collaborative element to it with the HSE and Cavan County Local Development. Ms Ruth Woods stated that she wished to acknowledge the value of what has been achieved and what it means to communities. Ms Tormey asked if members had any suggestions for future projects or questions to please contact her. The Chair thanked Ms Tormey for her presentation.

The programme projects were unanimously approved.

5. SICAP

I. Additional New Arrivals Funding

Ms Deirdre Donnelly informed the LCDC that additional funding was allocated under SICAP for new arrivals in August 2024. This funding will be used to supplement the work that is already being done under SICAP within the county. The additional amount is €16,338 and this is in addition to the previous allocations for new arrivals in 2024 totalling €223,000 approximately.

Proposed by Cllr TP O'Reilly and seconded by Ms Carmel Denning

II. Approval of SICAP Service Providers and Subcontractors

The list of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by Cavan County Local Development Company for SICAP was circulated prior to the meeting by email. Approval of the LCDC is required.

Proposed by Ms Connie Whelan and seconded by Ms Ruth Woods.

6. PEACEPLUS

The Chief Officer updated members about the status of PEACEPLUS. He stated that the letter of offer was received from SEUPB on 4th September and the launch of the PEACEPLUS Plan took place in The County Museum in Ballyjamesduff on 20th September 2024. The next step is the implementation of the programme. Members of the PEACEPLUS Partnership asked that training on submitting tenders on e-tenders be provided and Ms Jane Crudden is currently organising that and a step-by-step guide will be available by mid-October. It is expected that theme 2 & 3 will be published when this document

becomes available, followed by theme 1 at the end of November. The Chief Officer explained that in Northern Ireland all procurement has to be approved by a central procurement department whereas here procurement is the responsibility of individual Local Authorities. SEUPB have requested that a similar system to the central procurement department in the north be set up in the south. This is currently being looked at and LCDC Members will be kept updated.

The Chair congratulated all involved in the launch of the PEACEPLUS Plan

7. Regulation of the Lobbying Act 2015

It was noted and agreed that the committee will comply with the Transparency code of the Public Lobbying Act 2015. This will be done by regular circulation of minutes and the agenda of committee working groups / task force meetings on the Council website. The website will also detail membership and terms of reference of the committee”

Proposed by Ms Beth McEntee and seconded by Cllr Clifford Kelly

8. AOB

The Chief Officer informed the committee that under SICAP Cavan LCDC and Cavan County Local Development have been selected for audit for the 2023 year and this will be undertaken by the Local Government Audit Service. No commencement date has been given yet.

The Chief Officer also reminded members of the LCDC Networking event which was due to take place in Athlone on 9th October and asked if any member wished to attend that they contact Ms Deirdre Donnelly. Cllr Clifford Kelly stated that he wished to attend the event. Ms Donnelly agreed to recirculate details of the event to the LCDC members.

9. The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for 30th October 2024 at 3pm.

The meeting concluded.

Signed:  Date: 30/10/24
Chairperson

