

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 28th May 2025

Time: 3pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Council Chamber, Cavan County Council Offices

Present:

Statutory

Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Val Smith (Elected Member), Mr Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council), Mr Conor Craven (Local Enterprise Office), Ms Ruth Woods (HSE),

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company- Chairperson), Ms Beth McEntee (Community and Voluntary Interests), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Aisling Traynor (Youth Issues), Mr Paddy Denning (Agricultural and Farming Interests), Ms Frances O'Neill (Disability Interests)

Apologies:

Dr Fiona McGrath (CMETB), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Ms Maryam Temile (Women's Issues), Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection)

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Mr Terry Hyland (Cavan County Local Development), Ms Deirdre Donnelly (Cavan County Council), Ms Siobhan Morgan (Cavan County Council), Ms Emma Clancy (Cavan County Council).

The Chair (Mr Jim Maguire) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Ms Emma Clancy, Cavan County Librarian.

Apologies were noted.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Ms Connie Whelan and seconded by Ms Beth McEntee

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 County Cavan Library Services

Ms Emma Clancy, Cavan County Librarian gave a presentation on Cavan Library Services outlining the services provided with a particular focus on literacy. There are nine branch libraries and one in Loughan House. They also provide services to schools, community groups, families, adults and children. Membership is free. The Right to Read is a National Programme to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages. There are four national programmes designed to promote children's reading and literacy, Ms Clancy outlined each of these programmes and noted that without the library staff's passion and enthusiasm, a lot of these programmes could not be delivered.

The Chair thanked Ms Clancy and complimented her on the range of activities. Ms Whelan asked what the level of engagement was in Cootehill, Ms Clancy replied by saying there was 170,000 throughout all libraries in 2024 and that all branches were well used and had a broad range of services and programming. Ms Traynor asked whether the travelling community engaged with the library and Ms Clancy not as much as she would like, she spoke about different assistive and accessible services like TTRS and CPens, which would be a good tool for the adult travellers. Ms Woods asked about signposting the services and asked whether this presentation could be given to clinicians, so that they can promote it and reach a cohort of people that may not be aware. Ms Clancy said she would be delighted to present to them. Cllr TP O'Reilly complimented Ms Clancy on the range of services, that he had got to witness it first hand during the year when he was Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council.

5. PEACEPLUS

- The Chief Officer informed members that 13 Tenders have now been awarded, with meetings underway with delivery agents and project implementation has started.
- One tender was advertised twice with no submissions. Discussions are currently ongoing with SEUPB to explore converting this to a Service Level Agreement (SLA) or readvertising as a Tender with a different subject focus with more cross border history and reference.
- The PEACEPLUS Partnership meeting scheduled for May 15th was postponed.
- Procurement and communications training was held on Thursday, 8th May for delivery agents. The session was well attended and positively received.
- An update on the capital projects is below for reference.

1. Ballyconnell - Bolster & Boom: Border Town Regeneration	Site visit completed. Design tender complete and at review stage
2. Cavan Rugby Club – Rugby for All	Site visit carried out. CRFC engaging a local design team
3. Cootehill Town Team – Dedicated Youth Space	Design team preparing construction package
4. Kingscourt Community Development assoc. Business Incubation Centre	Site visit completed. Design team meeting onsite. Design team preparing construction tender package.
5. Lavey Community Group - Multi Sport Development	Site visit completed. Design team preparing construction tender package.
6. Virginia RFC	Site visit completed. Preparing design team tender package.
7. Bailieborough Men's and Hen's Shed	Negotiations are underway to secure a suitable venue.

6. AOB

Mr John Donohoe, Chief Officer explained that the SICAP Q1 Report was circulated by email in advance of the meeting for information. This report will be reviewed in detail as part of the SICAP mid-year review process which will be brought to the LCDC meeting in July.

The Chief Officer also spoke about Parent Child+ Programme. The SICAP Programme Implementer Cavan County Local Development are requesting approval for an addition to the SICAP Annual plan 2025 with the introduction of a new Programme called **ParentChild+ Programme**. Documents relating to this were emailed out in advance of the meeting.

It is proposed to contribute €5,000 from SICAP 2025 to the delivery of the programme under either of the following Actions:

- Developing Collaborative Responses to identified needs
- Lifelong Learning and Education

Mr Terry Hyland explained that there was a meeting held with various stakeholders with a representative from the National College of Ireland. This project would enable children to get school ready. It would be a 2-year pilot project and CCLD would be the delivery agent also. Mr Hyland said that the SICAP Annual plan is broad and flexible and asked the LCDC to consider contributing €5,000 from SICAP to the delivery of this project.

Proposed by Ms Frances O'Neill and seconded by Ms Ruth Woods.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 30th July at 3pm in Council Chamber.

Signed: 
Chairperson

Date: 30/7/2025