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

**Date: 23rd May 2019**

**Time: 11.30am**

**Location: Council Chamber**

**Present:**

**Statutory**

Ms Carmel Denning (Dept of EA&SP), Cllr Paddy McDonald (Elected Member), Cllr Paddy O’Reilly (Elected Member).

**Private Sector Interests**

Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.), Ms Doris Galligan (C&V Interests), Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Mr Fintan Mc Cabe (Environmental Interests), Ms Ada Vance (Women’s Interests), Mr Tom Brady (Cavan Chamber).

**Apologies**

**Statutory:** Mr Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive, CCC), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Mr John Kearney (CMETB), Ms Marcella Rudden (Head of LEO), Ms Mary Rose Smith (HSE).

**Private:** Mr Bob Gilbert (Older People’s Interests), Ms Ciara McPhillips (Youth Issues), Ms Catherine McCollum (Agricultural and Farming Interests).

**In attendance:** Mr Brendan Jennings (Director Of Services), Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Marianne Mc Dermott (Cavan County Council), Ms Angela Fitzpatrick (Cavan County Council), Ms Orla Conaty (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (CEO of Breffni Integrated).

**Apologies:** Ms Jane Crudden (Cavan County Council)

The Chair (Mr Fintan McCabe) opened the meeting. He welcomed the new members Ms Doris Galligan representing the PPN (community & voluntary interests) and Mr Tom Brady representing Cavan Chamber. The Chair also welcomed Angela Fitzpatrick and Orla Conaty who were in attendance to observe the meeting. They will be replacing Emer Coveney and Marianne Mc Dermott providing administrative support to the LCDC.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes were proposed by Ms Olive Hannigan and seconded by Mr Jim Maguire.

1. **Matters arising**

Clarification was sought on LECP action 10.1B to establish a Community First Responder (CFR) scheme. The Chief Officer informed the Committee that the HSE received confirmation from the National Ambulance Service (NAS) that County Cavan was not an identified priority area for the CFR scheme at this time. The HSE support colleagues in acute service in securing funding to purchase materials for ‘basic life saving’ courses which have been delivered in the community.

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 the programme. All funding has been allocated for the county. The programme is running well and on track for completion by the end of 2019.

1. **SICAP**

Mr. Terry Hyland, CEO of Breffni Integrated, presented the progress report for quarter one in 2019 to the Committee. This report outlined the projects that have been carried out under the two goals; Goal 1 – Supporting Communities and Goal 2 – Supporting Individuals.

Cllr Paddy O’Reilly asked whether there could be more support given to people with disabilities in both job interviews and while in the workplace.

Terry Hyland explained that Breffni Integrated work with Cavan Employability Service. The staff in Breffni Integrated can go out to meet individuals with concerns or the individuals can come into the office.

Action: Mr. Terry Hyland to discuss with Cavan Employability Service.

Mr Terry Hyland explained that transport is the primary issue for people setting up their own business and for people seeking employment.

Cllr Paddy McDonald complimented the report which highlights activity happening in all areas of the county. He complimented the work of all of the staff in Breffni Integrated Ltd. working on the programme.

The Chief Officer spoke and said that the impact of the SICAP programme can now be measured from the work being done with the individuals and the community groups. Community groups who have been supported under the SICAP programme are now submitting strong applications for funding.

The Chair thanked and congratulated the staff of Breffni Integrated Ltd on a very impressive quarter one report.

1. **AOB**

The Big Hello

A handout was distributed to the Committee with details on each project which was allocated funding. The Chief Officer spoke about the programme. A total of 27 projects were approved. €9,434.31 was approved in total. Paperwork is currently being submitted by the groups to draw down funding.

Community Services Programme

The Chief Officer spoke about a review being carried out of the Community Services Programme. Indecon has been appointed by the Department of Rural and Community Development to undertake an independent review of the Community Services Programme (CSP), which supports community businesses to provide local services and create employment opportunities for disadvantaged people. Indecon would particularly value the inputs of Cavan LCDC to this review.

Action: An email with the details of the review to be forwarded to the LCDC members.

Community Enhancement Programme

The Chief Officer informed the Committee that the closing date for applications is the 30th May 2019. This is the third year of the scheme. The scheme is for capital projects amounting to €134,757 in total. There are two streams;

(1) small capital grants for €1,000 or less

(2) capital projects €1,000 to €20,000.

The Chief Officer encouraged the Committee to send the message out to community groups to submit their applications by the closing date.

The Chair thanked Cllr Paddy O’Reilly on behalf of the Committee for his contribution to the LCDC and wished him good luck in his retirement from the Committee.

The Chair also thanked Marianne McDermott on behalf of the Committee for her administrative support and wished her well in her new position in the Council.

Next meeting is on Thursday 27th June at 3.30pm.

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Chairman