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

**Date: 25th July 2019**

**Time: 3.30pm**

**Location: Council Chamber**

**Present:**

**Statutory**

Mr Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive, CCC), Ms Carmel Denning (Dept of EA&SP), Mary Rose Smith (HSE), Marcella Rudden (Local Enterprise Office), Cllr T.P. O’Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member).

**Private Sector Interests**

Mr Fintan Mc Cabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.), Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Ms Ada Vance (Women’s Interests), Mr Seamus McGrath (Disability Interests), Mr Tom Brady (Cavan Chamber), Mr Bob Gilbert (Older People’s Interests), Ms Catherine McCollum (Agricultural and Farming Interests).

**Apologies:**

**Statutory:** John Kearney (Cavan Monaghan ETB)

**Private Sector Interests:** Ms Doris Galligan (C&V Interests), Ms Ciara McPhillips (Youth Issues),

**In attendance:**

Mr Brendan Jennings (Director Of Services), Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Jane Crudden (Cavan County Council), Ms Angela Fitzpatrick (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (CEO of Breffni Integrated).

**Apologies:** Ms Orla Conaty (Cavan County Council)

The Chair (Mr Fintan McCabe) opened the meeting and read out the apologies.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes were proposed by Ms Ada Vance and seconded by Cllr.T.P O’Reilly.

1. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1. **Conflict of Interests**

The Chair reminded members of their conflict of interests responsibilities.

1. **Peace IV Update**

Jane Crudden, Peace Programme Manager, provided an update on the Military Tattoo event which was outlined in detail at the June LCDC meeting. She informed the Committee that written confirmation has now been received from SEUPB approving the reallocation of underspent funds. Therefore, the event will be going ahead on the 24th and 25th August in Ballyjamesduff. Cavan One Branch Ex-Service Men to run a Military Tattoo event at the County Museum in Ballyjamesduff and there will also be a closing event to mark the end of Peace IV. The closing event will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday 25th August. The speakers for this event have not yet been confirmed. Brochures are currently being printed for the Tattoo event. On the Saturday the 24th there is a community festival being held in Ballyjamesduff to coincide with the Tattoo. The Peace IV project activity will be on display on the Saturday and Sunday.

Jane Crudden also gave an update to the Committee about a PEACE IV Cross Border Opportunity where Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council have invited Cavan LCDC members and Cavan’s elected representatives to participate on a PIV cross border programme to explore community planning links with a specific focus on Policing committees, good relations programmes and PEACE Partnerships (LCDC). To date 6 people have expressed an interest. Jane said she will contact all elected representatives directly to seek participants for the events and also asked any of the LCDC members who wished to participate to contact her. No final information has been given but the event will be in September.

1. **SICAP**

A copy of the Lot Summary Report, Lot Cost Charged Report and Quarter 2 Progress Report were distributed to the Committee. Mr Terry Hyland informed the meeting that the Key Performance Targets were being met and exceeded. He presented the reports, highlighting some key points: under Goal one the target to work with 42 Local Community Groups is currently at 28 groups, with KPI at 67% at mid-year stage. Under Goal 2, 61% of the target has been reached with 318 individuals engaged with services. The goal being to work with 520. Terry informed the Committee that the two main barriers they are witnessing are jobless households and transport. They are working with the Department of Social Protection in continuing efforts to tackle this going forward.

Terry informed the Committee that Breffni Integrated try to focus their work on the needs of the people of County Cavan – they ensure their work is meeting the needs of our own area.

Terry presented the Lot Cost Charged report, highlighting the overall budget is €756,620. Total spend to date is 38.47% - this may seem low however a large insurance bill is due in September therefore a larger sum has been allocated to quarter 3 to cover this. The guidelines allow for 40% spend on Goal 1 and 60% spend on Goal 2 – at mid-year stage the spend on Goal 1 is at 38.95%, with the spend on Goal 2 at 40.19%.

The Chair, Fintan McCabe, complimented Terry and the staff of Breffni Integrated on the work being done. He also noted for new members that there is a lot being done that people may not be aware of. He informed the committee that presentations from people and organisations delivering projects would be included as part of LCDC meetings from the Autumn going forward.

John Donohoe informed the Committee that the SICAP Monitoring Committee met on Monday 22nd July 2019 to review the Mid-Year SICAP financial and monitoring reports. He also stated that Pobal have reviewed progress at the mid-year and while they are impressed with targets being exceeded they raised a few issues which Terry and Breffni Integrated have now followed up on. These were around the recording of information, to question items where there was an underspend and the display of logos on the website. Terry informed the Committee that these issued have been reviewed and are being dealt with – he said they identified a few errors in the recording of information on IRIS which have now been resolved. Regarding underspends he said once work commenced demand for some actions can be greater than others – also some activity undertaken without the need for an associated financial cost. He said that the LCDC gave approval to Breffni Integrated to move funding between actions to ensure the programme is flexible to meet local demands but they respect the guidelines in relation to the budget apportionment. Regarding the website, Breffni Integrated has adopted Pobals request to move four logos to the top of the SICAP webpage.

John informed the Committee that the SICAP Monitoring Committee recommended the Mid-Year Reports be approved subject to the issues being addressed. As explained by Terry this has now been done. John informed the Committee that final approval was required by the LCDC - Approval of the Mid-Year report was proposed by Mary Rose Smith and seconded by Marcella Rudden.

Fintan McCabe commented that the overall budget is small and the expenditure is reflected in work being done with disadvantaged groups – it is impressive the work that has been done to date. Fintan also raised that Breffni Integrated is not very well publicised – a body of works needs to be done around this. He pointed out that this is something that this Committee should be taking on to inform the public.

1. **A.O.B**

John Donohoe informed the Committee that Cavan has been listed for ‘Foodie Destination of 2019’. He said this is welcomed in terms of the work we do under the LECP, the Food Strategy and the Taste of Cavan. There is a public element in raising awareness around this area. He asked everyone to vote for Cavan in the Foodie Destination Competition online at <http://www.foodiedestinations.ie/> and asked the members to share on social media.

The Chair welcomed Seamus McGrath to the Committee. He has taken the rotating seat representing Disability Interests. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Next meeting is on Monday 16th September 2019 at 11.30am in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan.

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Chairman