

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

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Time: 3.30pm**

**Location: Council Chamber**

### **Present:**

#### **Statutory**

Mr Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive, CCC), Ms Carmel Denning (Dept of EA&SP), Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), John Kearney (CMETB), Mary Rose Smith (HSE), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member),

#### **Private Sector Interests**

Mr Fintan Mc Cabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.), Ms Ada Vance (Women's Interests), Mr Seamus McGrath (Disability Interests), Ms Doris Galligan (C&V Interests)

### **Apologies:**

**Statutory:** Marcella Rudden (LEO)

**Private Sector Interests:** Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Ms Aisling Tobin (Youth Issues), Mr Tom Brady (Cavan Chamber)

### **In attendance:**

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Jane Crudden (Cavan County Council), Ms Angela Fitzpatrick (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (CEO of Breffni Integrated),

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

## **1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Clifford Kelly and seconded by Cllr T.P O'Reilly

## **2. Matters arising**

### National LCDC Networking Event

The Chief Officer informed the Committee that the LCDC Networking Even took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Tullamore. He said there was good attendance from Cavan with 6 representatives. Overall however, attendance was low with almost half of those who registered not attending on the day, with the Department baring the cost for same. John reminded all members in events like these to please inform staff if unable to attend. He said the event was a very good with a lot of information being provided.

The Chief Officer also informed members that he, together with support staff would be preparing a list of presentations to be provided at LCDC meetings in 2020. He also asked members to make suggestions to him at any time, for presentations which would be useful and informative for the LCDC.

## **3. Conflict of Interests**

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

## **4. Peace IV Update**

Ms Jane Crudden, Peace Programme Manager, provided an update on the activity under Peace IV. She informed the Committee that at the last LCDC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October, she had informed members that she had requested and extension of the Peace IV Programme from December 2019 to March 2020. This has now been approved by SEUPB.

Jane also informed the Committee that she is currently preparing the budget for the period from January to March 2020. This will be completed by 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and if agreed by members today, will be included in AOB at the LAG meeting due to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. All members present agreed to this.

## Peace Plus

Jane provided information on Peace Plus – Peace Plus is a new EU cross-border programme that will contribute to a more prosperous and stable society in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland. The Programme will achieve this by funding activities that promote peace and reconciliation and contribute to the cross-border economic and territorial development of the region. It will build upon previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes.

SEUPB are holding a series of information events for stakeholders. This stakeholder engagement process is starting on 10th December 2019 and will be held in different venues across the region at various date up to the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. These events will give people an opportunity to have input into the new programme. Jane will be attending the event in Donegal on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Cllr Clifford Kelly asked whether there was any indication at this stage on the amount of money that will be available under Peace Plus. Jane informed members that the allocation is not known yet, however it is likely to be a similar amount to previous programmes.

Cllr Clifford Kelly praised Jane on getting the extension to the current programme.

Seamus McGrath asked how long will the Peace Plus Programme last? Jane responded saying that it is likely it will be a 4 year programme, beginning in 2021. Seamus asked whether it was confirmed that Brexit would not have an impact. Jane said that it would not be impacted. She said funding has been confirmed.

John Kearney said that the Peace Programme will be very important for Cavan moving forward.

Cllr Aidan Fitzpatrick asked if a date has been confirmed for Newtownabbey group to visit Cavan. Jane replied saying, three dates, one at the end of January, February and March were mentioned. The exact date is to be confirmed.

## **5. SICAP Annual Plan 2020**

John Donohoe, Chief Officer provided a brief update on SICAP – informing the Committee that the SICAP annual budget for 2020 was being increased by 3% which increases the overall amount from €756,620 to €779,319. John informed members, as had been detailed at the previous LCDC meeting in October, that the SICAP Monitoring Sub-Committee had met on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – at this meeting it was agreed to retain SICAP KPI's at 42 for Goal 1 (Local Community Groups) and 520 for Goal 2 (Individuals).

Terry Hyland said Breffni Integrated welcome the increase in budget. Jim Maguire agreed saying that it is the first increase since previous cuts of up to 40% in 2009.

A copy of the Draft SICAP Annual Plan for 2020 was distributed to each member of the Committee.

Terry Hyland read through the plan.

The Chair commended Terry on the plan, stating that it covers a wide variety of actions given the budget available. Terry stated that total action costs if €584,657 includes salaries of 12 employees who work on SICAP either full time or part time. He said it is the work the Community Development staff do on the ground together with the varies agencies including those represented at the LCDC that enable the completion the work done under SICAP. The Chair, complemented Terry and the staff in adapting to the needs of the county both in planning and delivery of actions.

In conclusion, The Chief Officer read out the timeline provided by Pobal for the approval of the SICAP Annual Plan 2020, stating that:

- the Draft Plan had been submitted to Pobal on the 22nd November 2019.
- The LCDC have until the 31st January 2020 to review the plan and resolve any issues identified.
- Pobal will carry out a high-level review (to ensure compliance with the Programme requirements) and provide feedback to the LCDCs by 5th February 2020.

- Final approval of the Annual Plan happens following approval of the 2019 Annual Performance Review by 28th February 2020.

The Chief Officer informed the Committee that the Final plan would be brought to the February LCDC meeting for approval.

**6. A.O.B**

No items

**Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Next meeting is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_