

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 26th November 2020

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Statutory

Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Mr Brendan Jennings (Director of Services, CCC), Ms Marcella Rudden (LEO), Mr John Kearney (CMETB), Carmel Denning (Dept of EA&SP)

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company), Ms Bridget Boyle (Community & Voluntary Interests), Ms Ada Vance (Women's Interests), Mr Seamus McGrath (Disability Interests), Ms Aisling Tobin (Youth Issues), Mr Tom Brady (Cavan Chamber),

Apologies: (Did Not attend)

Charlie Smyth (Social Inclusion Interests), Mr Tírloch O'Brien (Environmental Interests) and Ms. Catherine McCollum (Agricultural & Farming Interests).

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Angela Fitzpatrick (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (CEO, Cavan County Local Development), Ms Ann Flynn (Cavan County Council).

The Chair (Mr Brendan Jennings) opened the meeting.

The Chair congratulated Terry Hyland and all the staff of CCLD for receiving the special award at the Pride of Place awards on Saturday night 21st November for the Food Emergency Response Initiative with the establishment of Food Centres and a Meals on Wheels Service for those experiencing food poverty and vulnerable people cocooning.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Ada Vance and seconded by Carmel Denning.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Conflicts of Interest

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

4. Presentation by Cavan Sports Partnership

Nadine McCormilla – Sports Co-ordinator, Cavan Sports Partnership provided a brief presentation on Cavan Sports Partnership.

Nadine stated that they are currently in the middle of the 2017 – 2021 strategy, their aim is to make sport the norm for everybody. Every year they normally have one large event, the main one is the Walking Festival. Unfortunately, due to Covid'19 this is the first year this didn't take place.

Nadine said they are currently reviewing their strategy and with the pandemic this year it proved that sport is important to everyone. She stated that they want to support all sports activities to return safely. They want to link in with communities through walks, water sports, cycling etc. They are trying to promote women in sport, to participate in sport, their main aim is that people participate and enjoy being active.

The Chair thanked Nadine, the Chair confirmed that during lockdown people were out exercising in their surrounding areas and this proved the importance of physical activity for people's health and wellbeing.

John Donohoe stated that Sports Partnership are taking part in the "Keep Well" programme from January -March 2021.

Mary Rose Smith – HSE – acknowledged the work Cavan Sports Partnership have done for children with special needs and the impact this has had on these children.

Carmel Denning asked Nadine, how Sports Partnership promote their programmes, Nadine said this is mostly done through social media, e.g. Facebook, if you sign up to Sports Partnership a newsletter will be emailed to you every few weeks.

Terry Hyland thanked Sports Partnership for all their help with the food packs and the toys that they donated for these packs.

5. Review Draft SICAP Annual Plan 2021

John Donohoe, Chief Officer provided a brief update on SICAP and stated that there is no changes to the budget nationally, it remains at €799,319, they wish to decrease the KPI's to 40 for Goal 1 (Local Community Groups) and from 520 – 420 for Goal 2 (individuals).

John mentioned that Covid caused a lot of challenges this year, they were unable to meet a high volume of people in community groups.

Terry Hyland read through the draft Annual Plan and asked the members if they had any questions.

The Chair commended Terry on the plan, the Chair asked all members if they had any questions regarding the plan.

In conclusion, The Chair read out the timeline provided by Pobal for the approval of the SICAP Annual Plan 2021, stating that:

- I. The LCDC will review the Annual Plan and provide feedback to Pobal on any issues identified by **Monday 14th December**.
- II. Pobal will carry out a high-level review (to ensure compliance with the Programme requirements) and provide feedback to the LCDCs by **Friday 18th December**.
- III. Final Approval of the Annual Plan (following approval of the 2020 Annual Performance Review) by **26th February 2021**.

The Chair asked if anyone has any feedback on the Annual Plan 2021, to submit this to John Donohoe or Angela Fitzpatrick by Friday 11th December at the latest.

Bridget Boyle asked if the 2021 SICAP Plan include work against domestic violence. Terry said they have set up a group with a rep from Tearman, they propose to set up a refuge in the Cavan Centre in Kilnacrott, Ballyjamesduff. There is currently funding issues with Tusla for this.

Aisling Tobin asked Terry if they work in partnership with Youth & Traveller Groups, Terry said they are currently working with a youth group in Belturbet, Foroige group in Bexcourt and Bounceback in Ballyjamesduff, Bailieborough and Belturbet. Terry said they also held summer camps with Youth Mismatch through the FAI.

The Chair reminded all members that if they need to submit anything for the Annual Plan 2021 to submit it by 11th December.

6. AOB

No issues raised.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th February 2021 at 3.30pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Date: _____