

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 19th June 2023

Time: 11am

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Cavan County Local Development Offices

Present:

Statutory

Mr Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council, Chairperson), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Mr Conor Craven (Local Enterprise Office), Ms Ruth Woods (HSE),

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company), Ms Catherine McCollum (Farming Interests), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Maryam Temile (Women's Interests), Ms Bridget Boyle (Community & Voluntary Interests), Ms Ashling Traynor (Youth Services) ,

Apologies:

Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Dr Fiona McGrath (CMETB), Mr Charlie Smyth (Social Inclusion Interests)

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Deirdre Donnelly (Cavan County Council), Ms Siobhan Morgan (Cavan County Council), Mr Liam Mannix (KPMG), Mr Daniel Stairs (KPMG), Mr Niall Conway (KPMG)

The Chair (Mr Brendan Jennings) opened the meeting and read out the apologies. He informed members that Mr Tirloch O'Brien (Environmental Interests) had resigned from the LCDC and that his seat was vacant at present. The PPN have been notified and are currently recruiting a new member.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Mr Jim Maguire.

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. LECP Update

Mr Liam Mannix, Mr Daniel Stairs & Mr Niall Conway, Consultants with KPMG Future Analytics joined the meeting remotely. They presented the proposed objectives and actions under each of the High Levels Goals for LCDC review, these were circulated by email prior to the meeting. Throughout the presentation LCDC members were invited to give their feedback.

Goal 1 and 2 were dealt with by the Economic SPC group.

Goal 3 – Cavan will facilitate life-long learning and education opportunities to support the personal development and attainment of its people. Under Goal 3, Objective 2, Ms Ruth Woods from the HSE welcomed the action referring to Older People and recommended going further with this action by including the wording 'helping Older People to access services in the community', especially now with how technology is evolving and changing how services are accessed.

Under Objective 3, Action 2 Cllr Clifford Kelly noted that a suitable site has been identified for a 3rd level institution and he felt that this action should be looked at again. Cllr Kelly mentioned that there are discussions ongoing at present that Year 1 and 2 of degree courses may be run in Cavan Institute in conjunction with other universities and Dundalk Institute and that €40 million investment has been secured to expand the institute in Cavan. Dr Fiona McGrath from Cavan/Monaghan ETB who was unable to attend the meeting has also submitted her feedback for Goal 3 and this was sent directly to KPMG.

Goal 4 – Cavan will support the regeneration and revitalisation of its towns, villages and localities as attractive places to live, work and visit. Under Goal 4, Objective 1 Mr Jim Maguire spoke about how transport is not just an issue for young people as stated in objective, it is an issue for older people and for those who cannot afford a car. Under objective 4 Mr Jim Maguire spoke about how there is a problem with getting volunteers as their responsibilities are increasing, more red tape and regulations are putting people off volunteering. The Chief Officer referred to Objective 4 action 2 and the use of the word “prime locations” it was suggested to change it to “suitable locations”.

Goal 5 – Cavan will be an inclusive, healthy and equitable county that supports wellbeing across its communities. Under Objective 1 action 1 Ms Ruth Woods asked should the HSE be brought in as a key stakeholder to which Mr Daniel Stairs explained that the implementation plan will have leads identified for each action. Under action 2, Ms Woods felt it was a small sentence for a large piece of work and perhaps it could be broken down further. It was agreed that Mr Stairs and Mr Mannix would refine the actions again following feedback received at the meeting. Ms Ashling Traynor referred to action one ‘supporting the creation of indoor and outdoor space’ and spoke about Tullacmongan Resource Centre and the difficulties accessing the Astro Turf. The Chief Officer also stated that the sports plan is critical and must be included. He also said that an action should be included in relation to sports infrastructure with reference to the planned Regional Sports Centre.

Mr Stairs stated that all comments made at the meeting would be incorporated into the documents and he gave a brief outline of the next steps in relation to the preparation of the LECF and spoke about having another round of public consultations. The document will then go to the SEA and the Regional Assembly for screening. The Chair thanked Mr Stairs and Mr Mannix for their presentation and said that the document would be further reviewed by local authority staff and all additional feedback would be collated and sent to KPMG by the end of the week.

5. PEACEPLUS Update

The SEUPB are now accepting applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme, Investment Area 1.1 – Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans.

This will be a closed call for applications for local authorities applying to PEACEPLUS. This will be on a rolling call basis and applications must be received no later than **5pm on Thursday 14th December 2023**.

The PEACEPLUS partnership met on Thursday 15th June and the meeting agenda was to discuss project ideas submitted to CCC to progress further and form the Local Authority action plan for submission to SEUPB.

6. Slaintecare Seed Funding Proposal 2023/2024

Ms Deirdre Donnelly presented the Sláintecare Seed Funding Proposal 2023/2024 for LCDC approval (Ms Sinead Tormey, Sláintecare Healthy Communities Development Officer was unable to attend today's meeting). This document was shared on screen. It was circulated by email in advance of the meeting.

1. Planet Youth Increased Leisure Time €25,000
2. Kilnavara Playground Upgrade €15,000
3. Kingspan Breffni Sensory Room Equipment €5,000
4. Handball Wall at Tullacmongan FRC €10,000
5. Belturbet Library Sensory Zone €5,000
6. Fairview Community Garden Gallows Hill, Cavan €15,000

Total €75,000

Proposed by Mr Conor Craven and seconded by Ms Connie Whelan.

7. Approval of SICAP Service Providers/Sub-contractors

As Mr Terry Hyland, Chief Executive Officer, Cavan County Local Development was not in attendance Ms Deirdre Donnelly shared details of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by Cavan County Local Development Company on screen for members review. This document was circulated by email in advance of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Ms Connie Whelan.

There was no further business.

The meeting concluded. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 20th July.

Signed: 
Chairperson

Date: 20th July 2023