

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 28th April 2022

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Cavan Crystal Hotel

Present:

Statutory

Mr. Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council, Chairperson), Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection).

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Marisa Goldstone (Older Persons Interests), Ms Bridget Boyle (Community & Voluntary Interests), Ms Aisling Tobin (Youth Issues),

Apologies:

Ms Ada Vance (Women's Interests), Ms Marcella Rudden (Local Enterprise Office), Mr Charlie Smyth (Social Inclusion Interests)

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Mr Terry Hyland (CEO, Cavan County Local Development), Ms Deirdre Donnelly (Cavan County Council), Ms Siobhan Morgan (Cavan County Council), Ms Jane Crudden (Cavan County Council), Ms Hazel Leahy (Cavan County Local Development).

The Chair (Mr Brendan Jennings) opened the meeting and read out the apologies.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. TP O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Aiden Fitzpatrick

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. Presentation from Ms Hazel Leahy, Cavan County Local Development – 'Response to Ukrainian Crisis being provided under SICAP'

Ms Hazel Leahy from Cavan County Local Development gave a presentation to members in relation to the response to the Ukrainian Crisis. Ms Leahy spoke about the Ukraine Community Group in Cavan which was established in 2015, their response to the war and partnerships formed with many other bodies as a result. Cavan County Local Development has assisted them in setting up an office and helped them apply for a SICAP Grant. She spoke how they have assisted Ukraine Nationals with set up of the Palyanytsya Hub in Cavan Town and acknowledged the generosity of people with donations including a recent donation of tickets and transport to Tom Duffy Circus for 19 adults and 27 children. Ms Leahy referred to local fundraising that was received recently and how CCLD plan on running a programme paying particular attention to mothers.

Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick spoke about houses in Cootehill that are available and have been offered to The Red Cross but that the offers hadn't been taken up. The Chair informed members that International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) were taking the lead on accommodation for Ukrainian Nationals. Ms. Leahy explained to members that the Red Cross were responsible for private accommodation that was pledged - the process involves two in depth phone calls followed by an assessor/case officer which she has not seen assigned to anyone in Cavan yet. Progress has been slow throughout the country in this regard. Members commended Ms Leahy and CCLD on the fantastic work to date.

Ms Deirdre Donnelly advised the meeting that the Department of Rural & Community Development have provided flexibility in relation to SICAP Annual

Plans so that SICAP can lead the way locally in responding to the needs of Ukrainian people arriving around the country once the response was broadly in line with the Annual Plan.

It was also discussed that there is a SICAP underspend of approx. €30,000 going back to 2019 that was identified in both the recent Internal Audit and the audit carried out by the Local Government Audit Service. Ms Donnelly informed members having had discussions with Pobal that part of this underspend can be used to fund the recruitment of an Intercultural Worker for Ukrainians subject to the LCDC members approval.

This by proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly, seconded by Cllr T.P. O'Reilly and approved by the LCDC members. The Chief Officer, Mr John Donohoe stated that formal approval would be sought from the Department for same.

5. Presentation from Ms. Jane Crudden, Peace Programme Manager

PEACEPLUS is the next PEACE programme building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTEREG programmes.

PEACEPLUS Partnerships will be established in each individual local authority area in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties.

Cavan County Council is currently establishing a new PEACEPLUS Partnership for the new PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027. The PEACEPLUS Partnership will oversee the design and implementation of a co-designed overarching PEACEPLUS Action Plan for our area.

Ms. Jane Crudden, Peace Programme Manager gave a presentation on the PEACEPLUS programme and following the presentation a discussion took place in relation to Cavan Co Council seeking 3 nominations from the LCDC as a Statutory Body representative of the new PEACEPLUS Partnership in Cavan County Council area.

It was proposed by Cllr. T.P. Smith and seconded by Ms. Bridget Boyle that PEACEPLUS Partnership will write to the following bodies requesting nominees

- Cavan Monaghan Education Training Board
- Cavan County Council
- Children and Young People Services Committees (CYPSC)

6. AOB

The Chair advised that there would be a combined meeting for June and July and that this would be on 12th July 2022. There was no further business and the meeting concluded.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place on 26th May 2022.

Signed: 
Chairman

Date: 26th May 2022