

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 9th February 2017

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Council Chamber

Present: Tommy Ryan (Chairman), Cllr Paddy O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Cllr Paddy McDonald (Elected Member), John Kearney (Cavan Monaghan ETB), , Carmel Denning (DSP), Mary Rose Smith (HSE), Jim Reilly (Community & Voluntary Interests), Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Fintan McCabe (Environmental Interests), Seamus McGrath (Disability Interests), Ada Vance (Women's Issues), Gerry McDonagh (Cootehill Chamber of Commerce). Ashling Tobin (Youth Issues). Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.),

Apologies: Marcella Rudden (Local Enterprise Office) Catherine McCollum (Agricultural and Farming Interests),

In attendance: Eoin Doyle (Cavan County Council), John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Sinéad Tormey (Cavan County Council), Theresa Tierney (Cavan County Council), Brendan Reilly (Implementing Partner) Elaine Halpin (Implementing Partner)

The Chair (Mr Tommy Ryan) opened the meeting and read out the apologies.

1. Minutes of meeting of 24th November 2016

On the proposal of Cllr Clifford and seconded by Mr Fintan McCabe the minutes of the meeting of 24th November 2016 were approved.

Matters Arising

2. Revised Guidelines for Operation of LCDC's:

The Chief Officer informed the group that Revised Ministerial Guidelines for the Operation of LCDC's has issued from the Department of Housing. These take account of learning from 2 year of operation of the LCDCs and have been circulated to all members. The main items that have been updated in the guidelines relate to membership. There will be a review of the membership of Cavan LCDC in Summer 2017 and we will look at any amendments necessary to our LCDC but we are in compliance with membership requirements as detailed

in revised guidelines. There will also be a national review of LCDCs in 2017 and our own review will need to be seen in that context.

The Chief Officer further advised that there will also be further guidance on strengthening the links between PPNs and the LCDC. The Department have undertaken to consult with local authorities on this but they have suggested that the PPN coordinator be invited to LCDC meetings.

The revised guidelines also recommend that Conflict of Interest is dealt with as standing item for each meeting of the LCDC. Again, it has been indicated that further guidance will be issued by the Department on this later in the year.

3. Conflict of Interest:

The Chairman advised that the matter of Conflict of Interest will now be a standing item on the LCDC agenda. A Conflict of interest policy has been developed consistent with that for the LAG. Members should also be aware that the Declaration of interests and non-disclosure of information developed for the LAG also apply to the LCDC itself.

All members should be familiar with the provisions of the conflict of interest policy and in particular the process for declaring conflicts of interest.

4. SICAP

The Chief Officer informed the group that The SICAP sub-committee met on the 2nd February and considered the Headline Indicator Report figures presented by the Programme Implementer. Ms Pauline Perry from Pobal, attended the meeting and gave some feedback on the Headline Indicator Report. Formal Feedback has also been circulated to the members. In summary the Programme Implementer has exceeded or achieved the KPI-1 and KPI-2 target at 100.8% and 114% respectively. As these were met and based on the information provided Pobal recommend that the LCDC can approve the End of Year Review and no remedies are being applied for the non achievement of targets. A number of headline indicators were not met in particular HI-3, HI-5, HI-7 and HI-13.

The sub-committee discussed in detail the report provided by the Programme Implementer and Pobal Feedback. The sub-committee did note that there was a difficulty in meeting the targets in respect of young people and there was a

discussion on this. A recommendation was made that this would be focussed on by the LCDC in it's work programme for 2017 with some presentations to be made by the Programme Implementer to the LCDC on the needs of young people that can be addressed by SICAP and the need for a cross agency approach. The sub-committee are recommending that the End of Year report for 2016 be approved by the LCDC.

On the proposal of Cllr Paddy O Reilly and seconded by Mr Fintan McCabe the SICAP End of Year report as presented for 2016 was approved.

5. PEACE IV

Ms Jane Crudden gave an update on the current position Peace IV funding and circulated the assessment and recommendations on funding made under the Shared Spaces and Services measure. She sought Board approval for the following:

- a. Letter of Offer

Approved by Cllr Clifford Kelly and Seconded By Fintan McCabe

- b. Approval of projects under Shared Spaces & Services measure

Conflict of Interest

Jim Maguire declared a Conflict of Interest on a Project for discussion under Shared Spaces and Services Measures which was duly noted and registered. He left the room while the projects were being discussed and returned thereafter. Ms Crudden advised that a total of €963,385 (subject to funding being approved) may be allocated to this measure. The minimum level of funding available per project will be €200,000.

Ms Crudden advised that the following Groups scored the highest:

Applicant Name/Group	Amount approved	Project Proposal
Cavan Co Museum	€380,300	Build a shared space linked to the museum to facilitate the ongoing development of the museum in the area of Shared History and enhance cross community relations
Town Hall Cavan	€247,600	To create a shared space that facilitates a broad range of the arts: Including theatre, visual art, literature, music, dance & film

Bailieborough Development Association	€335,388	This proposal represents phase 2 of a 3 phase redevelopment of the former courthouse as a shared community space. Phase 2: Multi-purpose shared community space, performance space to cater for: school of music, choirs & playwrights. History & heritage displays
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Ms Crudden explained that the projects were assessed and scored in accordance with SEUPB Guidelines and the projects on the waiting list will only be funded if there is an underspend on the above projects. These projects are as follows:

Waiting List No. 1: Cavan Gaels GAA

Waiting List No. 2: County Cavan Rugby Football Club

Waiting List No. 3: St Brigids National School, Redhills Parents Association

Waiting List No. 4: Cootehill Theatre Group

Ms Crudden explained that she met with most of the community groups to assist them with their application forms. Ms Crudden informed the group that small grants totalling €600k will become available under the Children & Young people and building Positive relations measure. This will be broken down into small grants ranging from €1,000 to €50,000 to groups. Ms Crudden commented that she hopes this will be open for applications in April / May 2017.

The Chairman concluded that 14th February is the submission date for the agreed project applications.

On the proposal of Mr Jim Reilly, seconded by Cllr Paddy McDonald the 3 priority projects as outlined by Ms Crudden were approved. It was noted and agreed that the unsuccessful projects will remain on a waiting list. It was also agreed that should monies become available within the current allocation the projects on the waiting list may also be funded in order of priority.

6. LCDC 2016 Annual Report

A draft report was circulated to the members and member's approval is sought for the Report. Under Section 128(B) of the Local Government Act, 2001, the LCDC is required to prepare and submit an annual report to the Local Authority

by the end of March each year. The Annual Report is required to outline progress on LCDC functions and the implementation of the LECP. The Draft report was agreed.

7. LECP Update

The Chief Officer summarised the Cavan LECP Community Implementation Plan 2016 was circulated to members.

He advised that the highlights from 2016 were:

- Significant progress on Community and Sports facility audit, along with a complete review of the community groups register.
- Cavan LEADER LDS approved by Department and programme commenced
- PEACE IV Programme Letter of Offer issued
- Volunteer Information Service in place in Cavan
- Work commenced on new Joint Policing Committee Plan
- Youth Network established by CMETB and significant work undertaken on developing a Youth Work Plan
- Increase in numbers participating in Comhairle na nÓg
- Expansion of Community Transformation Programme through Cavan Sports Partnership
- Drugs and Alcohol Forum established for County Cavan
- Significant new Rural Transport services introduced by CMTCU
- New LCDC Equality subgroup established
- Disability Network established in March 2016
- New Age Friendly County Strategy drafted
- 10 tonnes of household hazardous waste was collected in the county at a waste prevention event in Corranure in February.


Mr Fintan McCabe questioned as to whether there was any details on the expenditure on each of these items.

The Chief Officer said he would look into this and see if it would be possible to provide figures at the next meeting.

8. AOB

Ms Hannigan suggested to the group that 1 hour was not long enough for the LCDC meetings as there is so much to get through.

The next meeting will be held on the 23rd March 2017 at 2p.m. in the Chamber.

Signed:  Date: 23rd March 2017
Chairman