

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 25th November 2021

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Statutory

Mr. Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council, Chairperson), Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Ms Marcella Rudden (LEO), Mr John Kearney (CMETB)

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company), Ms Ada Vance (Women's Interests), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Mr Tirloch O'Brien (Environmental Interests), Ms Bridget Boyle (Community & Voluntary Interests), Ms Carmel Denning (Dept of EA & SP).

Apologies:

Ms Aisling Tobin, Cllr. Clifford Kelly, Ms Mary Rose Smith, Ms Marisa Goldstone.

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. Catriona O'Reilly (Cavan County Council).

The Chair (Mr Brendan Jennings) opened the meeting and read out the apologies. He welcomed Ms. Catriona O'Reilly, Arts Officer, Cavan County Council to the meeting. He also noted that Ms Mary Rose Smith would be replaced on the committee, and he thanked her for her dedication over the last 7 years. He also stated that a letter would be sent on behalf of the members to Ms Smith to acknowledge her work on the committee.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Ms. Marcella Rudden and seconded by Cllr. T.P O'Reilly.

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. Cavan Monaghan Arts and Health Forum

A presentation was given by Ms. Catriona O'Reilly Arts Officer in relation to the Cavan Monaghan Arts and Health Forum. The forum is made up of members from Cavan & Monaghan County Council Arts Office, Mental Health Service, Cavan County Council's Social Inclusion Unit, Healthy Ireland, Cavan & Monaghan CYPSC, CCLD, Local Arts in Education and Music Generation and Cavan Monaghan Education Training Board. Ms O'Reilly spoke about the forum's core values and objectives and gave an overview of recent projects. She informed the Committee that the forum were one of 20 projects out of 276 applications who were awarded public sector innovation funding.

Mr Terry Hyland thanked Ms O'Reilly and stated that Cavan County Local Development really value the collaboration with the Arts & Health Forum and that the work done on the ground has real impact.

The Chair also thanked Ms. O'Reilly for attending the meeting and acknowledged the work being carried out by the Arts & Health Forum.

5. LECP Guidelines

The LECP guidelines were launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development recently. A copy of the guidelines were forwarded to all members in advance of the meeting. The Chief Officer, Mr John Donohoe gave an overview of the new guidelines and explained that there was going to be a lot of work involved in 2022 in relation to preparing the next Local Economic & Community Plan for the County. The existing LECP will have to be reviewed to determine what was achieved and what

worked. An Advisory Group with members of the LCDC and the Economic SPC will be established. It will be a requirement to complete a Socio-Economic statement and this will involve a consultation process. A very specific high-level framework will also have to be prepared.

The Chair also stated the importance of the LECP and that it sits alongside the County Development Plan. He also reminded the Committee about LECP Introductory Event schedule for 9th December 2021 and encouraged members to attend.

6. Communities Activities Fund

The Chief Officer informed the members that the Community Activities Fund was launched recently. He explained that this €9m fund is being provided by the Government to support community and voluntary groups impacted by Covid-19. It will be allocated under the Department's Community Enhancement Programme and in order to ensure there is sufficient flexibility to allow funding to be targeted to where it is needed in each Local Authority area it will be administered locally by the LCDCs. Cavan received an allocation of €269,500.

The Community Activities Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with their non-pay running costs, and they will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities and purchase equipment. The deadline for applications will be 14th February 2022. Cllr T.P O'Reilly asked was there a minimum or maximum grant amount and The Chief Officer informed him that there was none stated in the guidelines.

7. PEACE Programme

The Chief Officer gave an update on PEACE Plus, he informed the members that the consultants were continuing their work and that it would be Q3 of 2022 before there would be a call for funding.

8. SICAP Update

The Quarter 3 SICAP Progress Report was circulated to the members by email in advance of the meeting. Mr. Terry Hyland, Chief Executive Officer, Cavan County Local Development Company explained that Quarter 3 of 2021 had been very busy and he asked the members to let him know if they had any queries on the progress report. The contents of the report were noted by the members.

9. Approval of SICAP Service Providers/Sub-contractors

Mr Terry Hyland provided details of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by Cavan County Local Development Company.

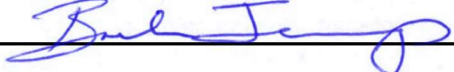
The List was proposed by Cllr. T.P O'Reilly and seconded by Ms. Connie Whelan.

AOB

The Chair informed members about the upcoming Christmas Market that is taking place in The Conaty Centre at St Patrick's College, Cavan on December 11th & 12th 2021.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th February 2022 online via Microsoft Teams.

Signed: 
Chairman

Date: 2nd March 2022