

MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015
in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan

Present

Statutory

John McEnteggart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board
Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Eugene Cummins	Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council

Non Statutory

Gabriel O'Connell	Monaghan Integrated Development
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network
Noel Carney	Community & Voluntary - Heritage Network
Packie Kelly	Social Inclusion – Teach na nDaoine
Emer Brennan	Environment – County Monaghan Network of Tidy Towns Groups

Apologies:

Micheal Treanor	Business Community
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions
Breege Lenihan	Community & Voluntary –County Monaghan Community Network
Jim Manning	Department of Social Protection
Paul Clifford	Chief Officer, Director of Economic & Community Development, Monaghan Co. Co.

In Attendance

Fintan McPhillips	Senior Executive Officer, Monaghan County Council
Bernie Bradley	Development Officer, Monaghan County Council
Carol Lambe	Development Officer, Monaghan County Council
Maire Cullinan	Economic Co-ordinator, Monaghan LEO
Ann Murray,	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council
Gillian Costello,	Clerical Officer, Monaghan County Council

1. Welcome

Emer Brennan, Chairperson welcomed everyone. In the absence of Chief Officer, Paul Clifford, it was proposed by Packie Kelly and seconded by David Maxwell that Fintan McPhillips would act as Chief Officer for today's meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 20th January, 2015.

On the proposal of John McEnteggart, seconded by Gabriel O'Connell the Minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 20th January, 2015, were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

Page 2 of the minutes referenced the SICAP evaluation process. The acting Chief Officer advised that the ratification of the tender will be addressed at today's meeting.

Page 3 of the minutes referred to the Leader Programme. The acting Chief Officer advised that guidelines from the department in relation LEADER are awaited.

4. SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)

- Ratification of SICAP Tender

The chairperson asked that anyone attending that had a conflict of interest should leave the meeting. Gabriel O'Connell and Cllr. Seamus Coyle absented themselves.

Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, Monaghan County Council presented the evaluation sub-committee report *"Monaghan LCDC, Presentation on Invitation to Tender for Delivery of Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme"*

The report was presented to the committee of the board outlining the evaluation process and the recommendation to the LCDC which was; *"following the evaluation process the evaluation sub-committee proposes that as the tender submitted by Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd. has met the minimum tender requirements as set out by POBAL across the 6 criteria outlined in the invitation to tender, and that it was the only tender received the evaluation sub-committee recommends that Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd. is awarded the contract to deliver the SICAP programme in County Monaghan."*

Following a lengthy debate on the matter the Committee expressed their concerns on the following issues:-

- The level and content of clarification given by the tenderer during the process.
- The award criteria that sought minimal information and required limited information to be submitted by the tenderer.
- That potential duplication could be a consequence of the process, as it appeared that a certain level of the bid proposal may already be delivered by others.
- The inadequacy of guidance and clarification given by Pobal.

It was agreed;

1. That this programme is closely monitored and that concerns on any perceived duplication are addressed by the tenderer.
2. The tenderer make a work plan presentation to the committee at the next LCDC meeting and as required thereafter.

It was agreed that the roll out of the tender proposal would be closely monitored for the duration of its contract, as required by the contract. Any perceived duplication of programme work that may be provided by other service providers would warrant further consideration. Although some dissatisfaction was expressed with the programme in general, including the proposal submitted by the tenderer, it was generally accepted that a decision to delay or withhold a recommendation of the evaluation subcommittee could perhaps jeopardise funding for the programme and the region.

The committee noted that the Local Community Development Committee is charged with responsibility for local community development and that each stakeholder must be a willing player taking guidance and direction for the LCDC.

In the context of the above, and notwithstanding the concerns of the committee it was agreed to award the contract to deliver the SICAP programme in County Monaghan to Monaghan Integrated Development Limited.

5. Socio Economic Framework Document

Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, Monaghan County Council presented the Socio-Economic Framework Consultation Process.

The report was circulated to the committee outlining the process and Ms Bradley requested that all committee members focus on key areas within their own sector. If, following that, it transpires that any key areas have been omitted from this consultation process, the members were requested to advise the Chief Officer accordingly and it will be addressed.

6. Presentation on Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Fintan McPhillips, Senior Executive Officer, Monaghan County Council made a presentation on the lead into the upcoming Local Economic Community Plan.

The presentation was circulated to the board outlining the LECP, the background, process, purpose and key principles.

7. Any Other Business

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

CHAIRPERSON