

MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th November, 2015
in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan

Present

Statutory

John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board
Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council
Pat Dolan	Department of Social Protection
Paul Clifford	Director of Services, Monaghan County Council

Non Statutory

Gabriel O'Connell	Monaghan Integrated Development
Packie Kelly	Social Inclusion – Teach na nDaoine
Emer Brennan	Environment – County Monaghan Network of Tidy Towns Groups
Breege Lenihan	Community & Voluntary – County Monaghan Community Network
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network

Apologies:

John McEntegart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
Noel Carney	Community & Voluntary - Heritage Network
Michael Treanor	Business Community

In Attendance

Fintan McPhillips	L.C.D.C. Chief Officer, Monaghan County Council
Bernie Bradley	Development Officer, Monaghan County Council
Ann Murray	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council

1. Welcome

Emer Brennan, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015.

On the proposal of Cllr. Brian McKenna seconded by John McEntegart the minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015, were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer referred to a decision taken by the LCDC at their last meeting when members agreed to alter the contract on the delivery of the SICAP programme to accept the “Lot Targets” and request Pobal to make a change to the IRIS system to reflect the revised position. Fintan informed members that Pobal had confirmed that the original target set out in the tender and contract cannot be changed, however, the LCDC can accept that there was a genuine mistake made by the PI and this will then be taken into consideration at the end of the year when these higher targets cannot be achieved.

4. SICAP Update followed by Presentation on Steadfast House SICAP Art Project.

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that unfortunately due to time frames the presentation on Steadfast House SICAP Art Project was not taking place at this meeting but would be rescheduled to a future LCDC meeting.

SICAP 2015 End of Year Review

The Chief Officer circulated the procedure setting out the step by step process for the SICAP 2015 End of Year Review and the SICAP Annual Plan for 2016.

He informed the members that the SICAP contract runs until 2017 but is subject to an annual performance review and the meeting of specific service targets. The LCDC is responsible for carrying out the performance review, with Pobal having a support role as DECLG’s agent.

The principal criteria to be evaluated at the End of Year Review will be delivery against the targets for the KPIs and compliance with Schedule D of the contract in terms of remaining within the set goal costs % and the maximum administration cost %.

SICAP Annual Plan for 2016

Each Programme Implementer is required to prepare and submit their 2016 Annual Plan. The Annual Plan format will be the same as that used for the 2015 Annual Plan. The 2016 Annual Plan should be co-ordinated with the Local Economic and Community Plan (or draft).

Following a discussion on the matter a number of issues as follows were raised by members:-

- Has issues with the IRIS Reporting System been rectified.
- Members asked if the staff would put together a glossary of acronyms relating to all the new programmes that were being rolled out e.g. SICAP, LECP, LEADER etc.

5. Local Economic and Community Plan Update

Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, Community Development Section, Monaghan County Council delivered a very comprehensive presentation to members on the development of the Community element of the 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan. She informed the members that the LCDC aims to increase the capacity of communities and individuals in County Monaghan to participate in all social, educational and economic opportunities in order to positively contribute to the wellbeing of the population. This will be achieved through delivery of the following 6 Thematic

High Level Goals, the draft strategic objectives and actions included in the Draft Community Action Plan:-

1. Economic Development & Employment
2. Education, Training and lifelong learning
3. Social and Economic infrastructure
4. Civic participation
5. Social Inclusion
6. Culture and Heritage

A copy of the presentation and Draft LECP Community Action Plan which sets out the objectives, actions, outputs, Lead Partners, Support Agencies and Timescale was circulated to each member of the LCDC for their information and Members were asked for their input into the finalised plan for County Monaghan.

6. Leader – including Working Group update

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer confirmed that the Leader Liaison Working Group had met to review the draft Priorities for the LEADER Local Development Strategy. The committee had a discussion on the draft document and following a lengthy discussion on the draft document the Working Group recommended the document and agreed to seek endorsement from the LCDC. The draft Priorities for the LEADER Local Development Strategy and the Vision for the Local Development Strategy were circulated to members.

Gabriel O’Connell, MID, presented the draft LEADER Priorities under the Leader Themes and Sub Themes.

Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

- Rural Tourism
- Enterprise Development
- Rural Towns
- Broadband

Theme 2: Social Inclusion

- Basic Services targeted at the hard to reach communities
- Rural Youth 15-35

Theme 3: Rural Environment

- Protection and sustainable use of water resources
- Protection and improvement of Local Biodiversity
- Development of Renewal Energy

Gabriel confirmed that the Draft Priorities were based on Area Profile – Needs Analysis Priorities and as a direct result of the recent Public Consultation meetings – Needs Analysis Priorities.

Following a discussion on the draft LEADER Priorities document and the importance of linking the Local Economic and Community Plan with the Local Development Strategy and actions to be delivered under the SICAP Programme.

The Priorities LEADER Priorities document was unanimously approved by members present on the proposal of Packie Kelly, seconded by Paul Clifford.

8. A.O.B.

The Chief Officer referred members to a document circulated with the Agenda which sets out the operational protocol between the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and the Department of Social Protection regarding referrals to the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme. Gabriel O’Connell, PI, MID and Pat Dolan, DSP both confirmed that there was a good working relationship between both organisations in relation to the SICAP Programme.

9. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that due to the number of items that will be required to be dealt with at the next next LCDC meeting to start the meeting at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 8th December, 2015, in M:TEK I. The Vice Chairperson Robert Wilson to chair the meeting in the absence of Emer Brennan

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

CHAIRPERSON