

**MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**  
**in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan**

**Present**

**Statutory**

John McEntegart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board
Eugene Cummins	Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
Pat Dolan	Department of Social Protection

**Non Statutory**

Gabriel O'Connell	Monaghan Integrated Development
Noel Carney	Community & Voluntary - Heritage Network
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
Michael Treanor	Business Community
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network

**Apologies:**

Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council

**In Attendance**

Fintan McPhillips	Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Monaghan County Council
Ann Murray	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council

**1. Welcome**

Emer Brennan, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Pat Dolan, Department of Social Protection who is replacing Jim Manning as the DSP representative on the LCDC.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Brian McKenna seconded by John McEntegart the Minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, were confirmed.

**3. Matters arising**

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer informed the meeting that the Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals and the Leader Programme would be dealt with later in the meeting.

#### **4. Circular AL 2/2015 which outlines the protocol for engagement between the LCDC Structure and Local Structures/Committees engagement –**

- Request from Cavan Monaghan Transport Co-ordination Unit to agree protocol between LCDC and CMTCU.

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer, circulated Department Circular AL 2/2015 and Protocol template to members, he outlined the importance of having a procedure for a joint protocol between the LCDC and other relevant local statutory structures or committees. He stressed the importance of having buy-in and commitment to the development and implementation of the community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan.

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that he had received a request from the Manager of Cavan Monaghan Transport Co-ordination Unit Ltd., requesting that consideration be given by the LCDC as to the mechanisms that could be put in place to support the CMTCU engagement in the process.

It was agreed that the Chief Officer meet with the Manager of Cavan Monaghan TCU and agree a joint protocol between the LCDC and the Cavan Monaghan TCU and bring a proposal back to the LCDC for consideration.

#### **5. SICAP**

- **Draft Terms of Reference Monaghan SICAP Sub Group**
- **SICAP 2015 Annual Plan**
- **Second Tranche of SICAP Funding to MIDL**
- **Proposed Draft Protocols between LCDC and MIDL**

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer circulated Draft Terms of Reference for Monaghan LCDC SICAP Sub Group and proposed to members that this Sub Group would work on behalf of Monaghan LCDC as per the draft terms of reference circulated.

The Chairperson invited members on to the LCDC SICAP Sub Group:-  
The following members were nominated to the SICAP Sub Group:-

- Packie Kelly
- John Kearney
- John McEnteggart

Gabriel O'Connell, Monaghan Integrated Development raised an issue they had in relation to the employment of Sub Contractors to deliver small pieces of work under the SICAP Programme.

It was agreed that the SICAP Sub Group would meet and discuss this and make a recommendation to the LCDC for approval.

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer confirmed that the SICAP 2015 Annual Plan had been uploaded on to the IRIS System, a lot of work had been put into this by both Monaghan County Council and Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd., there had been some initial problems, but these have now been resolved on the Council's side. Gabriel O'Connell reported that there were still a number of on-going problems on MIDL's end with the system still not fully functioning. It was agreed to raise this issues with Pobal.

Following approval of the SICAP 2015 Annual Plan by LCDC and Pobal the second tranche of SICAP Funding has been paid to Monaghan Integrated Development.

## 6. Approval of the Draft Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals following Public Consultation.

A copy of report and revised Draft Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals following the Public Consultation period were circulated to members for their information. The Chief Officer informed the LCDC members that he had received an additional proposed change from the Economic Team to the Draft High Level Goal as follows – remove “**job creation**” and replace with “**enterprise**”:-

*To develop and promote a positive image of Count Monaghan as a place to live, invest and visit in order to maximise and sustain economic activity, **enterprise** and employment in the county.*

Following a discussion on the matter Members unanimously agreed to replace enterprise with “Entrepreneurial Spirit”. New High Level Goal to read as follows:-

*To develop and promote a positive image of Count Monaghan as a place to live, invest and visit in order to maximise and sustain economic activity, entrepreneurial spirit and employment in the county.*

## 7. Leader Programme

The Chief Officer informed the members that an allocation of €7.6m had been agreed for County Monaghan. Agreement had also been reached on Heads of Agreement between Monaghan County Council and Monaghan Integrated Development for the operation of Leader in the county. As a result a single Expression of Interest had been submitted to the Department by the LCDC. IT is expected that assessment of applications would take place shortly and a decision will be made during July, 2015. It is anticipated that notification to commence development of a Local Development Strategy for the county will follow shortly thereafter. A Presentation on the Leader (Rural Development Programme) 2014-2020 was circulated to members.

The Timescales are set out as follows:-

- May, 2015 – Expression of Interest – LCDC & MIDL
- July, 2015 – Confirmation of LAG
- July – Nov, 2015 – Local Development Strategy
- Jan. 2016 - Call for Proposals/Projects

## 8. Other Funding Programmes

- **Peace IV (2014-2020)** – still awaiting final guidelines
- **Interreg (2014-2020)** - application process has commenced
- **Dormant Accounts Funding** – on-line application process opens 1<sup>st</sup> July – closing date 12 noon on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015

Details on the above funding programmes were circulated to members for their information.

## 9. Redz (Rural Economic Development Zone)

A copy of Circular letter from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government regarding the Redz funding programme was circulated to members. The Chief Officer, Fintan McPhillips explained that there was an allocation of €2 million euro available to fund a number of pilot projects on a regional basis, this funding came about as a result of extensive research carried out by and evidence presented in the CEDRA (Commission for Economic Development of Rural Areas) Report which demonstrated that there is a clear beneficial relationship between towns and surrounding rural areas. Funding would be made available to pilot projects with suitable initiatives. Closing date for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015.

**10. Any Other Business**

The Chief Office, Fintan McPhillips informed the members that he had been advised that Mary Mullen had been appointed Chairperson of the Board of Monaghan Integrated Development.

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next LCDC meeting to take place at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015, in M:TEK I.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAIRPERSON**