

MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015
in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan

Present

Statutory

John McEntegart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
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

Apologies:

Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
Noel Carney	Community & Voluntary - Heritage Network
Michael Treanor	Business Community
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network

In Attendance

Fintan McPhillips	L.C.D.C. Chief 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, 1st September, 2015.

On the proposal of Cllr. Brian McKenna seconded by John McEntegart the minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 1st September, 2015, were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer informed the meeting that following requests to enter a protocol with the LCDC from the National Collective of Community Based Women's Network – Blaney Blades and Dochas for Women (NCCWN) and the Cavan Monaghan Transport Co-ordination Unit (CMTCU), discussions will commence with these groups over the next few weeks and a recommendation will be made to the LCDC.

The Chief Officer informed the members that the Department have confirmed that c €60,000 would be made available for the preparation of the Leader Local Development Strategy.

4. Local Economic and Community Plan update

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that in preparation for our LCDC six year Local Economic and Community Plan for the county the LCDC hosted a very successful key stakeholder workshop in the Hillgrove Hotel, on Tuesday 22 September. Key stakeholders identified objectives and actions that will flow from the high level goals identified earlier in the process. It is anticipated that a draft Community Plan will be considered by the LECP Sub Committee and this will then be available to members for consideration at the November LCDC meeting. The Chief Officer confirmed that the Economic Element of the Plan was also being prepared at present. Paul Clifford informed the members that a skills audit was also being carried out at the moment with the top 50 companies in County Monaghan to establish training requirements.

5. Leader Programme Presentation

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer welcomed Marianne McEneaney, Leader and Gabriel O'Connell, MIDL, who each gave a very comprehensive presentation on the Leader Programme. Copies of the Presentation were circulated to members. Gabriel reported that six Public Consultation meetings had taken place across the county with over 150 people attending; 50 online submissions had also been received.

Following presentations members expressed the following concerns:-

- Need to ensure all funding allocated to Monaghan for the Leader Programme is spent
- Query if funding is to be paid to Community Groups retrospectively.
- Level of Match Funding for Community Group projects.

Working Group for LDS Development & Implementation

A copy of Draft Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Working Group to oversee the development and implementation of the Local Development Strategy was circulated to members for their consideration. In order to ensure that the planning and implementation of the LEADER 2014-2020 programme is an effective partnership between and among the three organisations involved: the LCDC, Monaghan Integrated Development, and Monaghan County Council. It was proposed that the Working Group be made up of a small group of people 3 – 5 from the organisations involved. Following a discussion it was agreed that two members from each organisation make up the Working Group. Nominations were invited to represent the LCDC, it was agreed that Brian Treanor and Packie Kelly represent the LCDC on the LDS Working Group. Monaghan Integrated Development and Monaghan County Council to each nominate two representatives to this Working Group.

6. SICAP Review

The Chief Officer informed the members that Monaghan LCDC SICAP sub group met earlier in the afternoon to consider the midterm review that was conducted on SICAP in Monaghan. All issues were discussed and a detailed report on the operation of SICAP in Monaghan to date was delivered by the Programme Implementer (PI), Monaghan Integrated Development, and a copy of this report was circulated to members. The sub group expressed its satisfaction with the mid-term review and the operation of SICAP to date and looked forward to the roll out of the next phase of the programme in 2016 and beyond.

An element of the discussion took place around the issue of the targets as set out in the report. The PI explained the reason for the difference in the two sets of targets. The sub group considered the matter and decided to recommend to the full LCDC that the LCDC agree to alter the contract on delivery of SICAP

to accept the "Lot Targets" and to request Pobal to make a change to the IRIS system to reflect the revised position. This was agreed unanimously.

The Chief Officer informed members that Pobal had also carried out their mid-term review of Monaghan's SICAP programme and were happy with the delivery of the programme.

Gabriel O'Connell, Monaghan Integrated Development referred to on-going difficulties they were having with the IRIS Online system, which had been reported to Pobal weekly but the problems were still on-going.

Gabriel O'Connell asked the State Agency members for their support in relation to referrals to SICAP Programme Implementers.

7. A.O.B.

It was confirmed that Paul Clifford has been ratified by Monaghan County Council to replace Eugene Cummins on the LCDC.

8. Date of next meeting

The next LCDC meeting to take place at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 10th November, 2015, in M:TEK I.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

CHAIRPERSON