

MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st September, 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
Pat Dolan	Department of Social Protection
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive

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
Michael Treanor	Business Community
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions

Apologies:

Eugene Cummins	Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council
Noel Carney	Community & Voluntary - Heritage Network
Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council

In Attendance

Fintan McPhillips	Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Monaghan County Council
Paul Clifford	Director of Services, Monaghan County Council
Ann Murray	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council

1. Welcome

Emer Brennan, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. A vote of sympathy was unanimously passed with Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council and LCDC Member, on the death of his brother Ken.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 30th June, 2015.

On the proposal of Brian Treanor seconded by John McEntegart the Minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 30th June, 2015, were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer informed the meeting that the SICAP Sub Committee met in July to discuss and agree recommendations to the LCDC in relation to the SICAP Programme. The Chief Officer stated that this matter would be further discussed under item 6 of the agenda.

The Chief Officer also informed the members that following the previous LCDC meeting on 30th June, 2015, the Department had approved the LCDC's Expression of Interest (EOI) in the Leader Programme approving Monaghan LCDC to be the Local Action Group (LAG) on this Programme, with Monaghan Integrated Development being the delivery partner and Monaghan County Council being the financial partner.

4. Development of Monaghan LCDC Website

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that a new Monaghan LCDC website had been set up and it was proposed to launch same at today's meeting. The website will be a useful tool in disseminating information in relation to the LCDC's programmes e.g. Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, Local Economic & Community Plan, Leader etc., The site can be accessed via www.monaghanlcdc.ie Rory Geary, photographer with the Northern Standard took a photograph of the LCDC members to mark the launch.

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

- Request from Blayney Blades and Dochas for Women to agree protocol between LCDC and NCCWN

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer, referred to Department Circular AL 2/2015 which outlines the protocol for engagement between the LCDC and Local Structures/Committees engagement. He informed the meeting that he had received a request from Blayney Blades and Dochas for Women requesting that consideration be given by the LCDC as to the mechanisms that could be put in place to support the women's groups engagement in the process. It was agreed that the Chief Officer meet with Blayney Blades and Dochas for Women and agree a joint protocol between the LCDC and the Women's groups and bring a proposal back to the LCDC for consideration. The Chief Officer 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.

Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, LG 06/2015: AL 04/2015 on Local Economic and Community Plans

The Chief Officer, Fintan McPhillips referred to Guidance Notes from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, LG 06/2015: AL 04/2015 on Local Economic and Community Plans which were circulated with the agenda. He confirmed that that the high level goals for the Monaghan's Local Economic and Community Plan had been approved at the last LCDC meeting, and that work was underway on identifying objectives and actions relative to these high level goals. Fintan confirmed that meetings would take place over the next number of weeks with key stakeholders to agree actions, which would then be followed by public consultation meetings which in turn would approve the draft Local Economic & Community Plan, the plan would then be forwarded to Regional Assembly for consideration, before it is brought to the LCDC and the Council for their final approval.

6. SICAP

- **SICAP 2015 Annual Plan**
- **Proposed Draft Protocols between LCDC and MIDL**

SICAP 2015 Annual Plan

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer informed the meeting that a mid-term review of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme was due to be carried out shortly. Pobal has requested that the LCDC should start this review of the Programme after 14th September, 2015, to assess progress and identify any significant gaps that will need to be addressed and also agree a series of actions and timeframes that may need to be undertaken by the Programme Implementer. An update on the SICAP Programme will be presented to members at the next LCDC meeting.

Gabriel O'Connell, Monaghan Integrated Development referred to on-going difficulties they were having with the IRIS Online system which the Programme Implementer use to upload their data for Management Reporting. MID have been reporting this problem to Pobal's technical team on a weekly basis and the problem still remains and this may have an impact on their mid-term review figures.

Gabriel also reported that there was progress on the SICAP Programmes three goals, Goal 1 – Community Development - this was progressing well, Goal 2 – Education, was presenting a challenge as meeting targets would depend on the number of referrals from the ETB and DSP. Goal 3 – Small business start-up - this was also progressing well and they were confident that these targets will be reached for the mid-term review.

Packie Kelly suggested that the LCDC will have to look at the referral process if targets are to be achieved and identify where we could tailor a package targeted at school leavers who didn't progress to third level education. Gabriel O'Connell requested that a copy of a letter from Department to Chief Officers dated 20th August, 2015 be circulated to members, in relation to support and collaboration from State Agencies in relation to referrals to SICAP Programme Implementers.

Proposed Draft Protocols between LCDC and MIDL

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that the SICAP Sub Committee met in July to discuss and agreed a proposed Draft Protocol between LCDC and MIDL in relation to the SICAP Programme. A copy of the Draft Monaghan LCDC and MID Agreed Protocol for Implementation of SICAP was circulated to members, Cllr. B McKenna proposed adoption of Protocol between LCDC and MIDL, this was seconded by Packie Kelly and unanimously agreed by members.

7. Leader Programme

Presentation on update on Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 was circulated to members:

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that since the last meeting the Department had approved the LCDC's Expression of Interest to be the Local Action Group in delivering Leader in Monaghan. Preparatory funding of c €60,000 had been sought from the Department; to date there has been no indication from the Department of how much or when funding will be provided. The Chief Officer stressed to the meeting the importance of attending the Department's Capacity Building Sessions on the Leader Programme and confirmed that expenses would be approved in the usual way.

Gabriel O'Connell gave members an update on the proposed Leader Consultation meetings. A copy of the meetings schedule and press release were circulated to members for their information.

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that he had nominated Gabriel O'Connell to sit on an **Operating Rules Focus Group** that will provide the Forum for feedback on the operating rules for the Leader programme as the process evolves. It is envisaged that this group will be responsible, in cooperation with

the Department, for ensuring that the views of all stakeholders are represented in the operating rules design process.

It was proposed by Gabriel O’Connell that a small working group be established to act as a point of contact between the LCDC and it’s Leader partners, MIDL and MCC, for the development of the LDS. It was agreed that a draft terms of reference for the proposed group would be drawn up and considered by the next LCDC meeting.

8. Any Other Business

The Chief Officer informed the members that he had been advised that the Peace Programme will not commence until December.

9. Date of next meeting

The next LCDC meeting to take place at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 13th October, 2015, in M:TEK I.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

CHAIRPERSON