

**MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**  
**in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan**

**Present**

**Statutory**

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| John McEnteggart    | Monaghan Local Enterprise Office            |
| 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                     |
| Cathal Hand         | Health Service Executive                    |

**Non Statutory**

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| 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 |
| Brian Treanor     | Farming/Agriculture – IFA                                  |

**Apologies:**

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| Cllr. Brian McKenna | Monaghan County Council                                  |
| Micheal Treanor     | Business Community                                       |
| Denis Sheridan      | Trade Unions   |
| Breege Lenihan      | Community & Voluntary –County Monaghan Community Network |
| Jim Manning         | Department of Social Protection                          |

**In Attendance**

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| Paul Clifford     | Chief Officer, Director of Economic & Community Development, Monaghan Co. Co. |
| Fintan McPhillips | Senior Executive Officer, Monaghan County Council                             |
| Bernie Bradley    | Development Officer, Monaghan County Council                                  |
| Carol Lambe       | 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015.**

On the proposal of Packie Kelly, seconded by John McEnteggart the Minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015, were confirmed.

**3. Matters arising**

Fintan McPhillips confirmed that as discussed at the previous LCDC meeting Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd would be delivering a presentation to members on the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme later in the meeting.

#### **4. Chief Officer assignment**

Fintan McPhillips informed the LCDC members that currently Paul Clifford was Chief Officer but this role was now being delegated to him subject to the approval of members, this was agreed unanimously.

#### **5. SICAP (Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme)**

##### **Presentation on work programme by MIDL under the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**

Francis McCarron, Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd., delivered a presentation on Monaghan Integrated Development's current role and their planned work programme under the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015. He set out the high level Goals and objectives which are listed as follows:-

Goal 1 – to support and resource disadvantaged communities and marginalised target groups to engage with relevant local and national stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues.

Goals 2 – To support individuals and marginalised target groups experiencing educational disadvantage so they can participate fully, engage with and progress through life-long learning opportunities through the use of community development approaches.

Goal 3 – To engage with marginalised target groups/individuals and residents of disadvantaged communities who are unemployed but who do not fall within mainstream employment service provision or who are referred to SICAP to move them closer to the labour market and improve work readiness, and support them in accessing employment and self-employment and creating social enterprise opportunities.

The target groups selected were (a) new communities and (b) people with a disability, and this was being addressed through the delivery of a Community Arts programme.

#### **5. Socio Economic Framework Document**

In preparation for Monaghan LCDC Consultation process for the preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan, Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, Monaghan County Council delivered a presentation and circulated the following documents to members:-

- Monaghan LCDC Consultation process for the preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan.
- A brief overview of the Monaghan socio-economic framework document
- Key stakeholders consultation questionnaire
- Community consultation questionnaire

Bernie explained that Monaghan LCDC Consultation process for the preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan will target key Social and Economic Stakeholders in the county, members of the general public, and the Community and Voluntary sector and the consultation period will take place during the month of April.

Bernie went on to say that the socio-economic framework document gives a detailed account of the social and economic profile of county Monaghan and from the most recent data available, it also sets out the key information in the following areas in relation to the county in terms of the following:-

- Who lives in County Monaghan
- Where do they live
- Families
- Education of the population
- Employment
- Unemployment
- Key Services
- Enterprise
- Agriculture
- Tourism
- Disposable Income

Packie Kelly informed members that he had attended a PPN Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> April and the PPN were proposing that a sub Committee would be established to oversee the consultation process, following a lengthy discussion which included reference to timeframes the proposal was withdrawn.

It was agreed that PPN will design and complete a consultation before the end of June.

Fintan McPhillips stressed that there were timeframes to be adhered so as to ensure the Local Economic and Community Plan was in place by October/November.

## **7. Annual Report on LCDC for approval**

Fintan McPhillips, informed the members that the LCDC were required to produce an Annual Report each year and the draft Annual Report for 2014 was circulated to members for their approval, it was approved on the proposal of Cllr. David Maxwell, seconded by Gabriel O'Connell.

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **SICAP**

Fintan McPhillips, confirmed to members that the SICAP Contract was awarded to MIDL and signed on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, and the programme commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015.

Gabriel O'Connell confirmed that there were a number of concerns in relation to the programme and they had been forwarded to the Department who would address these nationally.

### **LEADER**

Fintan McPhillips informed members that the Department had put out a call for expressions of Interest in the Leader Programme 2014-2020. The Department had also recommended that the LCDC become the Local Action Group (LAG) with the Local Development Company as key implementing partner. Fintan confirmed that the closing date for expression of interest is 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

Monaghan Integrated Development Ltd had submitted a proposal to the LCDC that MID and the LCDC submit a joint bid to become the LAG. Monaghan LCDC also submitted a Draft Heads of Agreement to MID that the LCDC become the LAG with MID as sole Implementation Partner.

The Department had informed that Council that the preferred arrangement would be that the LCDC would become that LAG, with the Local Development Company as key implementing partner.

Following a lengthy discussion on the matter it was agreed that the LCDC and MID would meet and attempt to come to an agreement in line with Department guidelines and in the best interest of the county as regards funding. The next meeting was fixed for 12<sup>th</sup> May to allow time for discussion between the LCDC and MID to come to an agreement before the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> May for expressions of interest to be the LAG to be submitted. In the event of agreement not being reached on this, the LCDC agreed to appoint consultancy services to assist in preparation of its expression of interest and Local Development Strategy.

Brian Treanor, LCDC Member on behalf of the Farming Pillar circulated County by County Agri-statistics to LCDC member on behalf of the IFA.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next LCDC meeting to take place at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, in M.Tek 1.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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

**CHAIRPERSON**