

**MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**  
**in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan**

**Present**

**Statutory**

Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
John McEnteggart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board

**Non Statutory**

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
Micheal Treanor	Business Community

**Apologies:**

Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Eugene Cummins	Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions
Breege Lenihan	Community & Voluntary –County Monaghan Community Network
Jim Manning	Department of Social Protection

**In Attendance**

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
Maire Cullinan	Economic Co-ordinator, Monaghan LEO
Ann Murray,	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council
<b>Ann Morgan</b>	<b>Department of Social Protection representing Jim Manning</b>

**1. Welcome**

Emer Brennan, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first LCDC meeting of 2015.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.**

On the proposal of John McEnteggart, seconded by Brian Treanor the Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, were confirmed.

**3. Matters arising**

Page 3 of the minutes referred to the Leader Programme. The Chief Officer confirmed that correspondence had been received from the Department and it would be circulated and discussed later under AOB.

#### **4. SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)**

Pobal reports on the current SIAP Programme rolled out by Monaghan Integrated Development were noted

The Chief Officer informed the members that guidelines had issued to the Local Authority on the SICAP tender evaluation process. The closing date for receipt of Tenders for this Programme was 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, an Evaluation Team was set up consisting of three Council staff members, and an LCDC Evaluation Sub Committee was appointed by the LCDC. The Tenders were assessed and a report was prepared for consideration by the LCDC Evaluation Sub Committee. The Sub Committee then sought clarification from the Tenderer on a number of matters and the closing date for receipt of same is 5pm Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. The SICAP Tender Evaluation Sub Committee will meet that week to consider same.

The LCDC is required to report to Pobal early in the New Year the outcome of the SICAP evaluation process. It was proposed that a meeting of the LCDC take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015, at 4.30 pm to ratify the outcome of the process.

#### **5. Progress on Draft Socio Economic Framework Document**

The Chief Officer, Paul Clifford informed the members that the Draft Socio-Economic Framework Document which had been circulated to members before Christmas would be a very useful resource for the county. The intention is that this document will be maintained as an on-line resource in assisting groups prepare applications for funding etc. The Socio Economic Framework Document contains a data bank on Social & Economic activity throughout the county under a number of headings. The final document will be reviewed regularly on-line, as data is updated.

The Chief Officer asked LCDC members to look at their own area in the document and identify if there are any changes or additions required and notify either himself at [pclifford@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:pclifford@monaghancoco.ie) or Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, at [bbradley@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:bbradley@monaghancoco.ie) with any changes needed. A meeting of the Steering Committee will be organised to ratify the document before it is presented to the full Local Community Development Committee for approval. This document will go on Public Display in two weeks time inviting submissions from the public, through press notices, and input from the Public Participation Networks (PPN's). The Chief Officer and Members thanked Bernie for producing such a useful document.

#### **6. Any other Business**

John Kearney, Cavan Monaghan ETB gave the members a presentation on the role and function of Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board

John replied to a number of queries from Members on the following topics:

- Lack of Training Centres and transport issues in county Monaghan.
- ETB to work with Secondary Schools
- High cost of Apprenticeship courses
- Delivery of Apprenticeships locally
- Need for Apprenticeships/skilled people in the conservation of old buildings
- Need for Apprenticeship Training on poultry farms.

John welcomed the input of the LCDC partners emphasising the need for collaboration between Employers, Local Communities and Strategic Partnerships.

The Chief Officer and members thanked John for his very informative presentation.

## **Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020**

The Chief Officer circulated correspondence dated 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, in relation to the Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020. It stated that Local Action Groups (LAGs) for the RDP will be drawn from Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs), Local Development Companies and other potential groups that emerge locally.

The Government's intention, throughout the Expression of Interest (EOI) and development of the Local Development Strategy stages, is to continue to encourage all potential LAGs to prepare single strategies within local authority areas. The correspondence stated that it will be made clear in the call for expressions of interest that it is preferable that one Local Development Strategy emerge from each area in order to support Government policy for a coherent and integrated approach to local and rural development.

Paul Clifford emphasised that it is government's intention that LCDCs apply to be the LAG, with the Local Development Companies as a key implementation partner. Gabriel O'Connell referred to the established role of the Local Development Companies in previous programmes and ongoing discussions taking place at national and EU level in relation to the matter.

Following a discussion it was agreed to wait on further guidelines from the Department in relation to the Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014-2020.

### **7. Date of next meeting**

The next LCDC meeting was scheduled for 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, February, 2015, in M.Tek 1, Building.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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

**CHAIRPERSON**