

MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th November, 2014
in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan

Present

Statutory

Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Eugene Cummins	Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
John McEntegart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office

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

Apologies:

Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board
Breege Lenihan	Community & Voluntary –County Monaghan Community Network
Jim Manning	Department of Social Protection
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions

In Attendance

Paul Clifford	Chief Officer, Director of Economic & Community Development, Monaghan Co. Co.
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

1. Welcome

Emer Brennan, Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and proposed that we convey our Best Wishes to Breege Lenihan for a speedy recovery.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 28th October, 2014.

Cllr. David Maxwell proposed, Cllr. Seamus Coyle, seconded that the Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 28th October, 2014, be confirmed.

3. Matters arising

The Chief Officer Paul Clifford confirmed that a Nomination to the LCDC Business/Employer interest was on the Council's agenda for approval at the December Council Meeting on 1st December, 2014.

4. SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)

The Pobal reports on the Monaghan Local Development Programme rolled out by Monaghan Integrated Development were circulated to members and noted.

- Establishment of (SICAP) Evaluation Sub Committee

The Chief Officer, Paul Clifford informed the members that the existing Local Community Development Programme will continue to operate on a transitional basis until 31st March, 2015. The closing date for receipt of Tenders for the SICAP Programme is 19th December, 2014. The programme will operate for the period April to December, 2015. Following receipt of tenders and the assessment of same, the LCDC have responsibility to recommend to Pobal early in the New Year the successful company to deliver the SICAP programme.

The Chief Officer informed the members that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had issued guidelines on the SICAP tender evaluation process and part of these guidelines required each LCDC to form a SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee. In addition each Local Authority is required to assign two or three members of staff to a Technical Evaluation Team. The members of the Evaluation Sub-Committee require experience in:-

- Analysing budget and financial accounts
- Understanding and experience of social inclusion/deprivation issues

Nominations were invited for 2-3 LCDC members to serve on the SICAP Tender Evaluation Sub-Committee to join himself and the Council's Head of Finance on this Committee. It was agreed that the following three LCDC members be nominated to this Committee:

Packie Kelly - nominated upon proposal by Emer Brennan, seconded by David Maxwell.

David Maxwell - nominated upon proposal by Emer Brennan, seconded by Seamus Coyle.

Robert Wilson - nominated upon proposal by David Maxwell, seconded by Brian McKenna.

The Chief Officer, Paul Clifford confirmed that a meeting of the SICAP Tender Evaluation Sub-Committee would be organised for the new year.

5. Progress on Draft Socio Economic Framework Document

The Chief Officer, Paul Clifford informed the members that the Draft Socio-Economic Framework Document when complete would be a very useful resource document for the county. It will contain a bank of data bank on Social & Economic activity throughout the county under a number of headings. The final document will be renewed regularly on-line, as data is updated.

The draft document was a work in progress and would go before the sub-committee for recommendation before it is issued to all LCDC members by post in December. Following discussion and agreement at the January LCDC meeting, the draft framework document would be published and a public consultation process would commence.

Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, Monaghan County Council, gave members an update on the content of the draft Socio-Economic Framework document and outlined the sections of the report as follows:-

- **Section One: *Setting the Context***
- Chapter one: Introduction – Overview & Background to Local Government Reform

- **Section Two: *Social demographics of Monaghan***
- Chapter two: Population
- Chapter three: Family Profile

- Chapter four: Education profile
- Chapter five: Employment
- Chapter six: Unemployment
- Chapter seven: Social Exclusion
- Chapter eight: General social information on population of Monaghan

- **Section Three: Economic Profile of county Monaghan**
- Chapter nine: Enterprise
- Chapter ten: Agriculture
- Chapter eleven: Tourism
- Chapter twelve: Infrastructure
- Chapter thirteen: Telecommunications
- Chapter fourteen: Earnings/Disposable income

- Appendices Profiles of Towns and Municipal Districts

Bernie Bradley asked LCDC members if there were any additional areas that they would like to be included in this document as she was hoping to have it completed shortly. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to try and source additional data in relation to the following areas:

- Health
- Migration in particular youth migration
- Quality of life
- Graduate retention rates
- IT supports in schools in the county
- Pre-school facilities

Cathal Hand agreed to see if any relevant data was available in the HSE. Gabriel O Connell said MIDL have data relating to migration and graduate retentions rates in the county.

Bernie Bradley informed members that some data may not be readily available at county level but she would follow up on suggested data.

The Chief Officer informed the members that we were seeking Department of Social Protection data on matching skills of those who are unemployed to match up with the skillset required by employers. It may be possible to carry out a survey in the Social Welfare office to try and gather information on the profile of the population currently on the live register.

6. Any other Business

Gabriel O'Connell informed members that in relation to the Leader Programme a number of meetings had been held at national level dealing with the cross cutting issues. He confirmed that the Department were waiting for the Rural Development Leader Programme to be signed off by the EU. Calls for expression of interest had been held back and this could delay the programme for weeks or even months.

The proposed Administration & Animation budget is 18%, which may be increased to 25% under EU rules. He stated that ILDN and CCMA are lobbying for full 25% to maximise the development support which can be put on the ground. Article 28 admin checks and lead financial partner are still in discussion.

Brian Treanor stressed that communities incur a lot of costs and the challenge is to keep going. Swift implementation of the Leader programme is critical to the rural sector.

The Chief Officer, Paul Clifford informed the members that the Socio-Economic sub-committee would need to meet in December and the SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee would need to meet between 12th and 19th January, 2015.

7. Date of next meeting

The next LCDC meeting was scheduled for 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 20th January, 2015, in M.Tek 1, Building.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
CHAIRPERSON