

MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th October, 2014
in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan

Present

Statutory

Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Eugene Cummins	Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council
John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive

Non Statutory

Gabriel O'Connell	Monaghan Integrated Development
Breege Lenihan	Community & Voluntary –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
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA

Apologies:

Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network
John McEnteggart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
Jim Manning	Department of Social Protection

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. The Chairperson, with the agreement of the meeting, decided at this stage to take item 4 on the agenda and welcomed Cathal Hand who was appointed by the HSE to replace Rose McCaffrey as LCDC representative for the Health Service Executive.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 30th September, 2014.

Cllr. David Maxwell proposed, John Kearney seconded that the Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 30th September, 2014, be confirmed.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Resignation of Rose McCaffrey HSE and appointment of Cathal Hand HSE's Representative on LCDC.

This matter had been dealt with under Agenda Item 1

5. Presentation on SICAP

Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, Monaghan County Council, gave members an overview of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and its current situation.

She informed the members that the Government has supported social inclusion at local level through a number of targeted programmes since the early 1990's. These programmes have been primarily delivered by local development companies. In Monaghan the government social inclusion programmes have been delivered by Monaghan Integrated Development formerly County Monaghan Partnership. The current social inclusion programme (Local Community Development Programme) is due for completion in December 2014.

Under local government reform the new Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), is subject to a two stage tendering process. This tendering process is to be delivered by the LCDC supported and directed by Pobal. Stage one of the tendering process was co-ordinated by Pobal, they invited interested companies to submit an expression of interest in delivering the new SCIAP programme. Applicants were required to meet certain conditions set out by Pobal in order to be accepted to participate in Stage two of the tendering process.

Pobal assessed applicants under stage one and a number of companies were successful in Monaghan. These companies have now received an invitation to tender for delivering the SCIAP programme in county Monaghan. The closing date is December 19th 2014. The LCDC must then establish an assessment panel to assess tenders and make recommendations to the LCDC, the LCDC then agree a recommendation which is subject to approval from Pobal.

Following a number of queries, the members thanked Bernie for her presentation.

6. Update on Draft Socio-Economic Framework Document

Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, Monaghan County Council, gave members a short update on the preparation of the draft Socio-Economic Framework. A small steering committee are working on finalising the document. The data being gathered will present a picture of the social and economic profile of the county, detailing the profile of the population (age, gender, dependency) education attainment, employment/unemployment and profile of the key social inclusion target groups in the county.

Current trends emerging in data include the following:-

- High concentrations of older people
- Increase in numbers of lone parents
- Over 6,000 people signing on the live register; almost 1,000 people engaged in job activation programmes
- 40% of people with disability are over 65
- 4% of population are of Lithuanian nationality

- low educational attainment in particular among males; sharp decline in early school leaving rates over the past ten years

The members thanked Bernie for her presentation. Paul Clifford, Chief Officer confirmed to members that all data would be brought to the LCDC for their input prior to the public consultation process

Paul Clifford, Chief Officer informed the members that Gabriel O’Connell, MIDL, had agreed to step down from the sub-committee preparing the draft Socio-Economic Framework, during the tender process for SICAP.

7. Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020

Paul Clifford, Chief Officer gave a presentation to members on the Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020. The Leader Programme is an EU programme which aims to develop the rural economy through promoting social inclusion, addressing poverty reduction and supporting economic development. The Leader Programme will operate from 2014 – 2020. The DoECLG draft guidelines state that the LCDC will be the Local Action Group (LAG), the Local Authority will be the lead financial partner and the Local Development Company (MIDL) will implement the Programme.

It was agreed that MIDL would commence work on preparing the Local Development Strategy.

8. AOB

Paul Clifford referred to Draft Monaghan County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2014-2019 which had been circulated with the Agenda documents. He informed the members that the draft Development Contribution Scheme takes account of the recent changes in local government structures and the transfer of water services provision to Irish water. It also sets out development contribution charges to be levied on planning permissions in respect of Traffic and Pedestrian Facilities and Community, Recreation & Amenity Facilities. Any comments or recommendation on the draft Scheme should be submitted to the Council’s Senior Planner Adrian Hughes at adrian.hughes@monaghancoco.ie before 5pm on Thursday 20th November, 2014.

Bernie Bradley circulated a copy of Residents Committee Handbook – a user friendly guide to running a successful residents committee.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 25th November, 2014, in M.Tek 1, Building. The members also provisionally agreed that the meeting in December would take place on Tuesday, 16th December, 2014.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHAIRPERSON