

**MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 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

**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
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network
Emer Brennan	Environment – County Monaghan Network of Tidy Towns Groups
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council
Rose McCaffrey	Health Service Executive
John McEnteggart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
Jim Manning	Department of Social Protection
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA

**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
Ann Murray,	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council
Maire Cullinan	Economic Co-ordinator, Monaghan LEO

**1. Welcome**

Paul Clifford, Chief Officer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

With the approval of the members the Chief Officer Paul Clifford decided at this stage to take item 4 on the Agenda - the election of the Chairperson, he asked members for nominations to the position.

*Packie Kelly proposed **Emer Brennan** for the position of Chairperson,  
this was seconded by Gabriel O'Connell.*

Emer Brennan, Environment Representative was elected Chairperson to the LCDC, Emer then took the chair.

The Chief Officer Paul Clifford explained to members that the term of office of LCDC Chairperson was usually a three year term, but as Emer was an LCDC Caretaker Representative nominated by the Community Forum, and as the Forum was being replaced by the Public Participation Network (PPN), nominated Community reps may be replaced or re-elected when the PPN has been set up.

## **2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.**

Denis Sheridan proposed, John Kearney seconded that the Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, be confirmed.

## **3. Matters arising**

With regard to page three of the minutes Packie Kelly asked what the position was with the SICAP, Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. A presentation on the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) was circulated to members for their information and the Chief Officer agreed to include SICAP as an item on the agenda for the next LCDC meeting.

## **4. Election of Vice Chairperson**

The Chairperson, Emer Brennan, invited nominations to the position of Vice Chairperson.

*Cllr. D. Maxwell proposed **Robert Wilson** for Vice Chairperson,  
this was seconded by Gabriel O'Connell*

Robert Wilson was elected as Vice Chairperson.

## **5. Adoption of Standing Orders**

Cllr. D. Maxwell proposed that Standing Orders as distributed be adopted on condition that if amendments were required they could be amended; this was seconded by Packie Kelly.

## **6. Noting of Pobal reports on Monaghan Local Development Programme rolled out by Monaghan Integrated Development.**

The Pobal Management Accounts –Summary for July and August on Monaghan Local Development Programme rolled out by MID, were circulated to members for noting.

Following a discussion on the matter a number of queries were raised by members in relation to the LCDC responsibilities in relation to these reports. The Chief Officer Paul Clifford confirmed that from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014, these reports had to be presented to the LCDC for noting. A number of LCDC members asked Paul to seek clarification from Pobal on the role and responsibility the LCDC have in relation to these reports.

## **7. Discussion on draft Socio-Economic Framework**

The Chief Officer Paul Clifford explained that the LCDC have to prepare and monitor implementation of a six year Economic & Community Plan for county Monaghan. Paul informed the members that before the plan can be prepared the LCDC have to prepare a Socio Economic Framework which entails data gathering and statistics relating to the social economic activity in the county. Paul explained that Bernie Bradley, Development Officer, in the Community Development section had been working on this and had prepared a presentation for the members.

Bernie made a presentation to the LCDC members and explained that she had prepared a data-based, socio-economic profile of the county as a central element to the development of its Local Economic and

Community Plan (LECP). She said that the Local Economic and Community Plan will form part of a series of plans and strategies that have and are currently being developed at national, regional and local level.

Bernie circulated her presentation to members and explained that she had gathered her data from the Census 2011, Pobal, AIRO stats and the Department of Social Protection live register data. She explained that she had re-calculated the data into Municipal District level and set out the breakdown of information on the following:-

- Population profile
- Education Profile
- Employment profile
- Unemployment profile
- Social exclusion issues data (SICAP target groups)
- Key issues emerging
- Additional information to be sources

The key issues that were emerging are set out as follows:-

- Low education skills bases particularly among males
- Older unemployment (25+)
- Low graduate retention rate
- Low skills/education bases in sciences/professional areas
- Large number of carers
- Growing older population
- Larger number of older people also with a disability
- High number of non nationals recorded lack of ability to speak English well
- High rates of lone parent families with older children (15+)

The members thanked Bernie for her presentation. The Chief Officer Paul Clifford confirmed that this was a work in progress document that would require the input of the LCDC members prior to the public consultation process.

## **8. Nominations to Steering Committee for preparation of the Local Economic And Community Plan**

The Chairperson asked the members for four nominations to a Steering Committee to oversee the community development element of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The following LCDC members agreed to membership of the Steering Committee:-

- John Kearney
- Gabriel O'Connell
- Packie Kelly

Brian Treanor, IFA was proposed by Breege Lenihan as a member of the Steering Committee, in Brian's absence it was agreed to ask if he was willing to sit on this committee.

The first Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, at 2pm in M.Tek 1.

**9. AOB**

None.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Members agreed that meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting was scheduled for 4.30 p.m on Tuesday 28th October, 2014, in M.Tek 1 Building.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHAIRPERSON**