

**MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**  
**in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan**

**Present**

**Statutory**

John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board
Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council
Pat Dolan	Department of Social Protection
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
Paul Clifford	Director of Services, Monaghan County Council
John McEntegart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office

**Non Statutory**

Gabriel O'Connell	Monaghan Integrated Development
Packie Kelly	Social Inclusion – Teach na nDaoine
Emer Brennan	Environment – County Monaghan Network of Tidy Towns Groups
Breege Lenihan	Community & Voluntary –County Monaghan Community Network
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions
Noel Carney	Community & Voluntary - Heritage Network
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network

**Apologies:**

Michael Treanor	Business Community
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**In Attendance**

Fintan McPhillips	L.C.D.C. Chief Officer, Monaghan County Council
Ann Murray	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council
Francis McCarron	Monaghan Integrated Development

**1. Welcome**

Emer Brennan, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first LCDC meeting of 2016.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Brian McKenna seconded by Brian Treanor, the minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, were confirmed.

**3. Matters arising**

The Chief Officer confirmed to members that following an interview process, Leona McDonald had been appointed and had taken up position of new PPN Worker from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

## 4. Approval of Draft Local Economic and Community Plan

Copies of the Draft Local Economic and Community Plan had been sent to all members by email before Christmas and hard copies were distributed at the meeting. It was agreed at the December LCDC meeting that the PPN be allowed additional time to consider the Draft LECP at their meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. Packie Kelly, PPN representative confirmed that the PPN again considered and approved the Draft LECP at their December meeting.

The Chief Officer, Fintan McPhillips confirmed that an early Draft of the Local Economic and Community Plan had been forwarded to the Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) at their request for their information. The Chief Officer circulated a report to members addressing the suggestions raised in the NWRA letter.

Cathal Hand, HSE, asked that a few small changes be made to the Draft LECP in relation to the wording in a number of actions contained in 8.4 High level Goal 5. Amendments as follows:-

### 8.4 High level Goal 5

*To promote the health and well-being of all people in Monaghan by ensuring equal opportunity to access, participate and engage in the social, economic, cultural, sporting and educational opportunities available in the County.*

Strategic objective	Actions	Output	Lead	Partners	Timescale
<b>5.I To raise awareness among services providers and agencies of the impact of social exclusion on people in county Monaghan</b>	<b>5.I.1</b> Carry out an audit to profile the barriers faced by people that prevent them from progressing into the work force or further education and to inform key service providers.	<b>5.I.1.</b> Profile of barriers to education and training produced.	LCDC/LCDC Equality Sub Group	MID (SICAP)	2016
	<b>5.I.2</b> Develop and implement the <i>Pathways to Work</i> Guide that informs services providers and employers on how to support people to access training and education.	<b>5.I.2</b> Publication of guide to supporting marginalised people to access further training and education	LCDC Equality Sub Group	MID (SICAP)	2016-2021
	<b>5.I.3</b> Develop a guide to social inclusion and supporting toolkit to inform services providers of how social exclusion impacts on a person and how they can address exclusion in their services provision.	<b>5.I.3</b> .A guide to social exclusion for services providers produced	LCDC Equality Sub Group		2016
	<b>5.I.4</b> Develop and implement a series of workshops/training with key service providers linked to the guide and toolkit produced	<b>5.I.4</b> Four workshops delivered to key services providers to raise awareness of social exclusion	LCDC Equality Sub Group		2017-2021

Following a discussion on the matter there were no additional changes to be made to the Draft Local Economic and Community Plan, and on the proposal of John McEntegart, seconded by Packie Kelly, the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was unanimously approved by Members.

## **5. Information on LCDC Equality Sub Committee**

The Chief Officer circulated an information note to LCDC members on the establishment of an LCDC Equality Sub Group. This information note set out the origin of the Sub Group, the terms of reference, the objectives and draft proposed membership of this Sub Group.

The Chief Officer confirmed that the role of the LCDC Equality Sub Group will be to support the LCDC to deliver the equality remit both within the working of the LCDC and the development and delivery of the LECP and with the aim of promoting and implementing the Equality agenda for the LECP.

The Chief Officer also confirmed that the Equality Sub Committee was open to other organisations joining the Committee. Members unanimously agreed the establishment of this Sub Committee

## **6. SICAP Update: SICAP Annual Plan 2016**

Gabriel O'Connell and Francis McCarron, MID, gave members updates and circulated details of the 2015 SICAP Programme and the proposed SICAP Annual Plan for 2016. Gabriel informed the members that SICAP is a national programme with 3 specific Goals targeting specific groups. Monaghan has 70% rural disadvantage and confirmed that both the caseload and targets set by Pobal had been challenging but nonetheless they felt they had succeeded in the delivery of the programme which had started on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015.

Francis McCarron, MID, presented details to members on the SICAP programme delivered in 2015 under the three Goals. He described the challenges encountered in 2015 and requested that the SICAP Headline Targets for 2016 (which were based on the outcomes for the 9 months of the operation of the programme in 2015, applied over 12 months) be reduced by 10%, as permitted in the guidelines, to ensure effective qualitative delivery of the 2016 Programme. Francis also informed the members that actions for 2016 were complimentary to the actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan which ensures co-ordination of actions and avoidance of duplication.

Francis also stressed the value of LCDC member organisation continuing to refer potential clients to the SICAP Programme.

The Chief Officer thanked Gabriel and Francis for their updates and confirmed that Pobal had released targets to all SICAP Programme Implementers nationally based on the 9 months period for 2015, but for 12 month period for 2016. He confirmed that Pl's and LCDC's had the option to deviate in the region of 10% either way.

Following a discussion on the matter it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Seamus Coyle, seconded by Cllr. Brian McKenna that the proposed targets for the SICAP Programme for 2016 be reduced by 10%.

## **7. LEADER Programme 2014-2020 – Local Development Strategy update**

Gabriel O’Connell gave an update on the Leader Programme 2014-2020. He confirmed that following approval of the Local Development Strategy at the LCDC meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, he submitted the LDS to Pobal on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. A number of queries on the LDS were received from Pobal and a copy of this document was circulated to members for information. Pobal requested that a response be provided by Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

## **8. A.O.B.**

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer informed members that he hoped to set out an annual work programme for the LCDC meetings going forward, a copy of this programme would be circulated at the February meeting.

The Chief Officer also confirmed that the Council were in the process of preparing a plan for Peace IV which will be presented to SEUPB for approval later in 2016.

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

The Chairperson confirmed that the next LCDC meeting will take place at 4.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, in M:TEK I.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**CHAIRPERSON**