

MINUTES OF MONAGHAN LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(L.C.D.C.) MEETING HELD AT 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th March, 2016
in M.Tek 1, Armagh Rd., Monaghan

Present

Statutory

Cllr. Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council
Cllr. David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council
Cathal Hand	Health Service Executive
Pat Dolan	Department of Social Protection
Paul Clifford	Director of Services, Monaghan County Council

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

Apologies:

John Kearney	Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board
Cllr. Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council
Michael Treanor	Business Community
Denis Sheridan	Trade Unions
John McEntegart	Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
Noel Carney	Community & Voluntary - Heritage Network
Brian Treanor	Farming/Agriculture – IFA
Robert Wilson	Social Inclusion - County Monaghan Community Network

In Attendance

Fintan McPhillips	L.C.D.C. Chief Officer, Monaghan County Council
Ann Murray	Administrative Officer, Monaghan County Council

1. Welcome

Emer Brennan, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 16th February, 2016

On the proposal of Paul Clifford seconded by Pat Dolan, the minutes of the LCDC meeting held on Tuesday, 16th February, 2016, were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Update on Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The Chief Officer Fintan McPhillips confirmed that the Draft Local Economic & Community Plan had been presented and approved at meetings of the three Municipal Districts; the plan was also adopted by the members at the March Meeting of the Council. Confirmation that the plan has now also been approved by the Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) has been received. The Chief Officer confirmed that the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) is now approved and preparation is underway for its launch in due course.

- Establishment of a LECP Monitoring Sub Committee
- Nomination of two members to LECP Monitoring Sub Committee

The Chief Officer informed members that it is proposed to establish an LECP Monitoring Sub Committee which would consist of two members from the LCDC and two Members from the Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC. This Sub Committee would be tasked with monitoring progress on the actions contained in the LECP.

Following a lengthy discussion on the matter it was agreed that this Sub Committee would consist of three members from the LCDC and SPC Economic Development and Enterprise Support will be asked to nominate three members also.

The following LCDC members were nominated and agreed to sit on the LECP Monitoring Sub Committee:-

- Gabriel O'Connell
- Packie Kelly
- Paul Clifford

The meeting also agreed to a proposal from Paul Clifford that it appoint an external resource to conduct an independent monitoring and evaluation exercise on delivery of actions contained in the Plan. This will require a procurement exercise and the LCDC will be kept advised of progress.

5. LEADER Programme 2014-2020 – Local Development Strategy update:-

Gabriel O'Connell gave an update on the Local Development Strategy and confirmed that the Draft LDS for the new LEADER programme (2014 – 2020) had been submitted to Pobal/Department on behalf of the LCDC in December, 2015. The LDS was due to be considered at a meeting of the Independent Evaluation Committee at the end of February. Following this meeting a request for additional information has been received. This request will be responded to in the coming dates and prior to the deadline for return as set out in the request. It is hoped that the revised LDS will be considered again by the Independent Evaluation Committee at the end of March.

6. Presentation on Peace IV Programme

Nicola Payne, Peace Programme Manager, made a presentation on the upcoming Peace IV Programme. Themes delivered in County Monaghan through the LCDC and the Peace IV Partnership will be as follows:-

- Children and Young People - funding €638,787
- Shared Spaces and Services - funding €1,079,372
- Building Positive Relations - funding €1,321,753

Nicola confirmed that the development of the new Peace IV Plan is a two stage application process, stage one application form, to be followed up by a stage two detailed action plan.

The presentation also outlined the timescales for the process, the overall breakdown of budgets and the next steps in the process.

Following a lengthy discussion the Chairperson and members thanked Nicola for her presentation.

- **Establishment of Peace IV Partnership Board – Nomination of three members to this Board.**

The Chief Officer referred members to the document contained in the Agenda pack. He outlined the proposals for the establishment of a Peace IV partnership Board as follows:-

Proposal:

In line with the rationale for the establishment of LCDCs generally through bringing enhanced coordination to the range of programmes and supports delivered locally, Monaghan LCDC will take the lead in delivering the Peace IV programme in the county. The LCDC will be responsible for implementing the Peace IV Programme in County Monaghan and will establish the County Monaghan Peace Partnership Board, as a sub-committee of the LCDC, through which the programme will be delivered.

The LCDC, as the agency responsible for the delivery of Peace IV in County Monaghan, in line with the requirements of the Peace IV operational programme, will ensure that activities identified under the Peace IV Peace Plan are integrated with other initiatives that are being delivered at local level through the LCDC.

The Chief Officer proposed that the make-up of the Peace IV Partnership Board will be 19 members.

Suggested Representation from the following agencies/groups:-

Monaghan County Council, (1)

Ballybay Clones Municipal District, (1)

Castleblayney Carrickmacross Municipal District, (1)

Monaghan Municipal District, (1)

County Childcare, (1)

Cavan Monaghan ETB, (1)

Monaghan Integrated Development, (1)

Monaghan Community Network, (1)

Gardai, (1)

Youth Network, (1)

Ethnic Minorities, (1)

Women's Network, (1)

Minority Faiths (2)

PPN (2)

LCDC (3)

Total 19.

Following a lengthy discussion on the matter it was agreed that LCDC Reps would be selected as follows and that confirmed nominations be available for the next LCDC meeting:-

- One Rep from Statutory Body
- One Rep from Voluntary Body
- One Councillor

The Chief Officer asked that when agreeing LCDC Reps that gender balance would also be considered.

7. Presentation from Cavan Monaghan ETB Adult Literacy Services

The Chairperson welcomed Carol Kelly, Adult Literacy Organiser North Monaghan and Michael Donohoe, Adult Literacy Organiser South Monaghan from Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board to the meeting.

Carol and Michael gave a detailed presentation to members on Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board Literacy Services provision. They outlined the one to one basic skills tuition and the accredited and unaccredited courses provided by CMETB, the roll over courses and the new course commencements and the location of classes. They also outlined access to other services including referral system between different programmes and Literacy group support for Learners on Contracted Training Programmes, Literacy Awareness Training for Tutors, transfer and progression between and within all ETB programmes and Adult Education. They also confirmed the importance of interaction with the following agencies, Department of Social Protection, Local Employment Services, Monaghan Integrated Development, Local Training Initiatives, HSE, Home School Liaison Officers, Disability Groups, Libraries and Community Groups.

The Chairperson and members thanked Carol and Michael for their very informative presentation.

8. A.O.B.

Fintan McPhillips, Chief Officer referred members to an email from Pobal inviting three representatives from the LCDC one to be an official to a SICAP Event/Workshop on 4th May, 2016. Packie Kelly and Pat Dolan agreed to attend along with the Chief Officer.

The Chief Officer also reminded members that the Community & Environment Fund 2016 was open for applications and the closing date is 5 pm on Friday, 1st April, 2016.

9. Date of next meeting

The Chairperson confirmed that the next LCDC meeting will take place at 4.30pm on Tuesday 19th April, 2016, in M TEK I.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHAIRPERSON