



Laois Local Community Development Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2023 via MS Teams at 11.30am

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

Mr. Joe Thompson, LOETB (Chairperson)
Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
Mr. John Mulholland, CE Laois County Council
Ms. Mark Clancy, Laois Local Enterprise Office
Ms. Paula Phelan, HSE

Private Sector representatives:

Mr. Peter O'Neill, Laois Partnership Company
Ms. Joan Bolger, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Nina Horan, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Clive Davis, Youth Sector (Youth Work Ireland Laois)
Mr. Henry Burns, Farming Sector (I.F.A)

Apologies:

Cllr. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council
Mr. Kevin Geoghegan, DSP
Mr. Martin Crowley, Business Sector (Vice Chairperson)
Mr. John Oxley, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Naeem Iqbal, Laois Public Participation Network

In Attendance:

Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer
Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, A/Senior Staff Officer, L
Ms. Danielle Keane, Clerical Officer, LCC
Ms. Jenny Collier, Laois Partnership Company

Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, Laois Co Co registered all members present on the meeting attendance sheet.

Mr. Joe Thompson, Chairperson, opened the meeting welcoming all present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 26th April 2023

The minutes were adopted following a *proposal from Ms. Joan Bolger seconded by Cllr. Paschal McEvoy*

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Ms. Pamela Tynan ,A/Chief Officer advised of an email received on Monday 3rd April 2023 titled “Revised Guidance for Ukrainian Budget 2023” to be dealt with under Agenda Item 4 – SICAP.

4. SICAP

As noted in Agenda Item 3, email correspondence was received in relation to the Ukrainian Budget for 2023 with key notes being:

- Similar to the 2022 Ukrainian allocation, eligible costs under the allocation will be activities that directly relate to the implementation of SICAP supports to Ukrainians **but now also includes New Communities**. The LDC should ensure the needs of Ukrainians are also being met when allocating budget towards New Communities.
- DRCD recognise the need to be practical and apply flexibility around the provision of supports to Ukrainians as well as refugees from other countries. On that basis, **flexibility can be applied to extend the delivery of Ukrainian budget funded supports to New Communities where relevant** e.g. a Support Worker delivering supports to the Ukrainian community can also deliver supports to new communities.
- In regards to spending reports, related costs for New Communities associated with the Ukrainian Budget should also be tagged by selecting ‘Yes’ in the **Ukrainian allocation** field.

5. LECP


Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer informed members that public consultation on High Level Goals closed on Friday 14th April. A report on the public consultation process is being prepared with a revision of high level goals being undertaken based on feedback given. Once completed the report will be made available to members of the LCDC. The next steps in the process are to develop objectives and actions based on the 10 High Level Goals.

6. AOB

Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer sought members approval for Mr. Peter O’Neill in his capacity as Chairperson of Laois Partnership Company to act as Authorised Officer for the purpose of signing LEADER documents. The board of Laois Partnership Company approved same at their meeting of Wednesday 28th March. This proposal was agreed by members present being proposed by Cllr. John King, being seconded by Ms. Nina Horan.

Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Chief Officer informed members that we still await Departmental approval in relation to the Community Support Fund. As soon as approval is received all applicants will be informed forthwith.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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DATE: Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Mr. Joe Thompson

CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

