

**Laois Local Community Development Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**At 11:30am via Microsoft Teams**



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**Members in attendance:**

**Public Sector representatives:**

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council (Chairperson)  
Mr. John Mulholland, CE Laois County Council  
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council  
Ms. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. Joe Thompson, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board (Vice Chairperson)

**Private Sector representatives:**

Ms. Catherine Cowap, A/CEO Laois Partnership Company  
Mr. Clive Davis, Youth Sector  
Ms. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network  
Mr. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network  
Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network  
Mr. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network  
Mr. Martin Crowley, Business Sector

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council  
Mr. Colm Purcell, DEASP  
Ms. Ann Sheerin, HSE  
Mr. Henry Burns, Farming Sector

**In Attendance:**

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer  
Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, A/Senior Staff Officer  
Ms. Jenny Collier, Laois Partnership Company

Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, Laois Co Co took a roll call of all attendees and registered those present on the meeting attendance sheet.

Chairman Cllr. Paschal McEvoy opened the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDDC meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from *Mr. Clive Davis* was seconded by *Cllr John King*.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Correspondence**

None

**4. SICAP**

**SICAP Annual Performance Review**

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer advised members that the SICAP Annual Performance Review was currently being undertaken with Laois Partnership Company uploading all necessary document to IRIS on 15<sup>th</sup> January. The review will be presented to the SICAP sub committee who will in turn identify any issues and communicate this to Pobal by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Pobal will then undertake a high-level review of financial and monitoring information, the annual progress report and the case study and provide feedback by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Ms. McNicholl noted that the deadline for final approval of the 2021 Annual Plan is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, following approval of the 2020 Annual Performance Review. Both approvals will be listed for members consideration at the February meeting of the LCDC.

**5. AOB**

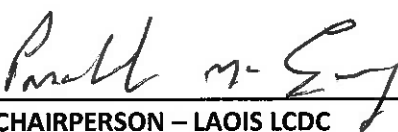
**2021 Meeting Dates**

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer noted that following the approval of 2021 meeting dates at the December LCDC meeting, it was now necessary for members to agree meeting times. It was noted in 2020 at the request of members meeting were facilitated at alternating times i.e. 11:30am and 5:00pm. Ms. McNicholl asked members if they wished to proceed on a similar basis for 2021, or if they had a request to have meeting at a set time.

Following a brief discussion, members unanimously agreed that going forward meetings will take place at 11:30am with the proviso that meeting times can be reviewed or revised if necessary, at the request of members.

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> January @ 11:30am
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> February @ 11:30am
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> March @11:30am
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> April @ 11:30am
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May @ 11:30am
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June @11:30am
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July @ 11:30am
Wes 15 <sup>th</sup> September @ 11:30am
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> October @11:30am
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> November @ 11:30am
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> December @ 11:30am

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:   
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.