

Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April, 2020
At 2.00pm via Telephone Conferencing



Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

Mr. John Mulholland, CE Laois County Council
Cllr. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council (Chairperon)
Mr. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Pdraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board

Private Sector representatives:

Ms. Catherine Cowap, Laois Partnership Company
Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network (Vice Chairperson)
Ms. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector
Mr. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Kiernan Finane, Business Sector

Apologies:

Mr. Colm Purcell, DEASP
Ms. Ann Sheerin, HSE
Mr. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector

In Attendance:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer
Ms. Carmel McNicholl, SEO Laois County Council
Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, A/Senior Staff Officer
Mr. Mark Clancy, Laois Partnership Company
Ms. Jenny Collier, Laois Partnership Company

Before commencing the meeting, 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. Telephone Conferencing Approval

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy sought approval to permit members of the LCDC to attend meetings and take decision via telephone or other telephone video conferencing, and that this should be included in the quorum to meet 50%. (as permitted in Section 5.3 of the LEADER 2014-2020 Operating Rules). *This was proposed by Cllr. John King and seconded by Mr. Paddy Buggy.*

2. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 19th February 2020.

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from *Mr. PJ Campbell* which was seconded by *Ms. Mary White*.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

Members were furnished with a meeting pack containing the following correspondence:

- Laois LCDC Report which was presented to the February Council meeting in relation to the operation of the LCDC.
- Correspondence from POBAL (email of 13.03.2020) HIF perspective, informing members that the requirement of all LCDCs to spend their 'Community Engagement' budget by June 2020 has been removed. All grantees may now implement their proposed 'community engagement' activities at a later date if necessary within the timeframe for HIF Round 3 (no later than 30th June 2021).

5. Ratification of Catherine Cowap.

Ms. Catherine Cowap, Laois Partnership Company will replace Ms. Theresa McEvoy on the LCDC/LAG. This was ratified at full council meeting on Monday 24th Feb 2020. *This ratification was proposed by Ms. Mary White and seconded by Cllr. John King.*

6. Healthy Ireland –Primary Authorised User (PAU)

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, informed members that Poabl recommended the authorisation of a Primary Authorised User (PAU) be noted on the agenda and recorded in the minutes of the LCDC. The nominated user will have specific access rights and responsibilities in relation to the Healthy Ireland Fund. Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, was nominated for this PAU role by Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, LCDC Chairperson, and seconded by Mr. John Mulholland as a committee member of Laois LCDC. A Temporary Authorised User (TAU) was also required and Carmel McNicholl, SEO Laois Co Co, was nominated for this role. The TAU will perform PAU duties when the PAU is unavailable.

7. Review of LCDC Membership

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, proposed that this matter be adjourned to the scheduled April LCDC meeting. Members of the LCDC agreed to this adjournment.

8. Community Enhancement Programme

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, advised members that at the February LCDC meeting the amount of €2000 was approved for Lynden Court. The group intended to remove evergreen from the end of the estate and replant with laurels. The group are not in a position to draw down this money as the works have been carried out and completed by Laois Co Co. It was proposed that Knock National School be reallocated the amount of €2000 to complete a multi use games area, purchase basketballs and insert playground markings. This will now complete the CEP expenditure for 2019. *This was proposed by Ms. Mary White and seconded by Cllr. John King.*

9. Any Other Business

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, sought approval of the 2020 SICAP Annual Plan on the recommendation of the SICAP sub-committee. Mr. Joe Thompson informed member of the sub-committee meeting and their recommendation to approve the plan. Catherine Cowap, Laois Partnership Company updated members in relation to the Volunteer Centre under the SICAP programme. Members complimented Laois Partnership on work carried out.

This was proposed by Cllr. John King and seconded by Cllr. Paschal McEvoy.

It was again noted that KPI2 Goal 2 be reduced from 42% to 28% in keeping with the 15% adjustment allowed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: Paschal McEvoy
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 22nd April 2020