

**Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 1st October, 2018
at 2.30 p.m. in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise**

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

1. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council (Chairperson LCDC)
2. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
3. Cllr. Pauline Madigan, Laois County Council
4. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council

Private Sector representatives:

1. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network
2. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network
3. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
4. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership Company
5. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
6. Kieran Finane, Business Sector
7. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector

Apologies: Evelyn Reddin (Laois Enterprise Office), Tony Dalton (Laois/Offaly ETB), Robbie Quinn (Laois Public Participation Network), Colm Purcell (Department of Social Protection), Valerie Hand (HSE).

In Attendance: Ms. Georgina Ireland, A/Chief Officer, Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Administrative Officer, Mr. Brian O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

Chairman Mr Paddy Buggy opened meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 1st August, 2018

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Mr John Mulholland which was seconded by Mr Joe Thompson.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Election of Chairperson

In his outgoing address, Mr. Paddy Buggy thanked the LCDC members for their kindness and generosity during his term as Chairperson. The members complimented Mr. Paddy Buggy for his work during his time as Chairperson. A discussion took place regarding the rotation of the Chairperson position between public and private. It was agreed to clarify this matter with the Department and amend standing Orders as necessary. Mr. John Mulholland proposed Cllr Paschal McEvoy for the position of Chairperson of the LCDC, this proposal was seconded by Cllr. John King. There were no further proposals for this position and Cllr. Pascal McEvoy was deemed elected as Chairperson

4. Election of Vice Chairperson

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy proposed Mr. Paddy Buggy for the position of Vice Chairperson. This proposal was seconded by Mr. P.J. Campbell. There were no further proposals for this position and Mr. Paddy Buggy was deemed elected as Chairperson

5. Correspondence

None

6. SICAP

Ms. Georgina Ireland briefed the members on the SICAP Programme 2018 and advised that in May 2018, the DRCD and Pobal convened a Working Group of both LCDC and LDC representatives to review the experience to date of demonstrating the work and in particular case studies under SICAP 2015-17. The Working Group agreed that the following approach should be piloted in 2018 with the intention of rolling out fully in 2019.

- Case studies will be taken out of the End of Year Progress Report and will be submitted by LDCs in September every year.
- Three core themes for SICAP Case Studies will be identified each year. Each LCDC and LDC should mutually agree which theme should be selected for their Lot. A case study should clearly fit under one of the 3 themes listed (primary theme), but can also refer to the other themes (secondary themes) if applicable.
- Case Study themes were identified for 2018. It was noted and agreed that the Programme Implementers would submit a case study themed on Engagement Strategies with SICAP Target Groups/Communities, Collaboration, Goal one or Two Projects for submission by 5th Oct

In respect of annual Planning for SICAP 2019, Ms Ireland submitted for consideration the Programme Implementers recommended KPI's for the year 2019. The minimum level of 25 was proposed for KPI 1 and the recommended level of 442 was proposed for KPI 2. This proposal was proposed by Mr. Paddy Buggy and seconded by Mr. John Mulholland.

Ms. Ireland advised the members in relation to the "emerging needs" target group for 2019, which is the decision of the LCDC. She advised that the 'emerging needs' category for 2018 was 'substance mis-users'. A discussion took place around the various categories. It was agreed that this decision be postponed until the next meeting and that clarity would be sought from the Department as to whether an 'emerging needs' category must be chosen each year.

7. Community Enhancement Programme 2018

Ms. Ireland advised that the Community Enhancement Programme, which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has made available a total of €284,032 of capital grant funding to community groups in County Laois in 2018, to enhance facilities available to communities.

The subcommittee of LCDC noted that a total of 94 applications were received with 91 community groups being eligible in County Laois for funding under this scheme. They agreed that for assessment purposes the applications were separated into 3 strands as follows:

Strand 1 - €1000 and under

Strand 2 – Over €1,000 and under €5,000

Strand 3 – Over €5,000

The subcommittee submitted their recommendation as to awards to be made to applicants (documents attached)

The members noted that the proposed allocation of grants between Municipal Districts based on eligible applications received is as follows:

Borris in Ossory/Mountmellick	- €141,308
Portlaoise	- €54,912
Graigecullen/ Portarlinton	-€87,812

The recommendation of the CEP subcommittee was proposed by Cllr. John King and seconded by Cllr. Pauline Madigan with no amendments.

Ms. Ireland advised that in addition €10,145 was also provided to support the work of Men's Sheds through the Community Enhancement Programme. 7 Men's Shed groups in Laois will receive Funding under the programme. Ms. Ireland gave details of the subcommittee's recommendation. (attached)

The recommendation from Ms. Ireland was proposed by Mr. Paddy Buggy and seconded by Cllr. John King with no amendments.

8. Healthy Ireland – Healthy Ireland Laois Plan 2018-2022

The Draft Healthy Ireland plan was circulated. Ms. Ireland advised that the plan was delayed due to issues with the consultant. Ms. Ireland gave a brief synopsis of the report and thanked the H1 sub-committee and Ms. Siobhan Hourigan, Health Promotion Officer, HSE for their assistance. She also acknowledged the contribution of all partners. The plan was approved following proposal of Mr. John Mulholland and seconded by Mr. Joe Thompson.

9. Any Other Business

The members noted details of upcoming events taking place in preparation for Brexit.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: _____

