



**Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2021
At 11:30am via Microsoft Teams**

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
Cllr. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council
Ms. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Colm Purcell, DEASP

Private Sector representatives:

Ms. Catherine Cowap, A/CEO Laois Partnership Company
Mr. Clive Davis, Youth Sector (Youth Work Ireland Laois)
Mr. Henry Burns, Farming Sector (I.F.A)
Ms. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Naeem Iqbal, 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 (Chamber of Commerce)

Apologies:

Mr. Joe Thompson, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board (Vice Chairperson)
Ms. Ann Sheerin, HSE

In Attendance:

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer
Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, A/Senior Staff Officer

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

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy opened the meeting welcoming all present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 21st April 2021.

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

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer advised members of correspondence received via email from the Dept of Rural and Community Development announcing the launch of 2021 Community Enhancement Programme with Laois being advised of an allocation of €136,524. Ms. McNicholl noted that in order to allow flexibility the Dept were not setting a national closing date, but will allow each LCDC to set its own, to best suit its area but will require that all closing dates are no later than 16th July 2021. Ms. McNicholl proposed to members the following CEP dates

Opening Date for Application:	Friday 21 st May 2021
Proposed Closing Date for Receipt of Applications	Friday 11 th June @ 4:00pm
Proposed CEP Sub Committee Meeting	Friday 25 th June @ 11:30pm
LCDC Approval	Wednesday 21 st July 2021

It was noted that the period allowed for submissions of applications is in keeping with previous iterations of the Scheme, and that the timescales proposed were necessary for effective administration of the scheme.

The dates were agreed, *proposed by Cllr. Paschal McEvoy and seconded by Mr. PJ Campbell.*

4. AOB

The SICAP mid-year review assesses the LDC's performance at the mid-point of the year, and is an opportunity for each LCDC to take stock of the performance of their LDC in delivering SICAP in accordance with the 2021 Annual Plan, SICAP Programme Requirements and the Funding Agreement, prior to the end of year review.

Ms Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer advised members that in order to facilitate the SICAP Mid-Year Review and having regard to recently notified Pobal timescales, it would be prudent to defer the June LCDC meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday 16th June, by one week, to Wednesday 23rd June. LCDC members present agreed unanimously to the deferral of the June meeting to Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 11:30am

On that basis, the appropriate timescale for completion of the exercise was proposed and agreed as follows:

Reporting Requirements	Deadlines
LDC to upload Fin & Mon Report	Tuesday 15 th June 2021
SICAP Sub Committee to review Reporting	Monday 21 st June 2021
LCDC Members to be updated at monthly meeting	Wednesday 23 rd June 2021
LCDC content review and provide feedback to Pobal	Tuesday 29 th June 2021
Pobal to carry out high level review and provide feedback	Friday 9 th July 2021
Fin & Mon Report to be formally approved	Wednesday 21 st July 2021 (Pobal Deadline Friday 30 th July 2021)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Cllr. Paschal McEvoy
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: Wednesday 23rd June 2021.