

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

1. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council (Chairperson LCDC)
2. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
3. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
4. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
5. Colm Purcell, DEASP
6. Ann Sheerin, HSE

Private Sector representatives:

1. Theresa McEvoy, Laois Partnership Company
2. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
3. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network
4. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network
5. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector

Apologies:

1. Cllr. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council
2. Pdraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board
3. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network
4. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
5. Kieran Finane, Business Sector
6. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network

In Attendance:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, Ms. Carmel McNicholl, SEO  
Ms. Claire McIntyre, A/Senior Staff Officer, Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, PPN Resource Worker  
Ms. Catherine Cowap, A/CEO Laois Partnership Company

Chairman Cllr Paschal McEvoy opened the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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

2. Matters Arising

There was a discussion relating to the level of detail contained in the minutes of the meeting.

3. Correspondence

None

#### 4. Healthy Ireland

Chief Officer, Mr. D. Brennan gave an update on Healthy Ireland funding which has been confirmed in the amount of €246,050 for four projects, a small grants scheme and a Community Engagement Programme. This includes funding for a Healthy Ireland Coordinator up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Mr. Brennan confirmed the recruitment process has begun and noted notification from Pobal was received in early January, therefore duration of the contract will be less than the two year timeframe detailed in the Healthy Ireland Application.

Ms. A. Sheerin noted that Laois County Council should liaise with Ms. Duana McCardle regarding the HSE projects.

<i>Revised Proposed Spend</i>		
Coordinator €37,500 x 2	€75,000	
<b>Action 1:</b> Laois Sports Partnership - Activating Our Communities	€36,500	
<b>Action 2:</b> Laois Partnership - Healthy Communities, New communities	€20,000	
<b>Action 3:</b> Laois Sports & Leisure - Swimability Parkactivity	€22,500	
<b>Action 4:</b> Mental Health Action: Positive Laois	€32,050	New
Small Grants Scheme	€30,000	New
Community Engagement Programme	€30,000	
<b>Total HI Fund</b>		<b>€246,050</b>
<i>Breakdown of Community Engagement Programme</i>		
HSE We're Breastfeeding Friendly	€4,000	
HSE Smoke Free Playgrounds	€4,000	
CYPSC LGBTI	€5,000	
Merchandising	€10,000	
LCC Led - Mental Health- Suicide Awareness	€7,000	€30,000

#### 5. Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)

Mr. D. Brennan noted a balance of €8,634.04 was outstanding on the Community Enhancement programme due to projects which didn't proceed and an under spend of €1,904.04 where applicants did not spend the full amount of the grant approval they received. The CEP subcommittee met on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 to discuss how the remaining funding would be allocated. The subcommittee recommended funding be allocated to two groups, Barrowhouse GAA in the amount of €1,203 and Killabben Monastery Restoration Committee in the amount of €1,584. Mr. Brennan sought approval which was proposed by Ms. Theresa McEvoy and seconded by Ms. E. Reddin.

#### 6. SICAP

Mr. Brennan noted following approval of payments to the Implementing Partner at the December LCDC meeting, Laois Partnership have been paid €100,704.33.

Mr. Brennan gave an update on the Draft Annual Plan which has been submitted by the Implementing Partner. The Plan has been brought to the SICAP subcommittee on October 2019. Ms. Catherine Cowap noted there was an under spend of €28,888.40 which has been carried forward for the 2020 Annual Plan. This under spend is just under 5% which is in accordance with Pobal conditions. Ms. Cowap noted the carry over spend is allocated across actions where it is most needed, citing examples of tutor led study groups, and after school supports, and Failte Isteach English conversation classes for new communities.

Mr. Brennan outlined that a number of KPIs must be delivered on for the SICAP Programme. One of these is Percentage of individuals targets under KPI 2 who live in disadvantaged areas. Mr. Brennan noted this percentage is currently set at 42% which is exceptionally high compared to other rural Counties of similar population size where the percentage is approximately 22% - 24%. Mr. Brennan noted that this was discussed with Pobal at the Programme Review meeting in October, and there is an acceptance that this figure needs to be amended.

Approval to reduce the percentage KPI 2 target under Goal 2 from 42% to 28% was agreed, proposed by Mr. J. Mulholland and seconded by Mr. J. Thompson.

Mr. Brennan added an End of Year review for the 2019 Annual Plan is scheduled with the SICAP subcommittee for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**7. Any Other Business**

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CHAIRPERSON - LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

