

**Laois Local Community Development Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020**  
**At 2.00pm via Telephone Conferencing**



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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  
Mr. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office

**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  
Cllr. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council  
Mr. Padraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board

**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

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. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.**

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

**2. Matters Arising**

None

### 3. Correspondence

None

### 4. Review of LCDC Membership

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, informed members that rotation of membership is due this year. Correspondence has been sent to the Dept seeking clarification as a result of COVID-19 pandemic. We await further clarification.

Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois PPN, informed members that he is no longer a member of the secretariat of Laois PPN and sought clarification in relation to his position.

Name of Member	Sector	Organisation	Membership Start	Membership End
Catherine Cowap	Private	Laois Partnership Company	25.03.2020	
Michael Bergin	Private	Farming Sector	17.09.2014	17.09.2020
Joe Thompson	Private	Youth Sector	17.09.2014	17.09.2020
Paddy Buggy	Private	PPN Representative	17.09.2014	17.09.2020
Kiernan Finane	Private	Business Sector	17.06.2016	17.06.2022
PJ Campbell	Private	PPN Representative	24.07.2015	24.07.2021
Robbie Quinn	Private	PPN Representative	24.07.2015	24.07.2021
Mary White	Private	PPN Representative	24.07.2015	24.07.2021
Ray Harte	Private	PPN Representative	30.01.2019	30.01.2025

### 5. Any Other Business

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, informed members of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund for community groups. The Dept of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) have allocated Laois €66,897, relation to COVID-19 costs incurred by community groups. Mr. Brennan invited groups who are assisting the Community Call to make an application. Closing date for 1<sup>st</sup> round of applications is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:   
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020