

Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July, 2020
At 5:00pm via Telephone Conferencing



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
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

Apologies:

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

In Attendance:

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

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

Before commencing the meeting Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Chairperson offered his condolences on behalf of the LCDC membership to Mr. Robbie Quinn on the passing of his mother Eileen. Members of the LCDC concurred and messages of sympathies were offered.

Chairman Cllr. Paschal McEvoy opened the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 24th June 2020.

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Cllr. John King *which was seconded by Mr. Paddy Buggy.*

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer advised members that correspondence received from the Dept of Rural and Community Development confirmed the reduction of KPI2 Goal 2, individuals living in disadvantage will be reduced from 42% to 28% for the remainder of the programming period. Members were furnished with a copy of correspondence which formed part of their meeting pack. The reduction was welcomed by LCDC members.

4. SICAP

Mid Year Check 2020 has now commenced. Members will be given a full update at the scheduled September meeting.

5. LCDC Membership

(A) Outgoing members:

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| Mr. Michael Bergin | Irish Farmers Association | End of term eff 17.09.2020 |
| Mr. Joe Thompson | Youth Work Ireland | End of term eff 17.09.2020 |
| Mr. Padraig Boland | Laois/Offaly Education & Training Board | Resign position eff 17.09.2020 |

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| Mr. Vincent Booth | Laois Public Participation Network |
| Mr. Henry Burns | Irish Farmers Association |
| Mr. Clive Davis | Youth Work Ireland |
| Mr. Joe Thompson | Laois/Offaly Education & Training Board |

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(B) Election of Vice-Chairperson

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(C) Nomination of Member to SICAP Sub Committee

Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer noted that as a result of Paddy Buggy's end of term a nomination is required for the SICAP sub-committee. Again it was unanimously agreed that the nomination of a LCDC member to the SICAP sub-committee be deferred to the September meeting

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6. Any Other Business

The closing date for receipt of Community Enhance Programme application is Friday, 14th August 2020 at 4:00pm. In order to bring recommendations to the September LCDC meeting the CEP sub-committee will need to convene to appraise applications. It is proposed an initial sub-committee meeting take place on the week commencing 7th September with the second meeting option of week commencing 14th September pencilled in if required. The CEP Sub Committee Members are:

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy
Mr. PJ Campbell
Ms. Evelyn Reddin
Ms. Mary White
Mr. Paddy Buggy (Exp 17.09.2020)
Mr. Joe Thompson

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: 
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 23rd September 2020