

**Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May, 2019
At 9.30am in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise**

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

1. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council (Chairperson LCDC)
2. Cllr. Pauline Madigan, Laois County Council
3. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
4. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office

Private Sector representatives:

1. Kieran Finane, Business Sector
2. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector
3. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
4. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network
5. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership Company
6. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network
7. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network
8. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network

Apologies:

1. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
2. Ann Sheerin, HSE
3. Colm Purcell, DEASP
4. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
5. Padraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board

In Attendance: Ms. Georgina Ireland, Chief Officer, Ms. Brenda Corbet, A/Senior Staff Officer

Chairman Cllr Paschal McEvoy opened the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 24th April 2019

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from P. Buggy which was seconded by E. Reddin.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Press Release - €2.4m Youth Capital Funding for 2019

Ms. G. Ireland outlined there is a Local Youth Club Equipment Grant Scheme available from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for Volunteer Led Clubs/ Groups in the amount of €28,735.63. J. Thompson outlined this amount has slightly decreased on last years fund which was fully spent.

4. National Community Weekend – The Big Hello

G. Ireland outlined the budget and events which took place over the May Bank holiday weekend, it was noted the event was very successful and the members would like to see this event happen again next year.

5. SICAP - 2nd Quarterly Payment of 2019

G. Ireland sought retrospective approval for the second SICAP payment in the amount of €146,656.75, this was proposed by Mr. P. Buggy and seconded by Mr. J. Thompson.

6. Any Other Business

It was noted by the members that Ms. Ann Sheerin, Community Services Manager, Laois/Offaly, Health Service Executive has been nominated as the HSE representative on the LCDC/LAG in order to replace Ms. Mary Delaney. At the most recent Council meeting the member's unanimously agreed the nomination.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: 
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 31st July 2019