

Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021
At 11:30am via Microsoft Teams

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council (Chairperson)
Mr. Joe Thompson, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board (Vice 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
Ms. Ann Sheerin, HSE

Private Sector representatives:

Ms. Catherine Cowap, A/CEO Laois Partnership Company
Mr. Clive Davis, Youth Sector (Youth Work Ireland Laois)
Ms. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Martin Crowley, Business Sector (Chamber of Commerce)

Apologies:

Mr. Naeem Iqbal, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network
Mr. Henry Burns, Farming Sector (I.F.A)

In Attendance:

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer
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.

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy opened the meeting welcoming all present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 19th May 2021.

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from *Ms. Catherine Cowap* seconded by *Ms. Mary White*.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer advised members of correspondence received via email on Wednesday 16th June from Pobal titled “Addendum to Grant Agreement” concerning Round 3 of the current Healthy Ireland Programme. The Healthy Ireland Round 3 programme will now be extended to the 31st December 2021 with an additional funding allocation of €92,801 being awarded in order to facilitate the extension, bringing the total grant amount to €406,076 (HIF Allocation €184,000, CMHF Allocation €62,050 and CRF Allocation €67,225 and new addendum amount of €92,801).

Ms. McNicholl further advised members that the HI Addendum to grant agreement was being brought to them to note and will be then be signed by Chief Officer and the Chairperson of Laois LCDC and acceptance returned to Pobal forthwith. The matter was duly noted and there were no queries arising.

4. SICAP

(A) SICAP Mid-Year Review

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer informed members that the SICAP sub committee convened on Monday 21st June in order to conduct the SICAP Mid-Year Review. The SICAP mid-year review assesses the Local Development Company’s (LDC) performance at the mid-point of the year. It 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. It is designed to serve as a catalyst for greater engagement between the LCDC and the LDC and to be a supportive process in the lead up to the end of year review.

The prescribed review checklist has been completed and returned to Pobal who will in turn examine the contents and provide comprehensive feedback by July 9th. This matter will be then brought to the attention of members for formal consideration at the July meeting.

IP to upload documents to IRIS	Tuesday 15 th June
Sub Committee conduct review	Monday 21 st June
Update LCDC Members	Wednesday 23 rd June
LCDC Feedback to Pobal	Tuesday 29 th June
Pobal feedback to LCDC	Friday 9 th July
Formally Approve by LCDC	Wednesday 21 st July

(B) SICAP Q3 2021 Payment

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer sought members approval of payment in the amount of €151,056.50 to Laois Partnership Company concerning SICAP Q3 2021 allocation. The approval of the SICAP Q3 2021 payment was proposed by Cllr. Paschal McEvoy and seconded by Mr. John Mulholland.

5. Healthy Ireland

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer advised members that the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025 (launched 11th May) provides a clear roadmap of how we can continue to work together to bring about good health, access to services, healthy environments, and the promotion of resilience and to ensure that everyone can enjoy physical and mental, health and wellbeing, to their full potential. The action plan will build on the work and progress made to date and focus on the remaining years of the Healthy Ireland Framework from 2021-2025. Details of how to access the Plan had been circulated to Members and copies can also be made available on request.

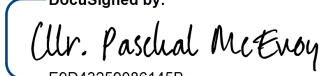
(B) HI Reporting

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer noted that Healthy Ireland Financial and progress reports are currently being compiled in order to upload all necessary reports to the Pobal Portal. The reporting period is from 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021. All reporting requirements will be completed by deadline of 30th July 2021.

6. AOB

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, Chief Officer informed members that the CEP sub-committee will convene on Friday 25th June to appraise applications received under the current Community Enhancement Programme. In total 95 applications were received seeking funding in the amount of €346,487.56. Laois CEP allocation for the current programme is €136,524. The recommendations of the CEP sub-committee will be put forward to members at the July LCDC meeting for approval.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Cllr. Paschal McEvoy
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: Wednesday 21st July 2021.