

**Laois Local Community Development Committee  
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019  
At 2pm in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise**

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**Members in attendance:**

**Public Sector representatives:**

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

**Private Sector representatives:**

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

**Apologies:**

1. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
2. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
3. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network
4. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network
5. Pdraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board
6. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council

**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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Cllr. Pauline Madigan which was seconded by Mr. Ray Harte.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

### 3. Correspondence

- i. Ms. G. Ireland advised the committee in relation to a press release from Minister Katherine Zappone regarding Local Youth Club Grant Scheme, where an increase of 12% in funding for 2019 leaves the budget allocation to LOETB at €65,198- see attached.

### 4. SICAP Presentation by Laois Partnership on 2018 activities

Ms. Catherine Cowap made a presentation to the members on the activities of Laois Partnership in 2018 with a particular focus on the work carried out under Goal 1 and 2, O'Moore Place and "A Garden to feed the needs of the Community".

Members commended the work carried out and expressed interest in seeing the work on the ground.

Ms. G. Ireland advised that arrangements would be made for members to view the work carried out by the Laois Partnership as part of the SICAP subcommittee structure.

### 5. National Community Weekend – The Big Hello

Ms. G. Ireland gave an overview of the applications received, with a rationale on the proposed grant awards to each Municipal District as considerable consideration was given to the equitable divide of funding between each MD. Members also noted that the local authority has supplemented the budget of €10,000 to enable events to proceed, given the importance of the event a National Level. Therefore awards (attached) were proposed by Mr. Joe Thompson and seconded by Ms. Mary White.

### 6. Any Other Business

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:   
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 24/04/2019