

**Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 27th February, 2019
At 4.30pm in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise**

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

1. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council (Chairperson LCDC)
2. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
3. Cllr. Pauline Madigan (Laois County Council),
4. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
5. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
6. Pdraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board

Private Sector representatives:

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

Apologies: Colm Purcell (DSP), Michael Bergin (Farming Sector), Joe Thompson, Youth Sector, Mary White (PPN Rep)

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

Chairman Cllr Pashcal McEvoy opened the meeting and welcomed new members Mr. Ray Harte and Mr. Pdraig Boland. Ms. Anne Goodwin's return was also welcomed by the members.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 30th January 2019

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from John Mulholland which was seconded by John King.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Ms. G. Ireland advised the committee in relation to proposed schedule of DRCD funding schemes which would be announced in the coming months – see attached.

4. National Community Day

Ms. G. Ireland advised of suggested proposals to administer National Community Weekend funding. Applications would be invited with a closing date of 6th March 2019.

Points to note:

- ⊗ Payment will not be made in advance of the event.
- ⊗ Applications will be assessed the week commencing 11th March 2019.
- ⊗ Recommendation for funding will be presented to the LCDC on 27th March.
- ⊗ Applicants will be notified in writing of funding granted by Monday 1st April 2019.
- ⊗ In order to receive payment of the grant, successful applicants must submit invoices, receipts and photographic evidence of an event no later than Friday 10th May 2019.
- ⊗ Funding will be paid out before the end of May 2019.
- ⊗ It was agreed the budget of €10,000 would be divided equally between MD, depending on the number of applications made.

5. SICAP – Approval of the 2018 Annual Performance Review

Ms. G. Ireland gave a brief overview of the Lot Summary Report. It was noted both KPI's were achieved and exceeded in respect of 2018. While the overall targets were achieved and exceeded the number of individuals living in disadvantaged areas by Pobal HP Deprivation range did not reach the target. It was acknowledged by the members that the PI is closely working in many disadvantaged areas; however this is not reflected on the Pobal maps, this has been highlighted to Pobal.

Mr. J Mulholland took the opportunity to compliment the PI and the excellent results, particularly in relation to the exam results in O'Moore Place. It was also important to note the PI is not qualified to deal with underlying personal issues e.g. mental health, substance addiction. Anne Goodwin advised referrals are made to MQI and HSE.

Ms. E Reddin acknowledged the work significant body of work achieved by the PI and advised the SICAP Sub Committee would like to see more PR of the work carried out and collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Anne Goodwin acknowledged this but also outlined their duty of care to participants and the restrictions surrounding GDPR.

Mr. P Buggy proposed approval of the SICAP 2018 Annual Performance Review which was seconded by Mr. J Mulholland.

6. Any Other Business

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: 
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 27/03/2019