

**Laois Local Community Development Committee  
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 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. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
3. Cllr. Pauline Madigan, Laois County Council
4. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
5. Colm Purcell, DEASP

**Private Sector representatives:**

1. Kieran Finane, Business Sector
2. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector
3. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
4. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
5. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network

**Apologies:**

1. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network
2. Pdraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board
3. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
4. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership Company
5. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network
6. Ray Harte, Laois Public Participation Network

**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> March 2019**

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Cllr. John King which was seconded by Cllr. Pauline Madigan.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

### 3. Correspondence

None

### 4. Community Enhancement Programme 2019

Ms. G. Ireland gave a brief overview of the Community Enhancement Programme 2019. The formation of a subcommittee was proposed by Mr. Paddy Buggy and seconded by Cllr. John King. The role of the subcommittee will be to adjudicate on applications with specific focus on areas of disadvantage and in line with the LECP. The following members volunteered to form a subcommittee:

1. Mr. Joe Thompson
2. Mr. Paddy Buggy
3. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy
4. Cllr. Pauline Madigan

#### *Points to note:*

- Closing date 30th May 2019
- Applications will be assessed the week commencing 3rd June 2019.
- Recommendation for funding will be presented to the LCDC on 31st July 2019.
- The budget of €136,524 will be divided equally between MD, depending on the number of applications per MD.

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

Schedule of events – circulated with meetings papers.

### 6. Any Other Business

- *LECP mid-term review*

With reference to LECP mid-term reviews and having consulted with Regional Assemblies, DRCD recommends that local authorities defer their mid-term reviews until RSEs are finalised, expected in Q4 2019. DRCD are working on a guidance note to support the review process and will engage with Local Authorities in the coming weeks to complete and distribute this guidance.

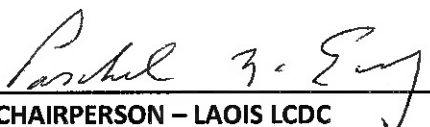
- *PPN*

Ms. G. Ireland noted, nationally the PPN have been advised not to re-elect their PPN Secretariat until after the local elections.

- *Local Youth Club Equipment Grant Scheme*

Mr. J. Thompson 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.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:   
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019