

Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 28th November, 2019
At 2.00pm in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise



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. Conor Bergin, Laois County Council
4. Ann Sheerin, HSE
5. Colm Purcell, DEASP

Private Sector representatives:

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

Apologies:

1. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
2. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
3. Pdraig Boland, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board
4. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
5. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network

In Attendance: Mr. Donal Brennan, Chief Officer, Ms. Carmel McNicholl, SEO
Ms. Claire McIntyre, A/Senior Staff Officer

Chairman Cllr Paschal McEvoy opened the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 1st November 2019

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Mr. P. Buggy which was seconded by Cllr. C. Bergin

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

None

4. SICAP

Ms. Catherine Cowap, A/Chief Executive of Laois Partnership Company gave an overview of the SICAP Programme outlining how the programme aims to support those most distant from the labour market and society. The committee thanks Ms. Cowap noting the work being done on the ground in Laois.

Mr. Donal Brennan noted the Laois SICAP Programme has been granted an additional 3% funding for 2020 bringing the total budget to €604,226. An underspend from 2019 will be carried forward. The exact figure will be known in January. Mr. Brennan added the SICAP subcommittee opened the Draft Plan for feedback which has been forwarded to Laois Partnership.

Mr. Brennan noted in line with funding the Implementing Partner for the initial months of 2020, Laois County Council has requested the drawdown of SICAP Q1 2020 payment from the department.

5. Any Other Business

Mr. J. Thompson noted the recent LCDC Networking event held on 9th November 2019 was very worthwhile.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:



CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 18th December 2019