**Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee**

**Date: 29th November 2018**

**Time: 3.30pm**

**Location: Council Chamber**

**Present:**

**Statutory**

Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Ms Carmel Denning (Dept of EA&SP), Cllr Paddy McDonald (Elected Member), Cllr Paddy O’Reilly (Elected Member).

**Private Sector Interests**

Mr Fintan McCabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Bob Gilbert (Older People’s Interests), Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated CLG), Ms Ciara McPhillips (Youth Interests), Mr Thomas Duffy (Agricultural and Farming Interests), Mr Jim Reilly (C&V Interests).

**Apologies**

**Statutory:** Mr Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive, CCC), Ms Marcella Rudden (Head of LEO), Ms Mary Rose Smith (HSE), Mr John Kearney, CMETB.

**Private:** Ms Ada Vance (Women’s Interests), Mr Eugene Greenan (Chamber of Commerce).

**In attendance:** Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Mr Brendan Jennings (Director of Service), Ms Theresa Tierney (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (Breffni Integrated), Dr Emer Coveney (Cavan County Council), Ms Jane Crudden (Peace IV).

The Chair (Mr Fintan McCabe) opened the meeting.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes were proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Mr Bob Gilbert.

1. **Matters arising**

The Chief Officer stated that the review of LCDC was largely complete and the report will be published in January.

1. **Conflict of Interests**

The chair reminded members of their conflict of interests responsibilities.

1. **Peace IV Update**

Ms Jane Crudden, Peace IV Co-ordinator, gave an update on the programme. All Peace IV monies have been allocated. Many small grant projects have started. There are no issues to date.

She said there is talk of Peace Plus which would be a combination of Peace and Interreg funding but no definite information.

1. **SICAP Annual Plan 2019**

Terry Hyland, CEO of Breffni Integrated, presented the draft SICAP Annual Plan for 2019. Copies of the plan were circulated at the meeting. The budget for this plan is €756,620. The target for KPI 1 is to work with 42 community groups, and for KPI 2 is to work with 520 individuals. KPI 2 had been reduced slightly, as previously agreed by the LCDC. He said that this was in anticipation of the new ‘distance travelled’ tool which is being developed by the Department and Pobal, which might require more intensive work with individuals. He spoke about the reduction in the live register and the fact that the cohort of remaining clients often have issues including mental health and self esteem. The proportion of clients from disadvantaged areas must be 18%. Spend on administration must be 25% of the total budget or less. Action costs are split between Goal 1 (40%) and Goal 2 (60%).

Mr Hyland presented each action in detail including a description of the action, target areas, expected outcomes, partners etc. Each action links with an LECP objective.

‘People experiencing domestic violence’ is the emerging needs category.

Under action 2.2, Mr Hyland proposed naming the bursary funding as the ‘Brendan Reilly Education and Training Fund’ in memory of the late CEO.

Emer Coveney presented the issues identified in the Pobal technical review which focused on carry over of actions, timeframes, the number of FTEs, salary costs and RAPID areas. These issues had been discussed at the SICAP monitoring committee.

She asked if LCDC members could identify any gaps in the actions proposed in the plan. Bob Gilbert said there was no mention of older people’s groups. Mr Hyland said that this could be addressed.

Cllr Paddy O’Reilly asked what supports were available for people with a mental disadvantage, particularly in relation to the workplace. Terry Hyland said Breffni Integrated would be able to tailor an action plan for any individual. He said they have found Social Farming beneficial for some clients. He referred to the EmployAbility Service which also provides supports in this area.

The Chief Officer said that the plan had been discussed in detail at the SICAP Monitoring Committee. He said the monitoring committee was satisfied to recommend the plan to the LCDC for approval with minor amendments and with a short narrative report to address technical queries.

The chair Fintan McCabe said it was an excellent work plan that represented value for money. There are a lot of positive outcomes to the SICAP programme. He asked if it was possible to compare Cavan’s plan to other counties, or if the LCDC could lobby for additional funding. Emer Coveney said that there was data available nationally on the SICAP programme but that Lot plans were not benchmarked against each other. Terry Hyland said that plans were developed to respond to local issues and that different plans would target different needs so it would be difficult to compare them. He said that the Department of Rural and Community Development had put a request to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for additional funding but that the initial response was negative.

Terry Hyland stated that the apportionment of the CEO salary is done on a 50:50 basis between the SICAP and LEADER Programmes. The Chief Officer explained that apportionment changed when the LEADER Programme came on-stream. The SICAP audit by the Local Government Audit Service in January identified that, while this apportionment had been approved at the LAG meeting, it was never formally approved at the LCDC. He asked for formal approval. The apportionment of the CEO salary of Breffni Integrated was proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Bob Gilbert.

The SICAP 2019 Annual Plan was proposed by Cllr Paddy McDonald and seconded by Jim Reilly.

**AOB**

Mr Terry Hyland said that a social enterprise report would be launched in the Council Chamber on Friday 30th November at 11am. This was based on a survey of social economy projects. Dr Senan Cooke and Heather Humphreys are speaking at the event.

Next meeting is on Thursday 28th February 2019

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Chairman