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

**Date: 6th December 2017**

**Time: 3.30pm**

**Location: The Hotel Kilmore**

**Present:**

**Statutory**

Mr Tommy Ryan (CE CCC), Cllr Paddy O’Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Cllr Paddy McDonald (Elected Member), Mr John Kearney (CMETB), Ms Carmel Denning (DSP), Ms Mary Rose Smith (HSE).

**Private Sector Interests**

Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.), Mr. Jim Reilly (C&V Interests), Mr Fintan McCabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Gerry McDonagh (Cavan & Cootehill Chamber), Ms Catherine McCollum (Agricultural and Farming Interests).

**Apologies**

**Statutory:**

Ms Marcella Rudden (Head of LEO).

**Private:**

Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Seamus McGrath (Disability Interests), Ashling Tobin (Youth Interests), Ada Vance (Women’s Issues).

**In attendance:** Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Dr Emer Coveney (Cavan County Council), Ms Marianne McDermott (Cavan County Council), Ms Jane Crudden (Cavan County Council), Terry Hyland (Implementing Partner).

The Chair (Mr Fintan McCabe) opened the meeting and read out the apologies.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Mr Gerry McDonagh, seconded by Ms Catherine McCollum.

1. **Matters Arising**

The Chair welcomed Terry Hyland to the meeting. He noted that a fitting tribute to Brendan Reilly had taken place at the beginning of the LAG meeting.

1. **Conflicts of Interest**

The Chair reminded people of their responsibilities under conflict of interests.

1. **Healthy Ireland**

The Chief Officer spoke about the Healthy Ireland programme. Cavan LCDC were successful in receiving €100,000 from Pobal to roll out this programme. Pobal referred to the Cavan Healthy Ireland application as excellent. The Chief Officer complimented the LCDC subgroup on their work with this application. Work has commenced in implementing the actions. Interviews were held today to appoint a Co-ordinator. The Co-ordinator will organise the launch and develop the branding in the early part of 2018. It is hoped to receive similar funding in 2018.

Ms Mary Rose Smith informed the members that she sits on the board of HSE reps for the LCDC. Ms Mary Rose Smith asked at the last meeting that the period for programme delivery be extended from one year to 18 months as the timeframe is tight. At this meeting the LCDCs were complimented in getting their applications submitted in such a short timeframe.

1. **SICAP 2018-2022**

The Chief Officer spoke about the SICAP 2018-2022 programme. The tender for the programme was awarded to Breffni Integrated Ltd. The letter of notification was issued on the 24th November 2017. There is a standstill period until the 11th December 2017. The contract will be signed on the 18th December 2017. This will be a publicity opportunity. The programme will commence on the 1st January 2018.

**Action:** Breffni Integrated Ltd.to attend the LCDCmeeting in February to give a presentation on the new SICAP Programme.

1. **RAPID Programme 2017**

The Chief Officer spoke about the RAPID Programme 2017. This programme was launched by Minister Ring in November and all allocation of €64,500 was provided for capital projects in disadvantaged urban areas in County Cavan.

Applications were sought for eligible projects in disadvantaged urban areas in the county. A total of 28 applications were received under the programme.

The Chief Officer explained the approval process which the Department had put in place. He also informed the members that the Department had set out priority projects types and target groups. The Department had asked to take geographic balance into account. The applications also had to demonstrate how they would fit with the LECP strategic themes and the RAPID target themes.

Details of the applications submitted were circulated to the Board as well as the results of an internal assessment conducted on each application. The Chief Officer spoke in detail about each application. The applications were assessed internally and scored against the programme criteria. The Chief Officer explained that this assessment was being presented to the LCDC for approval. Subject to the LCDC’s approval, the assessment would then be brought to each relevant MD for approval with funding to be allocated to successful applications before the end of the year.

The Chief Officer explained that while some of the applications didn’t score high under RAPID there was some very worthy projects and these may fit better under other funding streams.

Cllr Paddy McDonald welcomed the allocation of funding and the assessment undertaken.

A number of members declared conflicts of interest in various projects and left the room. These were Cllr Clifford Kelly, Terry Hyland, Gerry McDonagh, Cllr Paddy McDonald and Jim Maguire.

The recommended applications by the assessment committee were adopted on the proposal of Mr Jim Reilly and seconded by Ms Mary Rose Smith.

These recommendations will go to each Municipal District for approval.

1. **Peace IV Update**

Ms Jane Crudden spoke about Peace IV. The first round of applications closed on the 27th October 2017. Ms Jane Crudden assessed these applications first for eligibility. They then went before the assessment panel on the 30th November 2017.

1. Drumgoon Hill Graveyard

The assessment panel recommended this application with further clarification sought before going to SEUPB for approval. Need a clear rationale whether Queens University is considered a specialist for this project.

This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Cllr Paddy McDonald.

2. Killeshandra Community Council

Regarding this project the Heritage Officer has requested that the group revisit the location of the proposed monument. It is not considered best heritage practice to introduce a new monument into a historical site, i.e. proposed location. If a new location is found the assessment panel are happy for the application to go to SEUPB for approval.

This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Ms Carmel Denning and seconded by Cllr Paddy Reilly.

3. Lattan Social Services

Clarification is sought regarding staff costs by the assessment panel before going to SEUPB for approval.

This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Paddy McDonald and seconded by Gerry McDonagh.

4. Bawnboy Workhouse

The assessment panel have asked the group to take the application back and to resubmit with further information for the 16th February.

This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Mr. Jim Reilly.

Ms Jane Crudden informed the Board that the application process for small grants is still open. The next closing dates are the 15th December 2017 and the 16th February 2018.

1. **A.O.B.**

LCDC National Review

The Chief Officer spoke about the LCDC national review. The Department of Rural and Community Development is carrying out a review of LCDCs nationally. This review will aim to strengthen the structures. Surveys and consultations are expected to take place in January 2018. Members will be notified in January.

Bank Of Ireland Enterprise Town

The Board were invited to attend Bank Of Ireland Enterprise Town in St. Patricks College on Friday 8th December at 5pm.

Taste Of Cavan Christmas Markets

The Board were invited to attend the Taste Of Cavan Christmas Markets on the Market Square, Cavan from Friday 8th December to Sunday 10th December.

Enterprising Town Awards

Mr. Gerry McDonagh spoke about Cootehill winning two major awards at the Bank of Ireland ‘Enterprising Town’ Awards in Tullamore. The initiative seeks to recognise local towns for their level of business activity, community activity and spirit. Cootehill won a regional award and the national prize for towns in their population category. They were also runners up for the overall Ireland Award 2017. Mr. Gerry McDonagh thanked Mr. Tommy Ryan and Ms. Marcella Rudden for their nomination.

1. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd February at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan.

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Chairman