

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 26th May 2022

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Cavan County Local Development Offices

Present:

Statutory

Mr. Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council, Chairperson), Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Ms Marcella Rudden (Local Enterprise Office), Dr Fiona McGrath (CMETB)

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Ada Vance (Women's Interests), Mr Tirloch O'Brien (Environmental Interests).

Apologies:

Mr Charlie Smyth (Social Inclusion Interests) Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection). Ms Bridget Boyle (Community & Voluntary Interests), Ms Marisa Goldstone (Older Persons Interests),

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Mr Terry Hyland (CEO, Cavan County Local Development), Ms Deirdre Donnelly (Cavan County Council), Ms Siobhan Morgan (Cavan County Council), Mr. Ste Corrigan (CYPSC).

The Chair (Mr Brendan Jennings) opened the meeting and read out the apologies. Mr Jennings also welcomed Dr. Fiona McGrath to the committee, Dr McGrath replaces Mr John Kearney as the Cavan Monaghan Education & Training Board representative.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. TP O'Reilly and seconded by Ms. Connie Whelan

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Conflicts of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their conflict of interest's responsibilities.

4. Presentation from Mr Ste Corrigan, Cavan Children & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) - 'Planet Youth'

Mr Ste Corrigan from Cavan CYPSC gave a presentation to members on Planet Youth. Planet Youth is an evidence based Icelandic Prevention Model that is based on over 20 years of research, the model uses a whole population approach and offers the opportunity to improve health and life outcomes for people in many areas.

Planet Youth is the first large scale piece of research among young people in Cavan. The research was carried out with transition year students in schools in the County with 882 completing a lifestyle questionnaire. The four domains of intervention that were identified are family factors, peer group effect, general well-being, and extracurricular activities & sports. The County launch of Planet Youth is taking place on Friday 3rd June in Garage Theatre in Monaghan. There will be a county specific report which will be circulated when received. Chief Officer, Mr John Donohoe thanked Mr Corrigan for his presentation and welcomed the publication of the report stating that it is very timely as it would contain critical information and be an opportunity to get the voice of young people to feed into the new LECP. Mr. Corrigan said that the information can be specifically tabulated for the LECP if particular data was wanted. The Chair thanked Mr Corrigan for attending the meeting and for his presentation.

5. New LECP

Chief Officer, Mr John Donohoe informed the members that the inaugural meeting of the LECP Advisory Group was held on 13th May 2022. The group are currently at Stage 1 of the process. The Socio-Economic analysis draft document has been prepared and circulated to the Advisory Group for feedback and this will lead to the socio-economic statement. It was agreed at the Advisory Group meeting to procure a consultant for the preparation of the plan. The next meeting of the Advisory Group is scheduled for June 15th, 2022, and it is hoped that draft terms of reference for the procurement process will be ready for that meeting.

There will be a lot of public consultation as part of the new LECP preparation process. There will be a specific workshop for LCDC members on the high-level goals as it is critical that the right goals are chosen. The Advisory Group and the LCDC will be very involved in the preparation of the new LECP.

Another process ongoing now is a review of the current LECP. A template for both the Community and Economic goals has been circulated to the lead agencies with responses due back in 2 weeks. Once responses have been collated they will be brought to the Advisory Group and the LCDC also.

6. SICAP

Mr Terry Hyland informed members that SICAP Quarter 1 progress was circulated to members prior to the meeting and that if members had any questions to please contact him directly. Mr Hyland explained that due to the Ukraine Crisis there has been a high demand on resources. The Department recently announced an additional €5 million nationally for SICAP, how it is going to be allocated is not known yet. Members were also informed that there will be interviews on Friday 27th for an intercultural worker to assist with the provision of supports to the large number Ukrainian Nationals who have recently relocated to Cavan. There are currently approximately 450 Ukrainian nationals newly arrived to Cavan, compared to 50 in Monaghan.

6. AOB


- Mr Hyland provided details of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by SICAP. The List was proposed by Cllr. TP O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Clifford Kelly. The list will be circulated to members.
- The SICAP Mid Term Review process has commenced, the SICAP Monitoring Committee will meet prior to the June/July LCDC meeting to consider same. A recommendation arising from the review will be presented to the members of the LCDC at the June/July meeting for approval.
- Mr Hyland informed members that the Ukrainian response is using a significant portion of SICAP resources as is opening the new hub in Cootehill. In the Annual Plan it was approved by the LCDC to recruit a new Community Development Worker later this year. Mr Hyland asked would it be possible to delay that recruitment to free up funding for the Ukrainian response if necessary, however should extra funding become available to SICAP from the Department then this may not be necessary.

Proposed by Cllr T.P O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Clifford Kelly

Date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place on 12th July 2022 at 3 p.m.

Signed: _____



Chairman

Date: _____

12th July 2022