

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 17th May 2023

Time: 11am

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), Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection, Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Mr Conor Craven (Local Enterprise Office)

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company), Ms Catherine McCollum (Farming Interests), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Marisa Goldstone (Older People's Interests),

Apologies:

Ms Maryam Temile (Women's Interests) Ms Ruth Woods (HSE), Dr Fiona McGrath (CMETB), Ms Bridget Boyle (Community & Voluntary 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 Seamus Clarke, (Cavan County Council), Mr Stephen Ormsby (Cavan County Council), Mr Liam Mannix (KPMG), Mr Daniel Stairs (KPMG),

The Chair (Mr Brendan Jennings) opened the meeting and read out the apologies. He welcomed new member of staff in Cavan County Council Mr Seamus Clarke to the meeting.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Cllr TP O Reilly.

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. LECP Update

Mr Liam Mannix and Mr Daniel Stairs, Consultants with KPMG Future Analytics joined the meeting remotely. They presented the revised Socio-Economic Statement and High Levels Goals document for LCDC review, this was circulated by email prior to the meeting. Throughout the presentation LCDC members were invited to give their feedback. Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick commented about the use of the word blight in "Dereliction in the county is a blight" under constraints in the SCOT Analysis. He felt that the word is associated with the famine. The Chair also spoke about the section that dealt with Opportunities in particular with regard to transport. He asked if Local Link had engaged with the consultation process to which Mr Stairs said that they had. The Chair felt that there is a lot of pressure on Local Link to deliver services and that it was at a higher level that this issue needs to be addressed. The Chief Officer added that more investment is being allocated to Local Link and that hopefully this will help with the provision of additional services in the future. At the end of the presentation an outline of the timeline for the completion of the LECP was given to members. Mr Liam Mannix explained that this was the most important month of the LECP and that by end of May 2023 they hoped to have the plan up to and including actions, outcomes, and objectives. It was agreed that if members had any further feedback that they could send it to Ms Deirdre Donnelly by close of business 19th May 2023.

A discussion continued among members where Cllr Clifford Kelly raised the point about where education fitted into the plan. He stated that Cavan Institute are planning to link in with other colleges where 1st year and 2nd year of courses are in Cavan Institute. The Chair stated that Cavan Monaghan ETB need to engage

with the LECP for this matter. Cllr TP O'Reilly wished to highlight the importance of keeping older people in their homes and the Chair stated that it is vital that the HSE engage in the LECP process also. Ms Deirdre Donnelly informed members about the Age Friendly Healthy Homes Co-ordinator that is coming to each local authority in the coming months. Their role will be to call to older people and make them aware of the supports available to them to enable them to live in their own homes for as long as possible.

5. PEACEPLUS Update

The Chief Officer informed members that Stage 2 consultations are now complete. He explained that there is now a project ideas form. This form, issued by Cavan County Council's PEACEPLUS Programme, affords stakeholders the opportunity to submit ideas for projects relevant to the programme. It is part of the co-design process for Theme 1.1 of the PEACEPLUS Programme. A series of information sessions, awareness raising, consultation and co-design workshops have already been held to explain this. The findings from these and further information about PEACEPLUS are available to view on www.cavancoco.ie/peaceplus

The purpose of the form is to formally gather ideas relevant to this programme. It is not an application for a grant. The form will help the PEACEPLUS Partnership Board to create a longlist of project ideas that might fit with the funding opportunity under PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1. All relevant ideas must be submitted on this form and by the deadline of Wednesday 31st May 2023 @ 5pm.

The Chief Officer also informed members that the PEACEPLUS Local Authority Action Plans guidance note is now due to be issued by SEUPB to Local Authorities in late May/early June 2023.

The next PEACEPLUS partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18th May.

6. SICAP Quarter 1 2023 report

Mr Terry Hyland, Chief Executive Officer, Cavan County Local Development Company presented highlights from the Quarter 1 2023 Progress Report for SICAP. This report was circulated in advance of today's meeting by email.

Mr Hyland stated that there is a huge focus on the Ukrainian Response with over 1800 Ukrainian Nationals living in Cavan at present. There was a video recorded with Cavan Ukrainian Choir with Phil Coulter. It is part of national choir project with Phil Coulter. A link to the video will be circulated to members after the meeting. The Chair asked if there was a good geographical spread in terms of supports being provided under SICAP which Mr Hyland stated that SICAP was being delivered county wide.

Proposed by Cllr TP O'Reilly and seconded by Ms Connie Whelan

7. Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 – Mr Steven Ormsby, Healthy Cavan Co-ordinator

Mr Steven Ormsby, Healthy Cavan Co-ordinator provided an update on Healthy Cavan Funding and Proposed Activity for 2023 under each outcome. This document was circulated in advance of the meeting by email.

Mr Ormsby informed members that the following was the status of funding.

- Approval of the Healthy Cavan application and associated outcomes/outputs was received from POBAL on 3rd May 2023. Expenditure is authorised from this date.
- Total grant award, for the period 1st June 2022 to 31st December 2025 is €198,122.42
- There was expenditure of €40,000 from 1st June to 31st December 2022.
- Agreed budget for 2023 is €78,122.42.
- Indicative budget of €40,000 for years 2024 & 2025.

- Formal Agreement is awaited from POBAL and once this has been received, signed by SEO, and returned (Online process), then funding will be released to Cavan County Council.

Mr Ormsby has held meetings with a number of delivery partners, to explore programmes/initiatives to meet the outcomes. He then went through the proposed activities in detail. It was agreed by the members that it was a good spread of activities given the small budget allocation.

Proposed by Mr Jim Maguire and seconded by Cllr Clifford Kelly

8. AOB

Mr Hyland provided details of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by SICAP this list was shared on screen. The List was proposed by Cllr. TP O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Clifford Kelly. The list will be circulated to members after the meeting.

Mr Jim Maguire asked when it is expected that the recipients of Community Support Fund will be announced, and he was told it is expected to be soon. He also enquired about Community Recognition Fund to which he was told hopefully should be next week.

It was also noted that SICAP Procurement for 2024-2028 will commence in July 2023 with award made by the LCDC by the end of 2023.

The meeting concluded.

Signed: 
Chairperson

Date: 19th June 2023