

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 27th November 2024

Time: 3pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Council Chamber, Cavan County Council Offices

Present:

Statutory

Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Cllr Val Smith (Elected Member), Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection), Mr Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council), Ms Ruth Woods (HSE), Mr Conor Craven (Local Enterprise Office),

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company) - Chairperson, Ms Beth McEntee (Community and Voluntary Interests), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Aisling Traynor (Youth Issues), Ms Catherine McCollum (Agricultural and Farming Interests), Ms Gayathri Devi Soman (Social Inclusion Interests), Mr Barry Kavanagh (Environmental Issues).

Apologies:

Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Ms Frances O'Neill (Disability Interests), Dr Fiona McGrath (CMETB), Ms Maryam Temile (Women's Issues)

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Mr Terry Hyland (Cavan County Local Development), Ms Deirdre Donnelly (Cavan County Council), Ms Siobhan Morgan (Cavan County Council), Ms Jane Crudden (Cavan County Council), Ms Emer Mulligan (HSE).

The Chair (Mr Jim Maguire) opened the meeting and everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were noted.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Mr Barry Kavanagh

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. SICAP – Approval of SICAP Service Providers and Subcontractors

The list of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by Cavan County Local Development Company for SICAP was circulated prior to the meeting by email.

Proposed by Ms Connie Whelan and seconded by Ms Aisling Traynor

5. PEACEPLUS

The Chair welcomed Ms Jane Crudden, PEACEPLUS Programme Manager to the meeting. Ms Crudden informed members that 14 tenders were issued, 8 were received and 6 received no response. Ms Crudden went through the details of the projects that received tenders.

Project	Conflict of Interest	Proposed by	Seconded by
Transart Cavan	No	Cllr Clifford Kelly	Ms Aisling Traynor
CMETB Active Citizens Youth Project	Yes Clifford Kelly	Cllr Val Smith	Ms Connie Whelan
Cavan Traveller Movement	No	Cllr Clifford Kelly	Mr Barry Kavanagh
Ballyhaise Development Assoc	No	Ms Ruth Woods	Ms Connie Whelan
Echo Peace Project	No	Mr Barry Kavanagh	Cllr Clifford Kelly
Courage & Renewal Ireland	No	Ms Connie Whelan	Cllr Clifford Kelly

The Chair thanked Ms Crudden for her presentation.

6. Connecting for Life

Ms Emer Mulligan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE gave a presentation on recent research which was carried out to 'Improve Understanding of Risk Factors to Suicidal Behaviour' and gave an update on other developments as part of the Connecting for Life workplan. It was agreed that a copy of the presentation would be sent to all members of the LCDC following the meeting.

The Chair thanked Ms Mulligan for her comprehensive presentation and invited questions from the LCDC members. Mr Brendan Jennings asked were all agencies involved with this work, Ms Mulligan stated that there was a "Connecting for Life" steering group with over 30 members. There are representatives on the committee from a wide variety of agencies. Ms Mulligan said that she may look at restructuring the committee in the new year and setting up more focused working groups.

Mr Jennings asked if Pieta and Sosad were represented on the committee. Ms Mulligan said Sosad were not but there are links with them for community wellbeing events. Pieta is not on the committee, but their Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer is a member. Ms Mulligan noted that the Family Resource Centres were invited to join the committee also but they have not attended regularly. Ms Mulligan stated that there is need for another Family Resource Centre.

Mr Conor Craven asked on what basis did she see the need for another Family Resource Centre and Ms Mulligan said that research showed that there was a need in the Cootehill/Bailieboro area particularly.

Mr Craven also asked what the engagement was like with new communities in Cavan and Ms Mulligan said that there is an officer within Social Inclusion in the HSE who works with new communities and Ms Mulligan works closely with that person.

Mr Barry Kavanagh noted from Ms Mulligan's presentation that alcohol was mentioned as one of the main drivers and enquired if the alcohol industry had any involvement with highlighting this risk. Ms Mulligan stated that there were national campaigns re drinking sensibly but there were no specific references to suicide risk and noted that maybe this is something that needs to be explored on a national basis.

Mr Barry Kavanagh asked if there was a way to get information out to young people other than on radio/newspapers. He suggested through social media, Ms Mulligan said that this is where "Cavan Monaghan Connects Initiative" comes in, it is hoped to have a social media presence soon, with a Facebook, Instagram, twitter etc.


Ms Aisling Traynor spoke about the importance of getting the information out to young people. Often young people are asked to participate in research but they are not necessarily getting feedback. Ms Traynor noted that to ensure that information reaches the most vulnerable at-risk young people it needs to come through the youth services, youth workers, schools and resource centres.

7. AOB

The Chief Officer Mr John Donohoe informed members about the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. There is an allocation of €6 million nationwide. It is a grant that support groups in disadvantaged areas. The allocation for Cavan is €120,917 and the Women's Group allocation is €24,183. The scheme will be launched in January 2025.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 26th February 2025 at 3pm in Council Chamber.

Signed:  Date: 20-2-20
Chairperson