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

**Date: 22nd February 2018**

**Time: 3.30pm**

**Location: Council Chamber**

**Present:**

**Statutory**

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 Fintan McCabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Seamus McGrath (Disability Interests), Ms Ada Vance (Women’s Issues), Ms Catherine McCollum (Agricultural and Farming Interests).

**Apologies**

**Statutory:**

Mr Tommy Ryan (CE CCC), Ms Marcella Rudden (Head of LEO).

**Private:**

Mr Jim Reilly (C&V Interests), Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Ms Ashling Tobin (Youth Interests), Mr Gerry McDonagh (Cavan & Cootehill Chamber).

**In attendance:** Mr Eoin Doyle (Director Of Services), 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**

The previous minutes were amended to read Mr Jim Reilly instead of Mr Jim Maguire for approving the recommendations under the RAPID programme. Minutes of previous meeting, as amended, were adopted on the proposal of Ms Mary Rose Smith, seconded by Ms Carmel Denning.

1. **Matters Arising**

The Chair spoke about the ongoing LCDC review. The Chairs and the Chief Officers attended a workshop on the review and highlighted a number of items that were discussed. Some of the items included training and capacity building for members as well as the practicalities of running a large group and working with subcommittees of the LCDC. The Department will publish a full review and recommendation. The Department received a good response to the questionnaire which was circulated to all of the LCDC members. The review will be completed by the end of quarter one of this year.

1. **Conflicts of Interest**

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

1. **Healthy Ireland**

The Chief Officer spoke about Healthy Ireland. The launch of Healthy Cavan and Healthy Libraries took place on Tuesday 20th February in the Events Space in the Library. €100,000 was approved to roll out phase 1 of the project. Actions have to be completed by 31st March 2018. No details have been circulated regarding phase 2 yet. The Cavan Children and Youth People’s Services Committee [CYPSC] have also received €38,500 to roll out a programme under Healthy Ireland. One of their actions was delivered today, the LGBT Youth Conference. Parenting courses are also being held.

1. **Peace IV Update**

Ms Jane Crudden gave an update on Peace IV. The assessment panel met on Tuesday 20th February and reviewed the small grants received. Ms Crudden gave a summary of each project and what the assessment panel recommended.

County Cavan Cricket Club

The assessment panel recommended this application for the amount of €10,015. This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Ms Ada Vance.

Bailieborough Heritage Society

The assessment panel recommended this application with project costs coming to €13,430. This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Paddy Mc Donald and seconded by Ms Carmel Denning.

Killinkere GAA

This is a double project with both projects taking place over two years. The second project doesn’t meet the minimum 26 hours contact time required. The applicant will be requested to increase the contact time up to the minimum 26 hours in line with SEUPB’s guidelines.

On the condition of the increased contact hours the assessment committee recommend this application for €22,100. This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Ms Mary Rose Smith and seconded by Cllr Paddy Mc Donald.

There are 6 small grants approved to date. The final closing date of the 16th February has passed and the remaining applications will be assessed and presented to the next LCDC meeting.

1. **LECP Review of community plan actions for 2017**

The Chief Officer went through the plan in detail and spoke about activity completed in 2017 and activity planned for 2018 under each action. The Chair said that the plan is an endorsement of the work the LCDC carry out. This plan is to be put forward to the wider Council for ratification.

The Chief Officer thanked Ms Emer Coveney and Ms Marianne Mc Dermott for all their work putting the plan together. He also thanked the partners for providing the information in a timely and efficient manner.

Cllr Paddy O’Reilly asked about the current position on the provision of a Sports facility for the county, which is one of the LECP actions. In response, the Chief Officer informed the members that Cavan County Council will be commissioning a feasibility study to look at all options in 2018. This study would look at all options and seek to address the two critical issues of accessing suitable land and funding for such a large scale project. Cllr Paddy Mc Donald recommended that the feasibility study looks at linkages with the proposed GAA centre of excellence at Breffni Park.

Cllr Paddy O’Reilly said that there is a need to look at a possible location for the facility and that we should look at the facility in Clones as a good model.

The Chief Officer agreed with Cllr O’Reilly and stressed the importance of having a plan in place to access funding as it comes available.

This plan was adopted on the proposal of Ms Mary Rose Smith and seconded by Cllr Paddy Mc Donald to adopt the plan.

1. **SICAP 2018-2022**

The new contract for the 2018-2022 plan between the LCDC and Breffni Integrated CLG was signed in the offices of Breffni Integrated CLG on the 18th December 2017.

1. Presentation by Terry Hyland

Mr Terry Hyland made a presentation on the new SICAP Programme and the proposed programme of activities under the programme. In his presentation Mr Hyland emphasised that Breffni Integrated Ltd. depends on support from Cavan County Council and other lead agencies to roll out projects, e.g. funding or support and rarely deliver projects in isolation.

Ms Mary Rose Smith asked about how the disadvantaged areas are decided. In response, Mr Hyland explained that these are decided through the Haase index used by Pobal.

After a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the secretariat would forward the details on disadvantaged areas to the LCDC members.

Cllr Paddy O’Reilly spoke about the needs of people with intellectual disabilities regarding interviews and employment. Mr Seamus McGrath confirmed that there is a group, Employability Service in Cavan which provides this service to people with intellectual disabilities. Mr Terry Hyland confirmed that Breffni Integrated Ltd. work in collaboration with Employability Service.

Ms Carmel Denning confirmed that Employability Service do a great job. Employers are funded for these schemes.

1. **Approve SICAP End of Year Report 2017**

Mr Terry Hyland informed the group that the Monitoring Committee assessed both the 2017 headline indicator report and the annual report and were happy to approve both. This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Paddy Mc Donald and seconded by Mr Seamus McGrath.

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

The Chief Officer informed the group that the Local Government Audit Service audited the SICAP Programme. They spent one day with Cavan County Council and three days with Breffni Integrated Ltd. The audit went very well and we are awaiting a management letter from the auditor highlighting their findings.

The Chair complimented the work done by Breffni Integrated Ltd. on the SICAP Programme.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th March 2018 at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan.

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 Chairman