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

**Date: 25th October 2018**

**Time: 3.30pm**

**Location: Council Chamber**

**Present:**

**Statutory**

Cllr Clifford Kelly, Ms Carmel Denning (DSP), Cllr Paddy McDonald (Elected Member), Cllr Paddy O’Reilly (Elected Member), Mr Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive, CCC), Ms Marcella Rudden (Head of LEO), Ms Mary Rose Smith (HSE), Mr John Kearney, CMETB.

**Private Sector Interests**

Mr Fintan McCabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Bob Gilbert (Older People’s Interests), Ms Ada Vance (Women’s Interests)., Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests), Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.).

**Apologies**

**Private:** Ms Ciara McPhillips (Youth Interests), Mr Eugene Greenan (Chamber of Commerce) Mr Thomas Duffy (Agricultural and Farming Interests) Mr Jim Reilly (C&V Interests),

**In attendance:** Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Mr Brendan Jennings (Director of Service), Ms Theresa Tierney (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (Breffni Integrated), Mr Sandy Holland (Breffni Integrated), Dr Emer Coveney.

The Chair (Mr Fintan McCabe) opened the meeting.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes were proposed by Ms Marcella Rudden and seconded by Mr Jim Maguire.

1. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1. **Conflict of Interests**

The chair reminded members of their conflict of interests responsibilities.

1. **Peace IV Update**

Ms Jane Crudden, Peace IV Co-ordinator, gave an update on the programme. All Peace IV monies have been allocated and the programme is up and running. There was a launch event last Friday 19th October which was very well attended. Jane thanked everyone involved.

LCDC members complemented Ms Crudden and her staff on the launch. The ‘Voices of the Troubles’ project was highlighted as a unique project. This was developed and led by Mr Tom Sullivan, County Librarian.

1. **SICAP Case Study**

Mr Sandy Holland, Breffni Integrated, presented a case study on the SICAP programme. The case study had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. It relates to a disability project that SICAP staff have been developing for three years. They worked with two day centres for people with disabilities (Clougherhouse and Virginia Primary Care). In total 35 people with medium to severe intellectual and physical disabilities benefitted from a programme that included art and music therapy and drama. He said the process of engagement has been exceptionally important. The participants produced art work which they then exhibited. In order to support people with disability to have a sense of visibility and tangible involvement in the community they organised visits to the Ramor Theatre. It was reported that, as a result of the project, clients were meeting health goals that they had not previously met. SICAP staff helped to access additional funding for programme activity from the National Lottery. It is hoped that the mainstream HSE budget can make a contribution next year and clients may make a contribution.

Mr Holland said that the Clogherhead service had been awarded a Community Enhancement grant for a sensory room. They will also develop a programme that will involve clients in a gardening project.

Ms Ada Vance queried the gender balance on the programme. Mr Holland said it was 50:50 and clients ranged in age from their late 20s to their 60s.

Cllr Paddy McDonald complemented the programme. Ms Carmel Denning commented on the value of art and music therapy.

The chair Mr Fintan McCabe thanked Mr Holland for the presentation and said it gave the LCDC a grounding of the work.

The SICAP case study was proposed by Ms Mary Rose Smith and seconded by Mr Bob Gilbert. This is part of the annual reporting requirements under SICAP.

1. **Presentation by Local Enterprise Office**

Ms Marcella Rudden, Head of the Local Enterprise Office [LEO], gave an overview of the LEO to give a context for the economic actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan. The LEO was set up following a change in legislation in 2014, brought about through a process of local government reform. Their work involves supporting small companies with 1-10 staff, in manufacturing and internationally tradable services. The LEO is a ‘first stop shop’ and referral service. They promote entrepreneurship and enterprise awareness and provide an extensive range of business skills training.

Cllr Clifford Kelly complemented the LEO on their excellent supports for start ups and small businesses. Cllr Paddy O’Reilly queried how widely the LEO services were promoted and suggested their presence at events like the Virginia Show. He commented on restrictions such as the size of companies they are allowed to work with and the size of grants available.

Ms Rudden agreed that being able to work with companies of 1-10 people was restrictive and said they have been advocating to work with companies who have up to 20 staff.

Ms Rudden said her presentation could be emailed to LCDC members.

Cllr O’Reilly suggested that Ms Rudden could attend a Council meeting.

Cllr Paddy McDonald also complemented the LEO staff.

The Chair thanked Ms Rudden for her presentation.

**AOB**

Dr Emer Coveney outlined a proposal from the Healthy Cavan subcommittee to expand its membership. It was proposed to request nominations from the following:

Ms Rose Mooney, HSE Services for Older People.

Ms Collette Deeney - CYPSC

Mr Terry Hyland - Breffni Integrated

Ms Monica Mc Crory - Senior Health Promotion Officer – Schools, HSE

Mr Gerry Lowry - TUSLA

There was unanimous approval by the LCDC for this expansion of Healthy Cavan subcommittee.

Next meeting is on 29th November 2018

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 Chairman