

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 25th June 2020

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Statutory

Mr Brendan Jennings (Director of Services, CCC), Ms Carmel Denning (Dept of EA&SP), Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Marcella Rudden (LEO), Mary Rose Smith (HSE)

Private Sector Interests

Mr Fintan Mc Cabe (Environmental Interests), Mr Jim Maguire (Breffni Integrated Ltd.), Ms Ada Vance (Women's Interests), Mr Seamus McGrath (Disability Interests), Ms Olive Hannigan (Social Inclusion Interests)

Apologies:

Statutory: Ms Aisling Tobin (Youth Issues), Mr Tom Brady (Cavan Chamber)

Private Sector Interests: None

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Ms Angela Fitzpatrick (Cavan County Council), Mr Terry Hyland (CEO of Breffni Integrated), Ms Sinead Tormey (Healthy Cavan Coordinator, Cavan County Council),

The Chair (Mr Fintan McCabe) opened the meeting and read out the apologies.

The Chief Officer also informed the Committee that an apology had been received from Mr Ste Corrigan who was due to attend the meeting to provide a presentation on the Children and Young People's Services Committee.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr T.P O'Reilly and seconded by Marcella Rudden.

2. Matters arising

- (i) The Chief Officer informed members that Confirmation of the SICAP Mid-Year reporting process for 2020 has been received from Pobal. The Mid-year review process will be replaced by a Mid-Year Check, which will be desk based and will require less reporting than processes completed in the past.

The timelines for updating of IRIS data and submission of mid-year reports by the LDCs have been extended and the reporting period will now be for 6 months from January 1st 2020 - June 30th 2020 and the submission of Mid-Year Reports will be extended to 14th July 2020.

LDCs are required to complete a brief report providing an update on KPI achievement, the impact COVID 19 has had on this (if any) and expectations on achieving KPI targets by year end. It will also give the LDC an opportunity to articulate the likely impact on spend and identify any supports needed as a result of COVID 19.

This Mid-year report will be presented to the SICAP Monitoring Sub-Committee on completion. It will also be presented to the LCDC at the August meeting.

3. Conflict of Interests

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

4. Peace IV Update

Jane Crudden provided a report on the Peace IV Programme. Jane informed members that the Peace IV Programme is now reaching final closure. Jane acknowledged and thanked the LCDC and all the partner deliveries for their input to the Peace IV Programme – Jane also thanked Siobhan Mulligan (Development & Procurement Officer Peace IV), Noreen McGirr (Peace IV Programme), John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Brendan Jennings (DOS) and Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive) who were all very supportive during the delivery of the Peace IV Programme.

Jane provided the following analysis of the Peace IV Programme – Total amount awarded for the Programme was €3,128,824. Total spend is 99% (€3,091,853). This leaves an underspend of 1% (€36,971). To date Cavan County Council has received 65% of the spend with 35% to be certified by SEUPB – one final claim relating to expenditure was sent to SEUPB yesterday for expenditure incurred from April to June 2020.

The Chair thanked Jane for her report and commended the level of spend on the Programme. Brendan Jennings also commended Jane on the great work done during the Peace IV Programme. In terms of Peace Plus, Brendan asked whether there have been any advancements since the consultations for the Peace Plus Programme. Jane responded saying that since the consultation in the Hotel Kilmore and an online survey there has been no further action since.

5. Healthy Cavan Update

The Chair welcomed Sinead Tormey (Healthy Cavan Coordinator) who was in attendance to provide updates on the Healthy Cavan Programme.

Sinead informed members that after the last LCDC changes to actions and budgets have been updated. As the actions were outlined at the last meeting Sinead provided an update on budgets changes which require LCDC approval. Changes outlined as follows:

- **Action 1 – Physical Activity Initiative**
€520 from Lowland Leader Training and €500 from Woodlands for Health to be redirected to the Promotion of 'Return to Physical Activity' resources to assist people to return to participate in physical activity during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- **Action 2 Healthy Food Made Easy**
No changes in action or budget due to begin in Autumn
- **Action 3 – Holistic Health Initiatives**
 - Budget for dental and nutritional workshops for schools this year €1,880 including refreshments (€500) and this year's Tullacmongan food initiative for preschool €1,500 to be moved to fund new activities under this action

including: increase bike racks for GAA clubs, and also looking at a Greenway bike Scheme for Ballyconnell / Bellaheady Greenway –if this does not go ahead then the cycle Against suicide programme for schools will be implemented which aims to encourage schools to become actively involved in mental health promotion.

- Taste of Cavan Budget €3,500 has been moved (if funds allow) to run outdoor activities for older people such as tennis and golf to encourage them out and start enjoying physical activity again post Covid19 lockdown.

- **Action 4 - Digital Health Conferences**

No change in action or budget -To go ahead as planned in 2021

- **Action 5 – Community Engagement**

- Dementia awareness training going ahead online.
- Irish heart foundation visit cancelled this year (€4,320). €2,700 of this went to fund the rest of the care boxes and Library talks cancelled for this year (€2,280).
- Video production of Healthy Cavan Initiatives have been replaced with a Health and wellbeing radio campaign on iRadio and Northern Sound which is currently being finalised and any underspend will be used towards this campaign and social media platforms.
- €1,200 from the signage budget to equipment budget to purchase a laptop and printer, which are newly eligible for funding due to Covid19 restrictions and the need to work remotely.

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- **Community Mental Health Fund Action ran in partnership with Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)**

There is no change to this action or budget - A resilience worker has been recruited through the ISPCC and continues to work remotely. This support is being provided in Cavan town, Kingscourt and Mullagh areas. It includes one to one therapeutic support work with young people and their families to develop resilience.

- **Small Grants Scheme**

The closing date for the small grants scheme was yesterday 24th June 2020. 17 applications totalling just over €65,000 have been received. Total funding available is €30,000. As it was not possible to have the evaluation process

completed for today approval is also being sought from the LCDC that the Healthy Cavan sub-committee meet next week to decide on the grants.

The Chair thanked Sinead for the information provided. The Chair asked the Committee if they were in agreement with the budget changes and proposal that the Healthy Cavan Subgroup would evaluate projects and approve the small grants, with an update to be provided at the July meeting for noting. In the interest of openness transparency, the Chair stated that any member of the LCDC who wishes to attend the subgroup meeting was welcome to do so. The proposal was proposed by Jim Maguire and seconded by Marcella Rudden.

6. Presentation on Cavan Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) by Mr Ste Corrigan, CYPSC Cavan Co-Ordinator, TUSLA - Child & Family Agency

Item postponed to the July meeting as Mr Ste Corrigan was unable to join the meeting due to technical difficulties.

7. SICAP

Mr Terry Hyland provided an update on SICAP. Mid- year report due by the 14th July 2020. The annual plan will be re-evaluated to ensure it is still in line with what needs arising during the second half of 2020. In terms of targets, engagement with individuals is currently at 46% and engagement with community groups is currently at 62%. They are happy with levels reached especially given the difficulties and barriers which have been encountered as a result of Covid19. The unemployment rate in September will give a greater idea of supports required once the Covid payments have ceased and people who can go back to work have gone back.

Terry informed the Committee, under SICAP they are currently working on a Health needs analysis of the Roma Communities in Cavan and Monaghan. The Roma Community is constantly pointed out as a group which the LDC need to engage with under SICAP.

8. AOB

The Chief Officer informed members that the Community Enhancement Programme was launched this week. Cavan has been given an allocation of €57,000. This is the 4th year of the Scheme. The Scheme provides small scale capital grants to community groups in disadvantaged areas. It is aimed at getting small grass roots community projects off the ground. There are two streams under the Scheme – grants over €1,000 and grants under €1,000.

There is also provision in the scheme to deal with Covid19 where community groups or projects may be struggling because of loss of income or a suspension of activities during this period. Examples of previous projects funded include, works around Community Centres, once off maintenance of premises, development of youth clubs, development of recreational facilities, improvements of town parks, small scale public realm, town parks, play areas and energy efficiency projects or any projects in response to Covid19.

The Scheme will be advertised very shortly. Details will also be circulated to all LCDC members. Applications will be brought to the LCDC meeting in September.

The Chair commented that there seems to be a lot of funding streams available which may run the risk of confusion for groups. He enquired as to whether there is a 'one stop shop' where groups can request information rather than groups missing out as a result of not knowing that funding was available. The Chief Officer responded saying all funding is welcomed and he is aware that there is a lot of schemes available at present. To alleviate some of the confusion this may cause, the timelines for the various schemes are being staggered.

He also informed the group that the PPN are used as the main conduit to get the information on funding schemes out to Community Groups. The PPN, with Cavan County Council, have developed a funding guide to help groups and feedback indicates that this has assisted groups in understanding the funding available. The team in the Community, Enterprise and Tourism are working with community groups to ensure they are aware of potential funding avenues for their projects. He also

acknowledged the role played by members of the LCDC and the elected members of Cavan County Council in getting information out to Community Groups. Where the Council has discretion long applications time frames are provided where possible. Grants are also advertised through Social Media, print media and the radio.

The Chair complimented the staff within the Council who look after the Council's social media pages as the information provided is always very good and update.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th July 2020 at 3.30pm online via Microsoft Teams.

The Chair extended his best wishes to the Committee going forward, on behalf of himself and Olive Hannigan, as this was the final LCDC meeting they would be attending.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman