

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 31st March 2022

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Cavan Crystal Hotel

Present:

Statutory

Mr. Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council, Chairperson), Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (Elected Member), Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection). Ms Marcella Rudden (Local Enterprise Office)

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Mr Tirloch O'Brien (Environmental Interests), Ms Bridget Boyle (Community & Voluntary Interests),

Apologies:

Ms Ada Vance (Women's 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), Ms Ann Marie Ward (Cavan County Council)

The Chair (Mr Brendan Jennings) opened the meeting and read out the apologies.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. TP Smith and seconded by Mr Jim Maguire.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chief Officer John Donohoe informed members that a Local Government Audit took place recently on two programmes, (i) Community Enhancement Programme (ii) SICAP. He stated that he was still awaiting final report but a management

meeting was held with the auditors at the conclusion of the audit and no issues of significance were noted in the course of the audit. The Chief Officer stated that he will bring formal findings when report is made available.

3. Conflicts of Interest

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

4. Presentation from Ms Ann Marie Ward, Heritage Officer – 'Placing Heritage at the Heart of the Community'.

Annmarie Ward, Heritage Officer with Cavan County Council gave a presentation to members. In her presentation she gave an outline of her role as Heritage Officer and the aims and objectives of the Heritage department. She outlined actions arising from Heritage Plan under Built Heritage and Natural Heritage. In 2022 €96,000 will be paid to owners of protected structures through the Built Heritage Funding Scheme. Ann Marie also gave an outline of funding received - €48,000 from National Biodiversity Action Plan and €36,000 from the Heritage Council. The main targets for 2022 are Cavan County Heritage Plan, Cavan County Biodiversity Plan and All Ireland Pollinator Plan. Members thanked and congratulated Annmarie on her presentation.

5. SICAP Service Providers/Sub-Contractors

Mr Terry Hyland provided details of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by SICAP. The List was proposed by Cllr. Clifford Kelly and seconded by Cllr. TP O'Reilly

6. Regulation of the Lobbying Act 2015

It was noted and agreed that the committee will comply with the Transparency code of the Public Lobbying Act 2015. This will be done by regular circulation of minutes and the agenda of committee working groups / task force meetings on the Council website. The website will also detail membership and terms of reference of the committee."

7. Ukrainian Crisis

Mr Terry Hyland gave an update on work done by Cavan County Local Development in response to the Ukrainian crisis. He informed the committee that there was a Ukrainian Community Group set up in Cavan who have taken an office in CCLD Offices in Corlurgan where they have access to WiFi, stationary, telephones etc. He also stated that IPAS were not able to give information of when or where the refugees are coming into the county. He gave a brief outline of current numbers in Cavan including, those accommodated in Cavan Crystal Hotel, Lakeside Manor Hotel and Ballyhaise Agricultural College. A depot is opening in Cavan Town called the Ukrainian Hub where there will be an opportunity to meet fellow Ukrainians, get information on services, clothing and supplies.

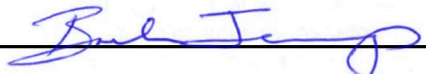
8. AOB

Community Activities Fund

The Chief Officer presented the grant applications received under the Community Activities Fund Round 2 (Running Costs) with a recommendation arising from the internal assessment of same. After his presentation Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick and Cllr TP O'Reilly both referenced groups that they had thought submitted applications. The Chief Officer agreed to undertake a review of grant applications and would revert to members when this review was completed in order that any additional applications received prior to the deadline could be included. Members agreed that a revised recommendation would be circulated and could be agreed by written procedures.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place on 28th April 2022.

Signed: 
Chairman

Date: 28th April 2022