

Meeting: Louth Community Development Committee

Date: 14th April 2016 at 16.00 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk

In attendance: Cllr Colm Markey (Chairman)
Cllr. Pearse McGeough
Cllr. Dora Minogue
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Ms Mary Ann McGlynn
Mr Thomas McEvoy
Mr. Anthony McArdle
Mr. Kevin Moran
Mr. Frank O'Brien
Ms. Fiona Murphy
Ms. Ann Keely
Mr. Breffni Martin

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Joe McGuinness, Director of Service
Mary Deery, Administrative Officer

Apologies: Sadie Ward McDonnell
M Sloane

1. Minutes of 28th January 2016

On the proposal of Mr F O' Brien and seconded Ms M.A. McGlynn the minutes of the meeting of the 28th January were adopted.

2. Matters Arising

It was noted that Mr. F. O' Brien's membership is ICTU and is not IBEC.

Mr F. O'Brien referred to some recent correspondence involving another Local Authority and a Local Development Company where it was indicated that the matter of the conflict of interest was only considered relevant in the matter of contract negotiations. The Chief Officer agreed to review the matter.

It was noted that there may have been an error in the advice of future LCDC meetings it was noted. That future meetings generally will be held on the last Thursday of each month.

It was noted.

3. Local Economic Community Plan- Update

J. McGuinness, Director of Service briefed the group in relation to the completion of the adoption process of the Local Economic Community Plan. It was agreed that a single reporting template would be devised by the Executive in relation to both Economic and Community elements of the plan and it was also agreed that the Advisory Steering Group established for the preparation of the LECP would be tasked with viewing this template in the very near future. It was agreed that the Chairperson of the LCDC would be added to this group. It was also agreed that this same group would consider how the LECP would be communicated and disseminated.

4. Local Development Strategy

J. McGuinness advised the group in relation to the status of the Local Development Strategy which is still waiting approval and it was indicated that it would be hoped it will be approved May/June.

5. PEACE IV 2014-2020- Presentation by Therése McArdle

Peace IV 2014- 2020 Therese McArdle gave a presentation in relation to the Peace Programme and all aspect of same. A suggested Peace Board was also circulated and members considered same. A number of matters were subsequently discussed including:

- The additional of Environmental Representation
- The additional of ICTU Representation
- Municipal District Membership
- Conflict of Interest
- Minority Faith Groups

At the conclusion of the discussion it was agreed:

1. Peace Partnership Board would be a subcommittee of the Local Community Development Committee
2. That the Peace Partnership Board as circulated be established but would have an additional Environmental Rep, and an additional ICTU Rep
3. LCDC membership for the Peace Partnership Board would be considered in the light of any nominations received from the other identified groups.

6. Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Mary Kelly of Louth Leader Partnership gave a presentation to relation to SICAP 2015-2016 and the experience of the Louth Leader Partnership as the project implementer.

A number of matters were discussed including the issue of:

- Mentors
- Targets

At the conclusion of the presentations the members thanked Mary for the presentation which was deemed practical, detailed and illustrative of the work currently being undertaking.

SICAP Sub Group-

At the outset Ms M. A. McGlynn left the meeting due to her role within Louth Leader Partnership and a conflict of interest.

Mr. K Moran of the SICAP sub group gave a briefing in relation to various aspects of their work in reviewing matters. It was noted and pointed out that the LCDC had a number of outstanding approvals that were required:

- (a) Approval end of year report
- (b) Approval of Annual planned targets for 2016
- (c) Approval of Annual Plan 2016
- (d) Approval of two VAT Claims 1st April -31st December 2015
- (e) Ratify March payment to the project implementer to the value of €107,320.15.

In the discussion that followed it was noted that these matters required the necessary approvals of the Local Community Development Committee. These were delayed due to a lack of achievement of a quorum at the previous meeting.

After some discussion, the matter concluded with the LCDC approving matters a-e on the proposal of Mr. T. McEvoy and seconded Ms. F. Murphy.

Mr. K. Moran read a subgroup report the contents of which were noted. This report was acknowledged but it was felt that the report should confine itself to the contents the Louth SICAP Plan.

7. Correspondence:

- (A) Notification from the Department of Environment and creation of LCDC logo this matter was noted.
- (B) Email notification from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in relation and consultation with young persons and available resources. The matter of engagement with Comhairle ná nÓg was noted and it was agreed to be linked with Local Community Development Committee in October with regard to the concept of children participating in decision making.
- (C) The Ardee Redz Interim Report Mr T. McEvoy gave a brief in relation to the completion to the completion of the report on the Ardee Redz

implementation the presentation also focused on the Drogheda project and all of these matters were noted.

8. **AOB**

- It was agreed that a list of meeting dates would be circulated to all members and in that context it was noted of the importance of achieving quorums with regard to business continuity of having monthly meetings.
- It was noted that there was a training seminar for LCDC members on the 20th April.
- It was noted that the next meeting is the 26th May 2016.

Conclusion of the meeting:

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairperson on behalf of the committee thanked the interim PPN members who are likely to step down before the next meeting of the LCDC and the Chairman referred in particular to Mr.K. Moran, Mr. A. McArdle, Mr. B. Martin and Ms. M. Sloane.

Chairperson: John Moran

Date: 26/05/16