

Minutes of Meeting: Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Louth Local Action Group (LAG)

Date: 16th November, 2021 at 4.00pm

Location: Via Video Conference

In attendance: Ms. Joan Martin Chairperson, C.E. of LCC
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Cllr. Kevin Meenan
Cllr. Eileen Tully
Cllr. Dolores Minogue
Mr. Thomas McEvoy, LEO
Ms. Anne Keeley DSP
Ms. Gráinne Berrill, Louth Volunteer Centre
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Ms. Alison Quail, PPN
Ms. Joanne Finnegan, PPN
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLP
Mr. John Carroll, IFA
Mr. Sean Farrell, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk

Officials: Mr. Paddy Donnelly, Chief Officer
Mr. John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer
Mr. Gerard Judge, Staff Officer

Apologies Mr. Steven Rice, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Ms. Carol West, PPN
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Mary Deery, LCC

Guests: Ms. Mary O' Neill, LLP

LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 60/2021

1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 18th October 2021:

On the proposal of Cllr Liam Reilly, seconded by Ms. Alison Quail and unanimously agreed by the members the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2021 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 61/2021

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 62/2021

2. Social Inclusion and Community Development:

a) SICAP Draft Annual Plan 2022

Mr. John Lawrence advised the members that there was an indication from the Dept that there might be an increase in funding for the 2022 plan. However, pending confirmation of this, the SICAP Draft Annual Plan 2022 before the members is based on the same allocation as 2021 and is for approval in principle only at this juncture. The Draft Plan, which was previously circulated, outlines the annual targets, budget and administrative costs. Programme developments for 2022 include county wide Smart Start Network for Older People, Migrant Forum and Migrant Network Development, Traveller Enterprise Training and also incorporates the agreed LCDC priorities for 2022-2023. The final 2022 Annual Plan will be put before LCDC, at a future meeting, likely early 2022, for approval.

Conflict of Interest: Due to a conflict of interest Mr. Ciaran Reid left the meeting temporarily and subsequent to the decision been made, as set out below, rejoined the meeting.

For quorum purposes, Mr. Thomas McEvoy and Ms. Anne Keeley abstained from voting.

Recommendation: To approve the SICAP Draft Annual Plan 2022 in principle.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Dolores Minogue, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, the SICAP Draft Annual Plan 2022 was approved in principle.

b) Traveller Initiative Funding

Louth Leader Partnership and the National Learning Network are collaborating on a drama project that will be open to NLN students and members of the Traveller Community. This arose following pre-development engagement with a young Traveller student who is a person with a disability in the NLN whose interest is in drama. The aim is to have a minimum of 10 people from the Traveller Community and 3 NLN students take part in a drama project which will work towards putting on a Community Based Christmas variety show. The NLN are contributing €800 for the drama Instructors fee. This is not a typical spend from Programme Budget in Goal 1, but in the absence of a traveler based community group or service applying for grant aid, this money will go towards the purchase of the items listed below and form part of LLP's engagement and pre-development work with Travellers.

Sound & Lighting Hire	€300
Costumes	€400
Props/Back Drop Materials	€200
Refreshments for the cast	€300
TOTAL	€900 – Props/Materials €300 - Refreshments
	€1200.00 TOTAL

Proposal: To contribute €1,200 out of the SICAP Goal 1 Programme Budget towards this initiative.

For quorum purposes, Mr. Thomas McEvoy abstained from voting.

Decision: on the proposal of Ms. Anne Keeley, seconded by Ms. Bernardine Quinn funding in the amount of €1,200 from SICAP Goal 1 Programme Budget was approved for the Traveller Pre Development Proposal, outlined above

LCDC Minute No. 63/2021

4. Correspondence

Members noted correspondence from the Peace IV.

Members were updated, for information purposes only, that Louth County Council received €14,050.00 under the Dormant Accounts Fund 2021 which was subsequently distributed equally between two LGBTI groups in Louth. Outcomers Dundalk and Outcomers Drogheda each were allocated €7,025.00.

Members noted correspondence from the Department of Rural and Community Development regarding the Community Enhancement Programme – Community Activities Fund 2022.

Mr. Ciaran Reid informed members that Joe O'Brien T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development & Department of Social Protection visited projects and community initiatives supported by his Departments in Co. Louth on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November.

The minister confirmed his delight with the community activity within the county.

LCDC Minute No. 64/2021

5. AOB

Ms. Joan Martin, Chairperson, informed members the next meeting of the LCDC will take place on Monday 20th December, 2021 at 4.00pm.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

LAG MATTERS

LAG Minute No. 102/2021

1. Minutes of LAG meeting held on the 18th October, 2021:

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly, seconded by Ms. Alison Quail and unanimously agreed by the members the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October, 2021 were adopted.

LAG Minute No.103/2021

2. Matters Arising:

There were no LAG matters arising.

LAG Minute No.104/2021

3. LEADER Monthly Financial Reports:

Mr. John Lawrence advised that the two number financial reports, circulated to members detailed financial information up to 10th November, 2021.

Mr. John Lawrence referred to financial reports numbers 1 and 2, both reports were raised on the LCC accounting system detailing payments issued under the administration job code and the projects job code.

For quorum purposes, Mr. Thomas McEvoy abstained from voting.

Recommendation: Approval of financial reports numbers 1 and 2

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Meenan, seconded by Ms. Gráinne Berrill, financial reports 1 and 2 were approved.

LAG Minute No. 105/2021

4. Administration Report:

Mr. John Lawrence referred members to financial report number 3 which provides details of the named administration costs incurred by LLP for the month of October, 2021 in the amount of €37,220.10.

For quorum purposes, Mr. Thomas McEvoy abstained from voting.

Recommendation: Approval of financial reports number 3 with an expenditure of €37,220.10 for the month of October, 2021.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Meenan, seconded by Ms. Gráinne Berrill, financial report no. 3 with an expenditure of €37,220.10 for the month of October, 2021 was approved.

LAG Minute No. 106/2021

5. LEADER Monthly Project Updates:

Ms. Mary O'Neill informed members present that Financial Reports no. 4 is generated by Louth Leader Partnership

a) Report 4 provides a breakdown of progress under each of the Local Objectives of the LDS with a further breakdown per sub theme and local objective as at 10th November, 2021. This report details the Transitional Programme Allocations plus any de-commitments and the balance of Grant Aid as per each Local Objective.

Report number 4 is for information purposes only.

LAG Minute No. 107/2021

6. EOI's Rolling and Targeted:

Members were advised of the EOI's received during the month of October, 2021. Ms. Mary O'Neill informed members that the list of 4 EOI's were for noting only. There were no EOI's deemed ineligible, as all EOI's were considered eligible in principle

LAG Minute No. 108/2021

7. Notes requiring LAG approval:

Ms. Mary O'Neill referred to the notes requiring LAG approval, which listed projects that required proposed project extensions as per Operating Rules 8.4:

1. Project Extension of less than 6 months:

Project Ref. 112187 from 31/12/2021 to 30/06/2022

Project Ref. 111846 from 31/12/2021 to 30/06/2022

Project Ref. 111099 from 31/12/2021 to 30/06/2022

Project Ref. 113925 from 30/12/2021 to 28/02/2022

Project Ref. 113821 from 30/11/2021 to 18/02/2022

Project Ref. 114317 from 30/11/2021 to 31/03/2022

Mr John Lawrence advised that whilst the Notes to the LAG required approval by the members that these projects must undergo Article 48 checks.

For quorum purposes, Mr. Thomas McEvoy and Ms. Anne Keeley abstained from voting.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly, seconded by Ms. Alison Quail, the LAG notes for these projects were approved.

LAG Minute No. 109/2021

8. RDP Sub Group Meeting-

a) Request to Review LAG Decision:

Mr. Thomas McEvoy advised the members that the RDP Sub Group met on 20th October, 2021 to consider a request for review, from Proper Innovation Ltd, of the decision of the LAG to deem Project No: 21LDRLOU115735 ineligible.

Having considered in detail both the original Expression of Interest and the additional information supplied, in conjunction with the LEADER Operating Rules, the RDP Sub Group found that the documentation submitted did not contain evidence that would, in their opinion, render this project eligible under the Operating Rules. Therefore, the decision of the LAG, on 21st June, 2021, to deem project no. 21LDRLOU115735 ineligible, should remain.

Recommendation: The RDP Sub Group consider that the information submitted with the request for review, together with the original Expression of Interest (EOI), does not provide sufficient reason to overturn the original decision of the LAG, made on 21st June, 2021 to deem project no: 21LDRLOU115735 ineligible. Therefore, it is recommended to the LAG that project no: 21LDRLOU115735 is ineligible under Section 6.4, Section 24.24.3 and Section 24.24.4a of the LEADER Operating Rules.

For quorum purposes, Ms. Anne Keeley abstained from voting.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Alison Quail, seconded by Ms. Gráinne Berrill, it was agreed that Project No: 21LDRLOU1157356 was deemed ineligible.

b) Targeted Call:

It was proposed to advertise a Targeted Call under L01: Activity, Adventure, Heritage and Cultural Tourism.

LEADER Theme:	Economic Development
LEADER Funding Type:	Capital
Total Call Budget:	€140,000.00
Max LEADER Grant Aid per project:	€70,000.00

For quorum purposes, Ms. Anne Keeley abstained from voting

Recommendation to the LAG: The RDP Sub Group recommend that a Targeted Call, as set out above, be advertised under L01: Activity, Adventure, Heritage and Cultural Tourism.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Alison Quail seconded by Ms. Gráinne Berrill, the targeted call in L01: Activity, Adventure, Heritage and Cultural Tourism was approved.

LAG Minute No. 110/2021

9. Next Meeting:

Ms. Joan Martin, Chairperson, informed members the next meeting of the LCDC will take place on Monday 20th December, 2021 at 4.00pm, following the LCDC meeting.

The business of the LAG meeting concluded

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

20th December 2021

Chairperson:

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