

Minutes of the Meeting of Westmeath Local Community Development Committee, (LCDC)

on Friday 9th June 2017 at 10.00am in Executive Lounge, Aras an Chontae, Mullingar

Sector	Agency	Name	Present/ Apologies
Statutory Members	Westmeath County Council Elected Member	Cllr Tom Farrell	Apologies
	Westmeath County Council Elected Member	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke	Present
	Westmeath County Council Elected Member	Cllr Bill Collentine	Present
	Westmeath County Council Chief Executive	Pat Gallagher	Present
	Head of Local Enterprise Office	Christine Charlton	Present
	Dept of Social Protection	Eoin Power	Present
	Education & Training Board	Maria Fox	Present
	Health Services Executive	TBC	
Non Statutory Members	PPN Community & Voluntary	Des Sheridan	Present
	PPN Community & Voluntary	Bob Morrison	Present
	PPN Social Inclusion	Joyce Furlong	Present
	PPN Social Inclusion	Michael Mulvey	Present
	PPN Environment	Dave Raftis	Present
	Westmeath Community Development Ltd	Joe Potter	Present
	Farming/Agriculture	Paddy Donnelly	Present
	Business/Employers	Brigid Manley	Apologies
	Trade Union	Denis Rohan	Apologies
In Attendance	Westmeath County Council, Director of Service	David Hogan	Apologies
	Westmeath County Council, Chief Officer, LCDC	Hugh O'Reilly	Present
	Westmeath County Council, Community Development.	Annette Barr Jordan	Apologies
	Westmeath County Council, Community Development.	Anne Galvin	Present
	Westmeath County Council, Community Development.	Caroline Smith	Present
	Westmeath Community Development	Bernie Leavy	Present
	Midlands Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force(MRDATF)	Antionette Kinsella	Present
	Midlands Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force(MRDATF)	Ger Byrne	Present

Chairman Pat Gallagher welcomed members to the meeting and thanked Vice Chair Joyce Furlong for acting Chair at previous meeting.

1. **Approval of Draft Minutes of LCDC meeting held Friday 28th April 2017**

On the proposal of Joe Potter and seconded by Christine Charlton the minutes of the previous LCDC Meeting held on Friday 28th April 2017 were approved.

2. **Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

3. **Presentation: Antionette Kinsella, Co- Coordinator, MRDATF**

Antionette Kinsella of Midlands Regional Drug & Alcohol Task force gave a presentation to members on the work of the task force. Ms Kinsella outlined the role of the MRDATF, provided Statistics for the Midlands Region, outlined the structure and governance for MRDATF, provided breakdown of funding allocation for 2017 and provided an update on Action 3.1.15 - Westmeath Local Economic & Community Plan. Copies of the Community Action Plan on Drugs & Alcohol for County Westmeath 2017 – 2019 and Drug & Alcohol Strategic Plan for MRDATF were circulated to members.

Chairman Pat Gallagher thanked Ms Kinsella and Ms Byrne for attending meeting, providing presentation and for their contribution to the LECP.

Ms Kinsella to circulate new contact details to Anne Galvin to circulate to LCDC Members.

4. **LEADER - SEE APPENDIX A**

5. **SICAP**

Hugh O Reilly advised members that the current SICAP programme will soon be coming to an end. It is hoped that by end of July 2017 the new programme will be advertised on e-tenders with closing date end of September for the LCDC to be in a position to award contract by end of year. There was a sub-committee established to assess tenders received so it is likely this will take place again.

Pobal circulated updated promotional video for the SICAP Programme. This video was played and will be circulated to PPN members.

6. **Correspondence from Department of Social Protection (DSP)**

Hugh O Reilly discussed correspondence received from DSP. There is a new call for Community Services Programme if groups wish to apply. Joe Potter advised that Frank Murtagh is currently working on this. There will be one application per County and only 13 projects will be approved nationally. Further information and queries should be made via Frank Murtagh on WCD.

7. **The Appointment of LCDC Chair**

In advance of the next LCDC Meeting, Chairman Pat Gallagher advised members that his time as Chair of LCDC will end in July following three year period. A formal decision on the position of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson can be made at next meeting.

8. AOB

The HSE have yet to appoint a representative to the LCDC and will only nominate a representative following the recruitment and filling of Joe Whelan's post in the HSE.

The issue of the poor attendance at LCDC meetings from the Business and Employers Sector was discussed. This position has been filled by four different representatives over the past three years. The Chief Officer will liaise with Chambers Ireland to seek an alternative representative who will be in a position to attend meetings.


A link to National Rural Network will be sent to members should they wish to subscribe.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LCDC will be Friday 21st July at 10.00 am in Executive Lounge, Aras an Chontae, Mullingar, Co Westmeath.

Chairman Pat Gallagher thanked the members for their attendance and called the meeting to a close.

Approved


Chairman

21/7/17
Date

