

Meeting: County Louth LCDC

Date: 14th September 2015

Location: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk

In Attendance: Cllr Colm Markey (Chair)
Cllr Dolores Minogue
Cllr Pearse McGeough
Cllr Liam Reilly
Joe McGuinness
Mary Deery
Kevin Moran
Anthony McArdle
Breffni Martin
Breda Tuite
John Cotterrel
Anne Keeley
Fiona Murphy
Susan Murphy

Apologies: Frank O Brien
Mary Ann McGlynn
Marian Sloane
Eddie Phelan

Absent: Peter Kierans
Joe English

Guest: David Malone, IPB

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman, Cllr. Colm Markey, thanked the members for attending and noted apologies

• **Indemnification of LCDC by IPB Insurance – David Malone from IPB will discuss**

At chairperson's request, consensus was given by the LCDC to bring forward item no 5 on the agenda to be heard before items 2-4.

David Malone from Irish Public Bodies Insurance (IPB) spoke to the LCDC.

David confirmed there is Professional Indemnity (PI) cover, protection for LCDC under Louth Country Council insurance policy. Personal indemnity cover is given to all members of the LCDC in the event of a separate/individual claim against them. It gives comfort to members re decision making.

There is cover with regard to error or omission. PI does not protect against pure business risks which don't work out economically.

There is €2 million cover for any one period and LCDC need to ensure this is enough. There is a need to check is the LCDC going to approve more than €10m worth of tenders in the course of one year.

Members must check the terms and conditions with regard to conflict of interest. This is standard on policies with professional indemnity insurance.

Members need to use the existing controls and measures when making decisions and ensure good governance principles apply.

Discussion with regard to a bond to cover €6.2m for the LEADER programme followed. Mary to send explanation and LEADER documentation to David to check if IPB can cover the LCDC. David advised that strictly speaking a bond is not insurance

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting on 22nd June 2015

Proposed by Fiona Murphy, Seconded by Anthony McArdle

3. Matters arising

None

4. Correspondence

1. Letter from equality alliance
2. Letter re REDZ

Reference was made to the Standing Orders directing the LCDC and reminder to members to send apologies in advance of the meeting if unable to attend. Note that if you miss 3 meetings in a row without apologies you will be removed from the LCDC.

• Community elements of Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)

Verbal update from Joe McGuinness on same - Advisory group prepared and published the draft framework and issues' papers. A consultant has been appointed – Aibhlin McCrann– to develop the draft plan once all submissions are received. Aibhlin will attend the next LCDC meeting and will be holding focused 1-2-1 consultations with relevant agencies over the forthcoming weeks. There is a possibility of a focused workshop/conference to be held in mid October. Details to follow.

- A discussion followed and the following was recorded
- Invite Aibhlinn to meet with PPN secretariat to see what items they want added to the LECP.
- LCDC want input from PPN before the LECP is approved by the LCDC.

- Note there is a gap in the PPN structure within the community particularly in the Sports sector. It is being considered linking sports grant funding with registration to PPN.

SICAP

SICAP: Ref reports on overhead display. Not for distribution due to sensitive nature of information. LCDC members stated they were uncomfortable making decision re funding without answers. It was decided to compile questions and seek answers from the PI. Mary to contact LLP for answers on the following:

Question to LLP re 3 targets underperforming – **No 3, 10 & 12 ref Headline Indicator Report**

Query to be sent to LPP as the Program Implementers to request an explanation as to why the targets have not been met on the following:

1. No 3: Number of local community groups whose members have been assisted by SICAP to participate in local, regional or national decision-making structures.

Mid year target (blank)	Annual target 28	Actuals 2
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2. No 10: Number of individuals (15 years upwards) progressing to part time or full time employment up to 6 months after receiving a goal 3 employment support

Mid year target (blank)	Annual target 57	Actuals 13
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3. No 12: Number of young people (aged 15-24) in receipt of a SICAP, ESF, YEI Goal 3 employment support

Mid year target (blank)	Annual target 103	Actuals 12
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With regard to the Individual cost charged report:

Goal 1:

Total monitoring costs 0%

Actions to support networks and decision making 3.3%

Enhance community participation in local/regional decision making structure 1.47%

Query to be sent to LPP as the Program Implementers to request an explanation as to why the amounts spent are so low.

Based on satisfactory response from LLP and approval from SICAP subgroup, LCDC recommend making the next midyear payment. Proposed by Kevin Moran, Seconded by Joe McGuinness

Agreement to form SICAP subgroup. Terms of reference and membership discussed and approved. Fiona Murphy proposed that as there will be further funding streams coming on board that the LCDC should approve the ToR for the SICAP subgroup now, with the option to expand and form a full Finance Oversight Group in the future.

Sub group proposed members:

Anne Keeley, DSP

Kevin Moran, DYC

LLP rep – maybe not on the committee but as support, i.e. no vote

LCC finance – not on committee but as support, i.e. no vote

Mary Deery as Chief Officer – not on committee but as support/facilitator, i.e. no vote

- **LEADER updates**

A successful EOI was submitted last May. A public private partnership was agreed between LLP as the animation arm and LCC the financial arm. LCDC is the LAG and will be the decision making body in the programme.

Heads of Agreement was presented for approval. The HoA outlines the respective roles in the LEADER programme.

A discussion followed:

John Cotterrel raised a query for Louth County Council – is there adequate staff and resources in place to deliver the plan? Joe stated they are not at the moment to put adequate staff in place. John said the LCDC needs a formal response from LCC re same. The question is raised further to the Dept training sessions for LAG members held in Clane Co Kildare and the presentation from IPB.

A subsequent question asked “How much funds if any do LCC propose to take from the LEADER fund in relation to financial management? Joe will return with a response.

LEADER LDS has to be signed off and agreed by DOEHLG by end of December 2015. John Cotterrel requested the LCDC formally ask LCC to respond to timeline and resources available for LEADER LDS development and delivery. Joe to respond.

It was agreed to set up a LDS subgroup. Terms of Reference presented and approved.

Members:

John Cotterrel

Thomas McEvoy, LEO

LLP rep

Colm Markey

Liam Reilly

1 rep from Chambers

1 agri rep – Breda to return with a name

Kevin proposed Grainne Berrill—Walk Peer Group

Suggestion made to meet in LLP office in Ardee

Evaluation sub committee:

Discussion re proposed members – Chair person Cllr Colm Markey advised the evaluation sub group members cannot overlap with LCDC members .

Other Suggestions: someone from Teagasc
 Breffni to recommend a person from Environment section
 Mary will seek nominations on behalf of the LCDC
 (check operating rules re a member of LLP board sitting on the
 evaluation committee)

Fiona to send on standardised SLA's to Mary – create a SLA between LCC and LLP and LCDC

LCDC agreed to postpone decision on HOA:

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- **REDZ** – Mary Deery referenced the submitted proposal application. Recommend LCDC focus on p31-39. Members were advised the proposal was submitted by LCC for Ardee.
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- **Rural Transport Programme:** reference doc attached

Query re LCDC member as a board member on RTP board. The discussion was deferred to next meeting when Frank O'Brien is present as Frank raised the question.

- **AOB:**
 1. Fiona ref TUSLA not on the LCDC – big gap. Discuss with TUSLA re input to LECP. Invite them to have an input to LCDC twice a year.
 2. Request for breakdown/list of all the acronyms – Mary to arrange same
 3. Report carried out on the two major urban centres in rural Louth - survey request from Breda for same to be distributed to the LCDC
- **Next meeting: 12th October at 4pm**

Meeting closed