

Meeting: County Louth LCDC

Date: 22nd June 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
Susan Murphy
Kevin Moran
Anthony McArdle
Marian Sloane
Eddie Phelan
John Cotterrel
Mary Ann Mc Glynn
Anne Keeley
Fiona Murphy
Frank O Brien

Apologies: Breffni Martin
Breeda Tuite
Paddy Matthews
Joe English

Absent: Peter Kierans

Guest: Joan Martin

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting on 13th April 2015

Minutes were proposed by Kevin Moran and Seconded by Anthony McArdle

3. Matters arising

Mary Ann McGlynn circulated a document explaining the Local Action Groups (LAG).

4. Correspondence

Draft report on outcome of the Rural Transport workshop. Meeting to be arranged for the Transport Group to discuss.

5. Community elements of Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)

Joe McGuinness presented the draft LECP and discussion followed on same. Fiona Murphy advised she is looking at it from the HSE perspective and is looking for guidance nationally so there is consistency across the country. There is a draft HSE document currently with HSE LCDC reps listing key areas to focus on in the LECP. A request was made for a one page document from the Chief Officer explaining the LCDC – what it does and who the members are – something suitable to share with the staff of related membership groups. This one page document can be used to promote the LCDC.

Mary Ann suggested that the LECP should be proofed by NALA before going on public consultation.

Cllr Pearse McGeough suggested replacing the word ‘reduce crime’ be changed to ‘eradicate crime’.

Cllr Colm Markey, Chair, requested that any comments and suggestions in relation to the Community elements of the LECP be emailed into the Chief Officer within the next week. He pointed out that the Economic side cannot be changed as it has been ratified by the Economic SPC.

Mary Deery reminded the members that the 2 principle roles of the LCDC were to develop and implement the community elements of the LECP and have oversight of the public funding in the community. When agreeing the actions on the LECP it would be worthwhile not to forget their oversight role.

Joe McGuinness also pointed out that there would be a 4 week public consultation plan period– and a plan was needed to direct that process. The LECP needs to come before the Council in December.

Suggestions to get the information into the public domain: Joan social media, public consultations, ads in papers etc tend to generate a small number of replies – may need to formulate a consultation process other than the statutory methods. Need to come up with a way to increase the replies. Anne Keeley, DSP suggested each member should take responsibility for their group to get the word out to their own staff. Kevin suggested we piggy back on the upcoming PPN county wide event on the 27th July. John Cotterrel suggested an online survey. Pearse suggested door to door. Fiona suggested that an article in the local papers instead of an ad would be more appropriate also, put in local notes and church bulletins. Frank O’Brien (SIPTU) said we need to develop a sophisticated way to reach all members of the community. Cllr Markey Cchair) said we need to find a way to reach all the public.

Joe said members of advisory steering committee need to meet to assist the bridging of the LCDC and the SPC and to set the parameters of what we need.

6: SICAP

Mary referred to the reports distributed and requested approval from LCDC to make 2nd SICAP payment to Louth Leader Partnership. Agreed and proposed by Fiona Murphy, seconded by Liam Reilly. Joe McGuinness countersigned payment memo.

7: Leader Updates

Mary said we are awaiting a response from Dept re leader and call out

REDZ: referred to 34 recommendations for rural areas – There is a funding call open for Pilot areas, closing date 31st Aug. Meeting to be arranged with Louth County Council and Louth Leader Partnership to discuss possibilities. Preference is to apply for what is most likely to succeed and fit the criteria. LCC will be the applicant.

8: AOB

- Mary – Dormant accounts call is out – need to get the information out to people
- Mary Ann – re data protection collection of info. LLP are not required to register individual info
- Frank – nominations to Rural Transport – Mary – was on the agenda and no one took it up. Flexibus needed someone so Mary was interim rep as proposed by CE Joan Martin – needs to be ratified by LCDC. The representation must have a direct link to LCC. Mary to check does it have to be a member of the LCDC. Put back on next agenda
- Kevin advised the PPN public consultation and election dates. Need to confirm the venues. Note an external facilitator coming in
- Kevin asked re County Safety strategy – Joe McGuinness replied that the Community Safety Strategy was adopted by the JPC last month, plan to be launched in autumn. Request for it to be available for the 27th July. Joe to check re same. JPC will not meet again until the PPN members are ratified
- IPB – document being finalised re role and indemnified for and not – they will attend the September meeting

Next meeting 14th September 2015

Meeting closed