

**Meeting: County Louth LCDC**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Location: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk**

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In Attendance: Cllr Colm Markey (Chair)  
Cllr Dolores Minogue  
Cllr Pearse McGeough  
Joe McGuinness  
Thomas McEvoy  
Mary Deery  
Kevin Moran  
Anthony McArdle  
Marion Sloan  
Michael Gaynor  
John Cotterell  
Frank O'Brien  
Mary Ann McGlynn  
Fiona Murphy  
Peter Kierans

Apologies: Liam Reilly  
Breeda Tuite  
Ann Keeley

Absent: Breffni Martin  
Eddie Phelan

Guests: Joan Martin  
Susan Murphy  
Riona McCoy  
Aibhlinn McCrann

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

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

2. **Minutes from meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015** were agreed and proposed by Fiona and seconded by John

3. **Matters arising:**

- a. Query from last minutes re query re resources re LEADER: Joe spoke with colleagues, going to talk to dept – assessment being carried out countrywide. LCC not in a position to respond at present.
- b. Nomination for new members going before council to be ratified next week

4. **Correspondence** – none

**5. Community Elements of Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) Framework**

Joe gave an update on the LECP and introduced Aibhlinn McCrann from Communique International as consultant working on the LECP who gave a short presentation on the process and upcoming conference in Bellingham Castle on 14<sup>th</sup> October. A discussion followed on the LECP and the conference. Aibhlinn advised the LECP will enable people to articulate their priorities in community sector with an emphasis on the economic sector. The LCDC will be agreeing the prioritisation of the actions and the different elements that will feed into the plan. The actions in

the draft document are not the actions going into the plan. There will be series of draft high level goals presented to the conference to help identify where all the stakeholders are coming from. : LECP should be a strategic financial framework from which grants will flow and opportunities become available. Address the key issues and build on synergies within the bodies , ie DSP and LMETB working together and they need to be realistic expectations

#### **6. Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme update (SICAP)**

SICAP subgroup met 22<sup>nd</sup> September to look at the headline target reports. Presentation made by Kevin re current position. Proposal made to ratify the SICAP payment – proposed by Kevin, seconded by Anthony. [Note: Payment no.3 of €321,960.33 was made on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015] Query from John re LCC finance official to join SICAP subgroup , Joe advised we should have a finance member from LCC for the end of year review. Mary confirmed the POBAL parallel review was happy with actions and reviews to date. Mary advised LCDC need to start work on 2016 action plan to be agreed before the end of 2015 and will be based on actions in LECP. POBAL are coming to LCC on 20<sup>th</sup> October and they will go through what will be required John said we need a clear outline of what is required from LCDC members and confirmation of what resources are available from LCC as there are timelines to be met and LCDC need to know the risk if the support was not available. Colm referenced all the subgroups and the amount of work and time required from LCDC. Joan said support will be available but some responsibility will fall on certain items for members of the LCDC no matter the support available from LCC. Request to arrange a presentation re governance of LCDC and responsibilities and timelines/milestones for next meeting

#### **7. LEADER**

Colm referenced LDS subgroup meeting last week: contract to write the program awarded to Exodia. Next meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> October after the LECP conference/workshop. Timeframe re plan and dates due to be received from Exodia. Aibhlin and Exodia are to meet to check re inputs required from each other on LECP and LDS. Draft Heads of Agreement agreed. Proposed by Fiona and seconded by Colm. Document to be signed asap.

#### **8. REDZ**

Mary Deery said Co Louth funding received is the highest allocation in the country. There is a technical issue with the letter of offer. LCC are starting the process while awaiting the letter of offer. Updates to follow

#### **9. PPN**

Membership of county secretariat has been finalised. The first meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> September and next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> October to consider the process for elections onto the SPC and JPC's etc as these are required asap. Kevin advised a meeting was held last week with Joe to discuss available resources as there is a large administrative burden to holding the elections. Legislation says PPN requires a full time resource worker and formally requested same. John asked if the PPN have any way to ensure the reps are representative of those on the ground. Mary advised it is the role of the resource person to contact the groups to join. There are 3 pillars – Community and Voluntary, Environment and Social inclusion. Environment members are vetted by the Department of the Environment. LLP are carrying out research re social inclusion and why some groups are not involved in PPN. PPN secretariat to agree actions required and then re PPN resource worker will carry it out. Reference was made to the lack of sports groups reps but it is now a requirement under the incoming Louth Sports Clubs Grants for groups to join the PPN in order to qualify for funding. Advised statutory bodies can use the PPN to get info out to the groups via the Friday communicate.

**10. LECP actions**

Community car is being launched this month. Monitoring of Rural Transport Strategy in Louth. It will be a self drive car for organisations to use themselves, e.g. to use for hospital appointments or to get to job activation possibilities via the car.

Rep on Local link board: Mary Deery is in place since last may. Formally it is a county council rep via the LCDC. Joan to decide if it should remain a staff member of LCC

Next meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Exodia to make a presentation to the LCDC including timelines

Meeting closed