

Meeting: Louth Community Development Committee

Date: 30th June 2016 at 16.00

Location: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk

In attendance: Cllr. Colm Markey (Chairman)
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Mr. Breffni Martin
Ms. Eva Beirne
Mr. Larry Magnier
Mr. Kevin Moran
Ms. Anne Keely
Ms. Mary-Ann McGlynn
Mr. Frank O'Brien

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Bernadette Fennell, A/Director of Service
John Lawrence, A/Senior Executive Officer
Mary Deery, Administrative Officer
Riona Mc Coy, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Dolores Minogue
Joe McGuinness, Chief Officer
Ms. Breeda Tuite
Mr. Michael Gaynor

1. Minutes of 26th May 2016

On the proposal of Mr. Frank O'Brien and seconded by Ms. Mary-Ann McGlynn, the minutes of the meeting of the 26th May were adopted.

2. Matters Arising

A Committee Contact List 2016 was circulated at the meeting following a request for same from the previous meeting of 26th May.

3. Local Economic Community Plan – Update

Joan Martin, Chief Executive, gave an update on the Louth Economic Community Plan and said there would be a formal launch of the plan in the autumn. The LCDC will monitor the plan and it is important that actions do not fall behind schedule. It was suggested that a 'traffic light' scenario be put in place to indicate progress on the actions.

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Mr. Larry Magnier sought clarification that the LCDC would monitor the community elements of the plan and the SPC for Economic Development would monitor the economic elements.

Cllr. Colm Markey, Chairman of LCDC, noted that there would be (a) a joint meeting of the SPC for Economic Development and the LCDC members and (b) that lead partners would be invited to give an update at a future LCDC meeting.

4. Local Development Strategy

Cllr. Colm Markey, Chairman of LCDC, gave an update in relation to the adoption process that the Local Development Strategy (LDS) is currently going through. It was noted that 18 LDS have been approved nationally, but it will be July before the LDS for Louth will be approved. A contract will issue from the Department for signing by LCC, after which a Service Level Agreement will be proposed and agreed.

The Chairman noted the need for an Evaluation Committee of the Local Development Strategy. There is a need to bring in expertise in the areas of finance; procurement and business including the Chambers and Ardee Traders. The LDS sub group will make a recommendation to the next LCDC meeting.

It was agreed to circulate the proposed names of the LDS sub group in advance of the next meeting.

The LDS recommends that proposals assessed by the Evaluation Committee are passed by the board of Louth Leader Partnership for comment; however, the Evaluation Committee's assessment cannot be altered in any way.

Mr. Larry Magnier raised the issue of unnecessary delays in the timelines of the application process.

Ms. Joan Martin, Chief Executive, emphasised the importance of the members of the LCDC attending all meetings so that the quorum for the meeting will be achieved and prevent any unnecessary delays.

It was agreed at the meeting to have two separate launches for both the LECP and LDS.

5. Peace IV 2014-2020 Update

There was a public consultation workshop on Peace IV held in Castlebellingham on 22nd June. 130 people attended and there was a broad discussion covering the three themes:

- Children and Young People
- Shared Spaces and Shared Services

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- Building Positive Relations

Focus Group workshops will be held over the next few weeks to extend discussions on the themes.

As agreed at the last LCDC meeting a Peace Partnership of 21 members was approved to oversee the development and implementation of the Peace IV Plan. Work is ongoing in putting the Peace IV Partnership in place. Concerns were raised in relation to the future of cross border programmes as a result of Brexit.

A list of the membership of the Peace IV Partnership will be circulated at the next meeting.

6. SICAP Update

Mr. Kevin Moran gave an update on behalf of the SICAP sub group covering the work and timelines involved in the forthcoming midyear review. A copy of the Headline Indicator Report was circulated at the meeting. Full financial figures will be uploaded on IRIS before the midyear review date of 15th July.

Ms. Mary Deery informed the LCDC of the shift in focus from quantitative to qualitative evaluation being directed by POBAL.

Ms. Riona McCoy circulated a list of queries which were raised at the induction training on 20th June which included:

- Breakdown of people per target
- Schedule of projects
- Maps showing deprivation indices

Riona McCoy is working with Louth Leader Partnership on a response which will be presented to the members at the next meeting.

Ms. Mary-Ann McGlynn highlighted the limitations of SICAP goal one, Community Development. The needs of community groups cannot be met by SICAP under the current criteria.

7. LCDC Finance Sub Committee- Draft Membership and Terms of Reference

There was a discussion around the draft Membership and Terms of Reference of the LCDC Finance Sub Committee, circulated with meeting documents. It was agreed to reflect on the document and bring it back to the next meeting.

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Mr. Kevin Moran highlighted the need to have an audit expertise on NGO grant-aided proposals.

8. Correspondence

A press release on 'Tourism Information Session in Your Area' from Fáilte Ireland was received and copies were circulated at the meeting.

9. AOB

The Chairman complimented the induction training for members held on 20th June.

Mr. Larry Magnier asked a question on the legal status of the LCDC and was advised that the LCDC is a standalone committee, independent in its function and established under the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of LCDC on Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am.

That concluded the meeting.



Chairman

20 July 2016
Date

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