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**Meeting: Local Community Development Committee**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 at 4.00pm**

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

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- In attendance:** Cllr. Colm Markey (Chairman)  
Cllr. Liam Reilly  
Cllr. Dolores Minogue  
Cllr. Pearse McGeough  
Ms Anne Keeley, Department of Social Protection  
Mr. Breffni Martin, Environmental PPN  
Mr. Thomas McEvoy, LEO  
Mr. Geordie McAteer, PPN  
Mr. Larry Magnier, PPN  
Mr. Kevin Moran, PPN  
Mr. Frank O'Brien, ICTU  
Ms Mary-Ann McGyinn, Louth Leader Partnership  
Ms. Joan Martin, CE, LCC
- Officials:** Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Service  
Ms. Emer O'Gorman, Director of Service  
Mr. John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Mary Deery, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Riona McCoy, Staff Officer
- Others:** Ms. Aibhlinn McCrann, Commique International
- Apologies:** Ms. Fiona Murphy, HSE  
Ms. Eva Beirne, PPN  
Ms. Breeda Tuite, IFA  
Mr. Michael Gaynor, Dundalk Chamber of Commerce

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**1. Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

On the proposal of Mr. Frank O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue, the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were adopted.

**2. Matters Arising**

Nil

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### **3. Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) – Update**

Cllr. C. Markey, Chairman advised the members of the national launch of the LECP's in this current week. He further indicated that it is anticipated guidelines will be issuing in relation to the implementation of the actions contained within the plan and this matter will be progressed once received.

### **4. Local Development Strategy Update**

#### ***Funding Agreement***

At the outset, Mary-Ann McGlynn and Frank O'Brien left the meeting.

The Chairman advised that the Funding Agreement had now been signed and a Service Level Agreement would now be negotiated between Louth County Council( Financial Partner), Louth Leader Partnership (Project Implementer) and the Louth LAG.

#### ***Establishment of RDP Sub Group & Terms of Reference and Membership***

The members discussed the draft Terms of Reference and proposed membership whilst cognisant of Frank O'Brien comments regarding his non inclusion in the draft document. After some discussion in relation to potential conflict of Interest, it was agreed that further advice would be sought and a decision on the establishment of the sub group was deferred.

Mary-Ann McGlynn and Frank O'Brien rejoined the meeting and the Chairman advised that the decision on the establishment of the RDP Sub group was deferred..

### **5. SICAP**

#### ***Sub Group Report***

At the outset, Mary-Ann McGlynn requested that before she left the meeting on this matter, that she could highlight that at the sub group meeting, Louth Leader Partnership were not aware that they had to submit additional information after the sub group meeting and pointed out that on seeing the recommendations circulated, they already submitted these documents.

Mary-Ann McGlynn and Frank O'Brien left the meeting.

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Kevin Moran advised members on the sub group report as circulated. This report contained following recommendations:-

1. Recommended payment of the VAT claim. Proposed by Mr. K. Moran, seconded by Mr. G. McAteer.
2. Apportionment policy; comments of Ms Mary McGlynn were noted and document was confirmed as received.
3. Recommended payment for Quarter 4 funding. Proposed by Mr. K. Moran, seconded by Mr. L. Magnier.
4. Recommended that the Louth Leader and LCDC/ LAG agree a Communication Policy for communications between LCDC Chief Officer, Louth Leader Partnership, Louth County Council, The Department and Pobal regarding financial, targets and strategic issues. This was proposed by Mr. K. Moran and seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue.

Mary Ann McGlynn returned to the meeting.

#### **6. Peace IV 2014-2020**

##### ***Additional Membership recommendation attached***

J. McGuinness advised in relation to a memorandum that had been circulated requesting an additional member to the Peace Partnership Board to represent the specific target group Victims and Survivors. This matter was unanimously agreed.

##### ***Recommendation on PEACE Plan***

At the outset Cllr. C. Markey, Chairman advised the committee generally with regard to the background and context of recent developments which has now seen the deadlines and target dates reduce significantly. It was noted that an approved Plan needed to be submitted by 3.00pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Due to the evolving circumstances of the preparation of the Plan, the Chief Officer requested that a Declaration of Interests from any member of the Committee be made with regard to the item now for discussion.

The following members declared an interest:-

- Kevin Moran, Dundalk Youth Project
- Sadie Ward McDermott, proposed LMETB Project
- Pearse McGeough, Failte Abhaile Project
- Joan Martin, Louth County Council LEO Project
- Thomas McEvoy, Louth County Council LEO Project
- Larry Magnier, PPN Project

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It was pointed out and noted that those who had declared an interest could not speak in the subsequent debate nor take part in the voting process. Ms. Anne Keely agreed to abstain from the vote to ensure a Public/ Private balance.

There followed a presentation by Ms. A. McCrann in relation to the details of the Action Plan and noting the next steps in the process.

At the conclusion of the presentation, those who had declared an interest, left the meeting leaving the following members:

- Cllr. Colm Markey, Chairman
- Mr. Geordie McAteer
- Cllr. Dolores Minogue
- Mr. Breffni Martin
- Ms. Mary-Ann McGlynn

A number of matters were discussed including a submission by Breeda Tuite in relation to a Battle of the Boyne Project, questions in relation to unsuccessful projects being notified. At the conclusion of same and on the proposal of Cllr. Dolores Minogue and seconded by Mr. G. McAteer, the Action Plan was adopted.

In conclusion, Mr. G. McAteer wished to place on record his thanks for all who participated in the process and the work that had been done and this was confirmed also by the Chairman, Cllr. Markey who acknowledged the work that had been done in the context of the shortened timeframes.

The following persons rejoined the meeting:

- Kevin Moran, Dundalk Youth Project
- Sadie Ward McDermott, proposed LMETB Project
- Pearse McGeough, Failte Abhaile Project
- Joan Martin, Louth County Council LEO Project
- Thomas McEvoy, Louth County Council LEO Project
- Larry Magnier, PPN Project

## **7. Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

J. McGuinness gave a brief in relation to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, details that had been circulated and the projects had made expressions of interest. It was noted that the scheme only applied to town and villages and that applications would be adjudicated by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and that there would be 8 applications in the case of Louth. J. McGuinness explained that the purpose of the item on the agenda was that this was a consultative matter and that the LCDC was to be consulted on this scheme.

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A number of matters were discussed including:-

- Playgrounds
- Sports related projects
- Other funding opportunities including Leader and Peace
- The necessity for quick decision making
- Benefits to private establishments
- Capacity building for community development groups
- Distribution of the 8 projects

Ms. J. Martin, Chief Executive, confirmed that Louth County Council will determine the projects to go forward on an executive basis but acknowledged that those projects not selected still have the possibility of securing funding for their proposal from alternative sources.

The members generally welcomed the scheme and looked forward to future iterations of same.

**8. Establishment of a Finance Governance Sub Committees**

This matter was deferred.

**9. Correspondence**

Noted

**10. Any Other Business**

The Chairman requested that vacant Drogheda Chamber seat be filled as soon as possible and if an appropriate response was not received that another organisation would be requested to fill same.

This concluded the meeting.

  
Chairman

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