



Public Participation Network Feedback Form: Placemaking SPC



PPN Community & Voluntary elected Representative: Breda Murphy

PPN Social Inclusion elected Representative: Louise Lovett

Date of Meeting: 1/02/2021

Meeting Agenda

- Community Digital Projects.
- LEO Plan 2021.
- Business Incentive Scheme.
- Tourism Strategy Update.
- Diaspora Strategy Update.
- Integration Strategy Update .
- Playground Development and Refurbishment Plans
- LEADER Update.

Presiding: Councillor Paul Ross, A/Chairperson.

Present: Councillors – Martin Monaghan and P.J. Reilly. Louise Lovett, Breda Murphy, Niamh Donlon and Matt Farrell.

Apologies: Councillor Colm Murray Councillor Gerard Farrell Vincent Fay

In Attendance: Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services.
Mr. Michael Nevin, Head of Enterprise.
Ms. Nora O'Farrell, Senior Executive Officer.
Ms. Ciaran Murphy, Senior Executive Officer.

Mr. Terry Rooney, Senior Executive Officer.
 Mr. Daniel Lynch, Head of Information Systems.
 Ms. Dympna Reilly, Tourism Officer.
 Mr. Frank Horne, Senior Staff Officer.
 Ms. Christine Collins, Broadband Officer.
 Ms. Ann Marie Mc Keon Administrative Officer.

Presentations: Yes – Community Digital Strategy

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<p><u>Item 1</u></p> <p>Community Strategy</p>	<p>Christine Collins Daniel Lynch</p>	<p>Christine and Daniel gave a detailed update on the Community Digital Projects A comprehensive report on the delivery of the Broadband plan through the county. First LA to delivery, availability of free wifi in Drumlish, Ballymahon and Longford. Funding is secured for Granard and Edgeworthstown. Eduroam for college students` - Longford, Ballymahon, Granard. Cost of Broadband connection was a major concern</p>	
<p><u>Item 2</u></p> <p>Leo Plan 2021</p>	<p>Michael Nevin</p>	<p>TOURISM STRATEGY AND PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2021 Generate greater awareness of County Longford as a Tourism destination. Work with local businesses on the ground, other council departments and community groups to ensure that the tourism sector receives the best support possible.</p> <p>LEO PLAN Supporting small business with integrating digital platforms Training and mentoring supports to small business owners Extension of the commercial incentive scheme 3,000 sq Ft Digital Hub planned for Athlone Rd. Shop Front grant of €700 available. Virtual Job Fair –provide information on remote jobs available, local infrastructure to support remote working, etc. Supporting communities and groups in the development and delivery of economic and enterprise projects such as the digital hub in Edgeworthstown and food hub in Lanesboro. Digital Hubs in Edgeworthstown, Ballymahon, Abbeyshrule and possibly Granard could materialise in 2021</p> <p>DIASPORA STRATEGY UPDATE. 2019-2023. Planned events were impacted by COVID-19.</p>	

Item 3 Play Grounds	Frank Horne	<p>Weekly visual inspection of playgrounds - 24 sites</p> <p>Audit taken of playgrounds to establish a maintenance and refurbishment programme</p> <p>Provision of new or refurbishment of existing playgrounds (rotationally Municipal District)</p> <p>Gym trail refurbishment</p> <p>Increased accessibility of playgrounds for children with disabilities</p> <p>Quiet area for children with autism</p>	
Item 4 LEADER	Ciaran Murphy	<p>LEADER UPDATE</p> <p>2020 Budget allocated</p> <p>Extended Leader programme to 31/03/2021</p> <p>120 projects – of €5.7m,</p> <p>Further allocation of €690,00 LEADER transitional programme</p> <p>New LEADER programme anticipated Jan 2023</p> <p>Transitional programme to commence 1st April – minimum aid 75%</p> <p>Integrational</p> <p>Seeking the appointment of an Integration Officer to build an integrated information and service delivery framework accessible to all communities pending on funding</p> <p>14.7% of County Longford’s population classified as non-national in the 2016 Census compared with 11.6% nationally</p> <p>Longford needs to arrive at a position where it can proudly celebrate its Traveller or non-ethnic cultures as adding value to our community</p> <p>Due to the he Impact of COVID-19 on new communities the need for translation services and the important role of the intercultural network is need for consideration.</p> <p>Generate an online integration resource to access to information</p>	
A.O.B		Next meeting 19 th April 2021	