



Co. Longford Public Participation Network Feedback Form from **LCDC Meeting**



Public Participation Network Community Representative: Joe Murphy (C&V), Tess Murphy (C&V), Louise Lovett (Social Inclusion), Seamus Orr (Social Inclusion), Ray Hogan (Environmental)

Date: 7th December 2016

Meeting Agenda

1. To adopt Minutes of previous meeting held on 28th September, 2016.
2. Matters Arising
3. Declaration of Interest Register
4. To note resignation of Cllr. Martin Mulleady.

5. **LEADER**
 - a. To note update re Longford Local Development Strategy
 - b. To note Departmental Circulars re RDP –to follow under separate cover
 - c. To consider recommendations from the LEADER Policy group in relation to:
 - i. Targeted /Time limited calls -attached
 - ii. Rolling calls - attached
 - iii. Establishment of RDP Evaluation Committee - attached

- d. To consider establishment of Select Committee to make recommendations in relation to appointment of persons to the RDP Evaluation Committee
 - e. To consider Launch of Longford Local Development Strategy
6. Human Rights and Equality Training – Valerie Mc Farlane, LCRL
7. **SICAP** - To consider draft 2017 Action Plan -attached
- a. To note Guidelines in relation to reporting on qualitative indicators- attached
 - b. Presentation by Valerie Mc Farlane, LCRL
 - c. Q&A
 - d. To consider appraisal by LCDC Monitoring Committee - attached
8. To agree schedule of meetings for 2017
9. AOB

Members Present: Gerry Warnock, Seamus Butler, Tess Murphy, Louise Lovett, Seamus Orr, Sean Hannon, Adrian Greene, Michael Nevin, Barbara Heslin, Joe Murphy, Des Henry, and Joe Whelan.

Apologies: Fintan McGill, Seadna Ryan, Ray Hogan, Joe Flaherty, Maria Fox

In attendance: Paddy Mahon, Ciaran Murphy, Laura Mc Phillips, Janine Bartley

The Chairperson informed the Board that Cllr. Martin Mulleady has resigned from the LCDC and a replacement will be sought at the next Council meeting.

Presentation: Yes

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<u>Item 1</u> Minutes of 28/09/16	Colm Murray	The minutes as circulated were adopted.	Proposed Seamus Butler. Second Gerry Warnock
<u>Item 2</u> Matters Arising	Colm Murray	A letter was sent to Department in relation to the bureaucracy levels of the Leader programme. A reply was received from J.P. Mulhern stating he does not envisage any changes in the near future	
<u>Item 3</u> Declaration of Interest	Colm Murray	There is still a number of members who have not returned the declaration of interests form. The Chairperson requested the form to be circulated again and for members to return as soon as possible.	
<u>Item 4</u> Resignation of Cllr. Martin Mulleady	Colm Murray	The Chairperson informed the Board that Cllr. Martin Mulleady has resigned from the LCDC and a replacement will be sought at the next Council meeting.	
<u>Item 5</u> LEADER (a)Note LDS	Colm Murray	a. Update on the LDS approval was noted. No feedback on the marking of the LDS was received from the Department, it was	

		agreed to follow this up.	
(b)Circulars re RDP	Colm Murray	b. It was noted that all circulars were received.	
© Recommendations from LEADER policy group (i) Targeted /Time limited calls	Michael Nevin	c. Michael Nevin Chairperson of the LEADER Policy Group gave a report on the following: <u>Time Limited Calls</u> - Document was circulated prior to the meeting. A concern was raised in relation to securing Planning permission, sufficient time has being allowed to secure planning permission as it is requirement in order to process an application. A issue was raised on how the LAG would monitor any duplication of funding. A formal letter will issue to applicants asking them to confirm they are not getting funding from other sources for the same project. It was agreed that the Council would keep the LAG updated on funding secured under REDZ, CLAR, town and village renewal. A discussion was held on the Budget. The Budget was agreed in the Strategy and the operating rules states that the budget has to be spent evenly over the life time of the programme. Following discussion the document was approved	Proposed: Seamus Butler Second :Louise Lovett
(ii.) Rolling calls	Michael Nevin	Document was circulated prior to the meeting. A discussion was held on grants to medium and small businesses and whether the amount of grant should be linked to the number of jobs created. The document was approved.	Proposed: Seamus Orr Second: Louise Lovett
(iii.) Establishment of RDP Evaluation Committee	Colm Murray	Document circulated prior to the meeting. Ciaran Murphy Chief Officer went through the process recommended for selecting the committee which will involve a public call. The document was approved.	Proposed : Michael Nevin Second: Seamus Orr
d Establishment of a Select Committee	Colm Murray	Tess Murphy, Seamus Butler and Ciaran Murphy were selected to the committee. This was approved/	Proposed: Joe Whelan. Second: Joe Murphy

<p><u>E</u> Launch of LDS</p>		<p>It was agreed to launch the LDS the week prior to the information sessions which are scheduled to take place the week of the 16th January 2017. It was agreed to invite a Minister to launch the Plan and to draw up a press release including details of the programme and to reference the information sessions. It was agreed that the PPN would support the event. Seamus Orr agreed to follow this up.</p>	
<p><u>6</u> Human Right and Equality Training</p>	<p>Valerie McFarlane LCRL</p>	<p>2. The committee was informed that €16,800 was awarded following an application to the Department. The application includes working with public bodies to recruit 12 people to become human rights and equality champions to run a series of workshops and training sessions to create an awareness of human rights and equality issues. LCRL are in the process of drawing up a Tender for this piece of work.</p>	<p>LCRL</p>
<p><u>7</u> <u>SICAP</u> <u>a</u> To note Guidelines in relation to reporting on qualitative indicators,</p>	<p>Colm Murray</p>	<p>a. The guidelines were circulated to members prior to the meeting and were noted at the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>b</u> <u>Presentation on SICAP</u></p>	<p>Valerie McFarlane LCRL</p>	<p>b. SICAP goals and actions were outlined in the presentation including achievements to date.</p>	
<p><u>c</u> <u>Q&A</u></p>	<p>Valerie McFarlane LCRL</p>	<p>c. A discussion was held on the indicators and targets of the programme. Members noted that they would have liked to have seen a narrative report on achievements by the PI in 2016 prior to approving the Annual Plan in principle. It was clarified that Annual Plan 2017 is only being approved in principle at this stage and the PI will provide an End of Year report in January and the Committee can make changes to it at that stage if they wish to do so.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the need to follow up on individuals who set up their own businesses and how many of them are still in existence. The PI clarified this is being undertaken. A further discussion was held on the difficulty in achieving the target for</p>	

		the un25's seeking employment as the live register is dropping and Job path is picking up these clients. Members felt this area should be revisited in drawing up a new SICAP programme and also felt that women and older people should be included as target groups in the new programme. The Department will be holding consultation sessions on the new programme early in the New Year.	
d To consider appraisal by LCDC Monitoring Committee		Following discussion the Annual Plan 2017 was approved in principle	Proposed: Seamus Butler Second: Sean Hannon
8 <u>Meeting Schedule 2017</u>	Colm Murray	Meetings will take place on Thursdays at 3.30pm on the following dates: 9 th February, 2 nd March, 16 th March, 6 th April, 4 th May, 1 st June, end of June (date to be confirmed) and the 6 th of July.	
9 <u>AOB</u>	Colm Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the Leader Co-operation Fund on the agenda for the next meeting. • Contact details for members will be circulated by email. • Clarify with the Department if members can submit written decisions. 	
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3. Date of Next Meeting	Colm Murray	Thursday, 9 th of February 2017 at 3.30pm	