



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:

Meeting Agenda

1. Election of a new Chair (*nominations made on the day*)
2. Election of a new Vice-Chair (*nominations made on the day*)
3. To adopt minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September 2017 (*attached*)
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. **LEADER**
 - To note any conflicts of interest relating to items under LEADER
 - To approve the LEADER Monthly Administration Return for August & September 2017 (*attached*)
 - To consider recommendations from the LEADER Policy Group (Information to follow)
 - Update on LEADER Programme- Presentation by LCRL
 - Establishment of Cooperation Projects Subcommittee (4 members required)
 - LEADER AOB
7. **Healthy Ireland Fund 2017**
 - Establishment of Steering Group (2 members required)

8. Update on Funding Streams - Town & Village Renewal 2017 (*information attached*)

9. To propose recommendations arising from the Equality & Human Rights Workshop (to be sent for consideration at the November Monthly Meeting of Longford County Council)

10. Local Economic & Community Plan(LECP)

- To adopt the Implementation Plan (Community) for 2017 & 2018 (*attached*)

11. SICAP

- SICAP Monitoring Committee Update (2017 Plan)
- Update on the tender process for the SICAP Programme 2018-2022

12. AOB

13. To agree a date of next meeting

In Attendance:

Name	Representing (Statutory/Non- Statutory Body)
Louise Lovett	PPN (Non- Stat)
Sean Hannon	IFA (Non- Stat)
Tess Murphy	PPN (Non-Stat)
Adrian Greene	Longford Community Resources Clg (Non-stat)
Joe Flaherty	Longford Business Forum (Non-Stat)
Niamh Donlon	Chamber of Commerce (Non- Stat)

Seamus Orr	PPN (Non-Stat)
Paddy Mahon	Chief Executive LCC (Statutory)
Seamus Butler	Elected Member (Statutory)
Colm Murray	Elected Member (Statutory)
Gerry Warnock	Elected Member (Statutory)
PJ Reilly	Elected Member (Statutory)
Michael Nevin	Head of LEO (Statutory)
Shauna Doherty	LWETB (Statutory)
Quorum reached? (10)	YES- 14 present
Balance in favour of Non Statutory Bodies	7 Non-Statutory Bodies, 7 Statutory

Apologies:

Name	Representing (Statutory/Non- Statutory Body)
Aine Bohan	DSP (Statutory)
Grainne nicGabhainn	HSE (Statutory)
Ray Hogan	PPN (Non-Stat)
Joe Murphy	PPN (Non-Stat)
Seadna Ryan	Longford Tourism (Non-Stat)

Also present: Ciaran Murphy (LCDC Chief Officer), Laura McPhillips (LAG Manager), Janine Bartley (LCDC Support), Linda Higgins (LCDC Support).

For part of: Margaret Walsh (LCRL), Jillian Shaw (LCRL), Charlene Smyth (LCRL), Mary McKenna (LCRL)

Presentations: Yes

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<u>Item 1</u> Election of a new Chair		The incumbent Chairperson sought Nominees for the position of chair. Seamus Butler was nominated by Michael Nevin, and seconded by Louise Lovett. Seamus Butler took to the Chair, and thanked the outgoing Chair, Colm Murray, for his work and commitment over the last 3 years. The new Chair addressed the LCDC and outlined his plan for driving the work of the LCDC over the coming period.	As there were no other nominations, Seamus Butler was deemed to be elected.
<u>Item 2</u> Election of a new Vice- Chair	Seamus Butler	Nominations were sought for the position of Vice Chair. Colm Murray was nominated by Gerry Warnock and seconded by Seamus Orr. There were no other nominations. Colm Murray was deemed to be elected.	Colm Murray was deemed to be elected.
<u>Item 3</u> To adopt minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12th September 2017		The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting. The minutes were adopted.	On the proposal of Gerry Warnock, seconded by Paddy Mahon.
<u>Item 5</u> Correspondence		A letter, dated 20 th October 2017, was issued to Chief Executives of all Local Authorities related to a Departmental Review of Local Community Development Committees. a copy of same was circulated to LCDC members in advance of the meeting. by all members	Receipt of this was noted by all members
<u>Item 6</u> LEADER			

<p>6.1 To note any conflicts of Interests relating to items under LEADER</p>	<p>None noted</p>		
<p>6.2 To approve the LEADER Monthly Administration Return for August & September 2017</p>		<p>The details of expenditure submitted in the August & September 2017 monthly returns was considered by the LAG. The Returns were approved.</p>	<p>On the proposal of Gerry Warnock, seconded by Paddy Mahon.</p>
<p>6.3 Update on LEADER Programme- Presentation by LCRL</p>	<p>Jillian Shaw</p>	<p>A presentation was made to the LAG members by the Implementing Partner- Longford Community Resources Clg. The Presentation gave an overview of the numbers of EOIs and Applications received since the Programme began in November 2016, and also summarised a number of key issues identified with the process. The presentation also outlined a number of proposals for moving the Programme forward.</p> <p>Following the presentation, a discussion was held. it was noted that the work of the Development workers is very difficult and that the capacity and capability of groups in devising applications and implementing projects is not always in line with the high standards required by LEADER. The LAG supported the Implementing Partners’ proposal to devise an inhouse training project that would address some of the issues faced (Procurement etc).</p>	
<p>6.4 To consider recommendations from the LEADER Policy Group</p>	<p>Michael Nevin</p>	<p>Recommendations made by the LEADER Policy Group were circulated in advance of the meeting (attached to these minutes for reference). Michael Nevin, Chair of the LEADER Policy Group, went through each of the recommendations outlining rationale for each. A lengthy discussion was held around the proposed revision to the policy relating to mainstream sporting organisations, and the requirement for</p>	

		<p>the LAG to identify a targeted time limited call for 2018. Following this, a proposal was made by Seamus Orr to adopt the recommendations made by LEADER Policy Group with the exception of i) Point 2.L- Mainstream Sporting Organisations and ii) Point 4- Plaques acknowledging LEADER Support for project promoters. This was seconded by Colm Murray. It was agreed that the 2 points mentioned above would be referred back to the LEADR Policy Group for further consideration.</p>	
6.5 Establishment of Cooperation Projects Subcommittee	Ciaran Murphy	<p>Nominees were sought for 4 members to establish the Cooperation Projects Subcommittee</p> <p>The following members were nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ray Hogan (proposed by Seamus Orr, seconded by XX) - Colm Murray (proposed by Gerry Warnock, seconded by XX) - Seamus Butler (proposed by Adrian Greene?, seconded by XX) - Michael Nevin (proposed by PJ Reilly, seconded by XX) 	The Chief Officer will liaise with the members to set up an initial meeting
6.6 LEADER AOB	Ciaran Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence had been sent to Chief Officers which included a copy of letter sent by Minister Ring to Commissioner Hogan in response to a letter sent by Commissioner Hogan raising a number of concerns about the implementation of the LEADER Programme. It was agreed to circulate this to the LAG members. • LEADER Circular 20/2017 was issued on 23rd of October 2017. The Circular was sent to LAG members in advance of the meeting. Its implications had been considered by the LEADER Policy Group meeting held on 24th October and included in recommendations made to the LAG at this meeting. Receipt of the Circular was noted by the members. 	
Item 7 Healthy Ireland Fund 2017	Ciaran Murphy	<p>Nominations were sought for 2 members to establish a Steering Group for the Healthy Ireland Programme (2017, and subsequent). The following members were nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tess Murphy (nominated by Seamus Orr, seconded by XX) - Louise Lovett (nominated by XX, seconded by XX) 	The Chief Officer will liaise with members to arrange an initial meeting

<p>Item 8 Update on Funding Streams</p>		<p>An update in relation to funding received under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017 was circulated in advance of the meeting. It was noted by all members.</p>	
<p>Item 9 To propose recommendations arising from the Equality & Human Rights Workshop</p>	<p>Ciaran Murphy</p>	<p>A workshop on Equality & Human Rights was held directly before the meeting. A number of documents were considered at the workshop for ‘equality proofing’ in line with the adopted LCDC Equality & Human Rights Statement, and draft Longford County Council Equality & Human Rights Statement.</p> <p>The workshop looked at forms relating to LEADER (Evaluation Score Card) and the LECF (Progress Report) however, recommendations on this will come to a future LCDC meeting.</p> <p>The workshop also reviewed 3 documents (scheme outline, application form & Evaluation Form) relating to the County Council Community Grant Support Scheme and it was proposed by Adrian Green, seconded by Michael Nevin that the LCDC make recommendation to the County Council to revise the following documents giving consideration to the following:</p> <p>In the overview section, text could be included to reference the Equality and Human Rights Statement:</p> <p><i>“Longford County Council, as a member of the Local Community Development Committee, is committed to the values of dignity, autonomy, democracy, inclusion, and social justice and</i></p>	

		<p><i>their associated value objectives as set out in the Equality and Human Rights Statement of the Local Community Development Committee (available at: XX)."</i></p> <p>This statement could appear on all documents.</p> <p>In the terms and conditions outlined in the Scheme Outline Document, an additional bullet point could be included to highlight the interest in receiving projects with a potential to contribute to these values objectives :</p> <p><i>"Activities/projects should make some contribution to one or a number of the values objectives in the Equality and Human Rights Statement of the LCDC."</i></p> <p><i>Application form:</i></p> <p>A question could be posed to allow groups/organisations to outline how they see their project/activity contributing to the LCDC/LCC values objectives –</p>	
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		<p><i>“Which values objectives would your project make a contribution to achieving and, briefly, how will it do so?”</i></p> <p><i>Dignity: Yes/No</i></p> <p><i>How?</i> _____</p> <p><i>Autonomy: Yes/No</i></p> <p><i>How?</i> _____</p> <p><i>Democracy: Yes/No</i></p> <p><i>How?</i> _____</p> <p><i>Inclusion: Yes/No</i></p> <p><i>How?</i> _____</p> <p><i>Social Justice: Yes/No</i></p> <p><i>How?</i> _____</p> <p><i>Evaluation form:</i></p> <p>An additional question be included to allow groups/organisations to outline how their project/activity actually did contribute to the LCDC/LCC values objectives –</p> <p><i>“How did your project/activity contribute to the achievement of one or a number of the LCDC values objectives?”</i></p>	
<p>Item 10 To adopt the LECP Implementation Plan (Community) for 2017 & 2018</p>	<p>Ciaran Murphy</p>	<p>The Draft document was circulated in advance of the meeting. The Chief Officer gave an over of the document and process. It was noted that the PPN submission to the Implementation plan was very good, and it was recommended to use their method as a template for best practice going forward. The Chief Officer pointed out that</p>	<p>On the proposal of Colm Murray, seconded by Gerry Warnock.</p>

		<p>LCDCs are yet to receive Guidelines from the Department in relation to implementing and monitoring LECPs, and that using such a template would be helpful to everyone until such a time clear guideline are issued. It was also noted that an interim review of the LECP would take place on the National Planning Framework and subsequent Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies re prepared by the relevant Regional Assembly.</p> <p>The Implementation Plan for 2017 & 2018 was adopted.</p>	
		<p>*Note: Adrian Greene left the meeting due to a conflict of interest with the next item on the Agenda.</p>	
<p><u>Item 11</u> SICAP SICAP Monitoring Committee Update (2017 Plan)</p>	<p>Laura McPhillips</p>	<p>Laura McPhillips gave the LCDC members an update on the current Programme. The SICAP Monitoring Committee met, along with the Pobal SICAP Coordinator for Longford on the 9th of October 2017 to review quarterly updates from the Implementing Partner. The Monitoring Committees requested some further detail from the IP in relation to a Development Course planned for November 2017. The Monitoring Committee also agreed to seek case studies in relation to action 1.3 (work done with Social Inclusion Network in assisting groups onto decision making fora and 2.3 (work being done with County Longford Youth Services). These will be submitted in line with End of Year Reporting requirements, yet to be issued by the Department</p>	

		<p><i>Update on the tender process for the SICAP Programme 2018-2022</i></p> <p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>ENDS.</p>	
<u>A.O.B</u>	None		