



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: 4th May 2017

Meeting Agenda

1. To adopt minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th April 2017-attached
2. Matters arising from the minutes
3. Correspondence:
 - Our Communities National Forum- report attached
 - Reply from DAHRRGA Re: groups with a county-wide remit/eligibility under CLÁR
4. **LEADER**
 - To note any conflicts of interest relating to items under LEADER
 - To note reply from Pobal re: LEADER LDS scoring
 - To note reply from Pobal re: Article 48 checks/festivals
 - To approve the LEADER Monthly Administration Return for January 2017 (*attached*)
 - To note Circulars 7, 8 & 9 2017 received (*attached*)
 - Consideration of Expressions of Interest received under the following targeted time limited calls:
 - 12.1 Identification of Community Based Initiatives to address factors causing social exclusion (*closing date is 2nd May- list to follow*)
 - Update on applications for Tourism Festival & Events Support
 - AOB under LEADER
5. To consider applications made under Measure 3 of CLÁR 2017 (list to follow on Tuesday 2nd May)

6. To note the details of the Town& Village Renewal Scheme 2017 *(attached)*

7. SICAP

- Update form SICAP Monitoring Committee following quarterly review held on Tuesday 25th April 2017
- To seek a nominee to attend SICAP Regional Information session for Mid Year Review 2017 -Mullingar Wednesday 7th June

8. AOB

9. To note date of next meeting

In attendance:

Name	Representing (Statutory/Non- Statutory Body)
Adrian Greene	Longford Community Resources Clg (Non-stat)
Seamus Orr	PPN (Non-Stat)
Ray Hogan	PPN (Non-Stat)
Sean Hannon	IFA (Non- Stat)
Joe Murphy	PPN (Non-Stat)
Joe Flaherty	Longford Business Forum (non - Stat)
Seadna Ryan	Longford Tourism (Non-Stat)
Shauna Doherty	LWETB (Statutory)
Paddy Mahon	Chief Executive LCC (Statutory)
Seamus Butler	Elected Member (Statutory)
Colm Murray	Elected Member (Statutory)

Michael Nevin	Head of LEO (Statutory)
PJ Reilly	Elected Member (Statutory)
Quorum reached? (12)	YES- 13 present
Balance in favour of Non Statutory Bodies	7 Non-Statutory Bodies, 6 Statutory

Apologies: Apologies:

Name	Representing (Statutory/Non- Statutory Body)
Aine Bohan	DSP (Statutory)
Grainne Nic Gabhainn	HSE (Statutory)
Tess Murphy	PPN (Non-Stat)
Louise Lovett	PPN (Non-Stat)
Fintan McGill	Chamber of Commerce (Non- Stat)
Gerry Warnock	Elected Member (Statutory)

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

Presentations: Yes / No

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<u>Item 1</u>		<p>1. Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 6th of April were adopted on the proposal of Seamus Butler, seconded by Sean Hannon.</p> <p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>The Co-operation workshop was cancelled due to the unavailability of the National Rural Network. The workshop has being rescheduled to the 1st of June at 1.30pm in Longford Rugby Club followed by an LCDC meeting.</p>	
<u>Item 2</u>		<p>3. Correspondence</p> <p>The Chief Officer brought a number of items of correspondence to the attention of the LCDC members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that a report entitled, 'Our Communities National Forum', was circulated. • An update was given on the reply received from the Department in relation to the eligibility of groups with a county wide remit under CLAR. The Department confirmed that groups are eligible if they spend 80% of their time working in the CLAR area <p>4. LEADER</p> <p>4.1 Conflict of Interest</p> <p>There were no conflicts of interest declared by members present relating to any</p>	

item on the agenda relating to LEADER.

4.2 To note reply from Pobal re: LEADER LDS Scoring

The reply was noted. A discussion was held about around the need for all of the LEADER Partners to gain some learning from the process to help with the development of future Strategies. It was felt that the LAG is entitled to more detailed information around the rationale for the score the Longford LDS received. It was agreed to seek further information once more from Pobal, with a view to pursuing a Freedom of Information Request if there is no satisfactory response after 4 weeks.

4.3 To note reply from Pobal & the Department (DAHRRGA) re: Promoter complaint_ Article 48 checks-Festivals

The replies from both Pobal and the Department in relation to this complaint were noted by the LAG members. Members felt that the issue around the length of time the Article 48 checks take was not fully addressed in either reply. The Chairperson of the LAG advised that correspondence has been received from the Ministers Office notify them that a meeting is being held with the Minister on 17th May. CEOs of the Implementing Partners and the Chairs of the LAGs are being asked to attend to discuss issues around the implementation of LEADER. THE LAG agreed that the issue around the length of time Article 48 checks adds to the process will be brought forward to the meeting by Longford LAG. The Chairperson advised he was not available to attend the meeting, and he requested a nominee to attend on behalf of the LAG. Nominations to be sent to the Chief Officer by 12pm Friday 5th May 2017.

4.4 To Note reply from The Department re: suggested interim solution for Heritage Review

The reply was noted by LAG members. The Chief Officer advised that this was related to Circular 9 and it was agreed to discuss this in conjunction with that item on the Agenda.

4.5 Approval of LEADER Monthly Administration Return for January 2017

LAG members reviewed the IP expenditure of January 2017. The LAG charged no costs to the Programme for this period. The Monthly Return was approved on the proposal of Seadna Ryan, seconded by Paddy Mahon

4.6 To note Circulars 7, 8 & 9 2017

Circulars 7, 8 & 9 2017 were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Receipt of these Circulars was noted.

Circular 7 (Revised Travel & Subsistence Rates): In relation to this Circular, a request was made to clarify if LCDC members (as LAG members) can claim for travel expenses to meetings. The Chief Officer agreed to follow up with the Department, and this will be discussed at a later date.

Circular 9 (Interim solution for Projects requiring a Heritage Review):

Adrian Greene (CEO of the IP) gave an overview of how this Circular will impact the application process, and how the Implementing Partner had been proceeding with relevant applications since the issue of the Circular. He raised some concerns that despite the interim arrangement, there may still be delays to applications (which require a heritage review)., and also concerns that the Heritage Review findings may require an application to be changed or amended (specifically referring to planning and /or procurement) and this may means that all applicants are not 'treated equally' in a targeted time limited call scenario. A discussion was held , and the LAG members agreed the Implementing Partners will strongly encourage all those promoters who require a heritage review (Tourism Accommodation call) to get in their completed application well in advance of the deadline of 26th of June. This will facilitate the interim process as outlined in Circular 9.

It was also unanimously agreed that no applications in the targeted time limited call for tourism accommodation will not go the Evaluation Committee until all applications requiring the heritage review have gone through the process.

4.7 Consideration of Expressions of Interest reviewed under the target time limited call:

		<p><i>“12.1 Identification of Community- based Initiatives to address factors causing social exclusion”</i></p> <p>The Chief Officer advised that there were no Expressions of Interest received for this call. A brief discussion was held on whether this call could go straight to a rolling call, or if it has to wait for a six month period as per Operating Rules (Section 6.2 page 34). Lag members agreed that as there was no EOIs received, that it could go straight o a rolling call. The Chief Officer agreed to clarify with the Department if this was ok, and the LAG members agreed to allow it to proceed to rolling call immediately pending Department approval of same. This was proposed by Seamus Orr and seconded by Paddy Mahon.</p>	
<u>Item 3</u>		<p>4.8 Update on applications for the call ‘Tourism Festival & Events Support’</p> <p>The CEO of the Implementing Partner advised that all of the successful EOI promoters were contacted to advise them that the application process had been reopened for a period of 2 weeks, and they were welcome to submit applications. Following the closing date 5 completed applications were received. The Implementing Partner is currently preparing the applications for Evaluation.</p> <p>4.9 LEADER AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
<u>Item 4</u>		<p>1. To consider applications made under Measure 3 of CLAR 2017</p> <p>Seadna Ryan declared an interest in one of the CLAR applications and absented himself from the meeting. The Chief Officer gave a report on the applications received and sought approval for six applications under Measure 3. The LCDC approved the applications on the proposal of P.J Reilly and seconded by Michael</p>	

		Nevin.	
<u>Item 5</u>		<p>1. To note the details of the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017.</p> <p>It was noted that the information was previously circulated for consideration by the LCDC.</p> <p>Members were informed that there will be an information meeting re same on Friday the 12th of May and the closing date for EOI's under the Leader programme is the 19th of May. Adrian Greene informed the meeting that he would welcome a linkage back to the LCDC for approval of Projects.</p>	
		<p>5. SICAP</p> <p>Adrian Greene as CEO of LCRL the Programme Implementer for SICAP absented himself from the meeting as there was a conflict of interest.</p> <p>The Chief Officer reported on three main reports discussed by the SICAP Monitoring Committee: Headline indicator, Individual cost charged and the Narrative report.</p> <p>Headline Indicator Report</p> <p>The main indicators 1 and 2 are on target. A couple of other figures appeared low but PI's informed members that the IRIS system was not fully updated and in relation to Goal 2 the PI's foresee the figures increasing over the summer when the summer programmes are run.</p> <p>Individual cost charged Report</p> <p>The Committee raised a concern with the PI's in relation to the spend as they felt it was low at this stage of the year. They were reassured by the PI's that they were confident that the spend was on track as there were payments to go out in April.</p>	

Narrative Report

The content of the report was discussed in detail by the committee seeking information and clarity on the work being undertaken. A query was raised in relation to the length of time the PI's work with groups and the progression of group through the various stages of development .

In light of the development of the new Programme, the monitoring committee recommended to the LCDC to write to the Department to request that no activities for young people under 16 should be included in the new programme that are in direct competition with the mainstream school system. All efforts should be made to support young people to remain in school and to support schools in retaining young people where possible until they are 16 years of age. The LCDC agreed to write to the department for this view to be considered.

Adrian Greene rejoined the meeting. A question was raised that In light of no EOI received under Leader for sub theme Basic services targeted at heard to reach communities was it not possible for LCRL to submit an application. The PI's informed the meeting that they could have and will be submitting an application under another theme. He also informed LCDC members that their respective organisation could also submit applications.

The next meeting of the SICAP monitoring committee will be held on June the 26th to consider the Midterm review and make recommendations to the LCDC for their meeting on the 6th of July.

The Chief Officer informed members that the next SICAP Regional Support Network will take place on the 7th of June in Mullingar. Any member wishing to attend to

		please notify him by Wednesday next the 10th of May by 12oclock.	
<u>A.O.B</u>		<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that a member of the LCDC should attend the meeting with the Minister on the 17th of May. Anyone in a position to do so should contact the Chief Officer by 12 o'clock tomorrow. • Adrian Greene (CEO of Longford Community Resources Clg.) encouraged members to seek the support of other agencies in rolling out the Equality and Human Rights Initiative that LCRL is working with in conjunction with the LCDC and Longford County Council <p>6. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next LCDC meeting will take place on Thursday 1st of June at 3.30pm. The Co-Operation Workshop will take place prior to the meeting at 1.30pm. Lunch will be provided at 1pm. A request was made to include staff members of LCRL at the workshop and this was agreed.</p>	