



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



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Date:

Meeting Agenda

1. Presentation in relation to Ardnacassa Joint Action Group
2. Minutes of the previous meeting , held on 19th June 2018 (*attached*)
3. Matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. SICAP
6. Meeting of the Local Action Group Re: LEADER
7. Community Enhancement Programme
 - To consider recommendations in relation to the evaluation process for CEP (including timelines)
8. Healthy Ireland Fund
 - Consideration of the draft Healthy Longford Plan (*attached*)
9. AOB

Agenda item	Discussion	Actions / Who
<p><u>Item 1</u> Presentation in relation to Ardnacassa Joint Action Group</p>	<p>The Ardnacassa Joint Action Group consists of three organisations, the Gardai, Longford Community Resources and Longford County Council. Ray Murphy of Longford County Council is the coordinator of the project and his presentation outlined the work of the council to address the problems in Ardnacassa Avenue and surrounding areas. The problems being addressed by the council are caused by derelict properties being vandalised, illegal dumping and inadequate lighting (presentation to be circulated). The Gardai are addressing crime in the area by increased patrols while LCRL are trying to engage with the local community.</p>	

<p>Item 2 & 3 10. Minutes of the previous meeting , held on 19th June 2018 (attached)</p>	<p>The June minutes were approved, no matters arising</p>
<p>Item 4</p>	<p>No Correspondence</p>
<p>Item 5 SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)</p>	<p>This programme , implemented by LCRL is aimed at supporting the most disadvantaged groups and individuals. For individuals the programme aims to provide unemployed with training and skills to access meaningful employment /self employment. For groups experiencing disadvantage either through living in a disadvantaged area or belonging to a minority group for example migrant, traveller, older people etc, the programme aims to support those groups to participate in decision making so that their issues can be addressed. The LCDC had concerns around the reporting on the effectiveness of the ongoing interventions . There was also concern re the plans for re allocating a potential underspend. These concerns will be conveyed to LCRL</p>
<p>Item 6 LEADER</p>	<p>The approval of projects by the LCDC has now increased to 30 with a total projected spend of €1,392,188 LEADER CONTRIBUTION €696,377.</p> <p>The projects range from community projects such as replacing windows in Temperance Hall and other upgrading of community facilities as well as private projects to increase tourism accommodation and facilities in the county. It is important that groups that feel that LEADER may be too complicated for them should talk to staff in LCRL as there are also other funding streams that may be more suitable for them</p>

<p><u>Item 7</u> Community Enhancement Programme</p>	<p>There was a large number of applications for this programme. An evaluation committee has been set up to evaluate the projects as the amount sought exceeded the money available. It is hoped to have the results for approval at the LCDC meeting on the 4th September.</p>
<p><u>Item 8</u> 11. Healthy Ireland Plan Consideration of the draft Healthy Longford Plan <i>(attached)</i></p>	<p>The Healthy Longford Plan is part of the Healthy Ireland strategy. It aims to create a county where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health. The key points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased physical activity • Mental Health and Well being • Healthy weight • Sexual Health • Tobacco and substance abuse <p>The plan is available from Longford County Council for anyone who is interested and there will be funding available for groups interested in doing something under the different headings.</p>
<p><u>A.O.B</u></p>	<p>The LCDC agreed that the PPN should present its Well being vision statement for Longford at the next meeting on the 4th September. It was also agreed that the LCDC be informed of ongoing progress of MAPS project.</p>