



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: 1st June 2017

Meeting Agenda

To adopt minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th May 2017 (attached)

2. Matters arising from the minutes

3. Correspondence

4. To note information regarding the Outdoor Recreation Scheme (attached)

5. To consider proposed Variation No. 3 to Longford Co. Development Plan 2015-2021 (attached)

6. To note funding opportunities through the Community Services Programme (attached)

7. LEADER

To note any conflicts of interest relating to items under LEADER

To approve the LEADER Monthly Administration Return for February & March 2017 (attached)

To note Circular 10 2017 received (attached)

Update on meeting held with Minister Humphreys on 17th May 2017 regarding the implementation of LEADER (attached)

Consideration of Expressions of Interest received under the following targeted time limited calls:

_ 16.1 Improvement of Youth Facilities (attached)

Update on Targeted calls with Application stage closing dates in May 2017

AOB under LEADER

8. To note update on the Equality & Human Rights Project

9. To consider update from the Pathfinder Programme (attached)

10. SICAP

Update re: SICAP Workshop

SICAP Programme 2018-2020

11. AOB

12. To note date of next meeting

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Presentations: Yes / No

As there were 12 items on the Agenda, many for information only, to simplify the report, I have just noted items of interest. If there are any other items on the agenda of interest to the members, a full copy of the minutes will be available after the July meeting.

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<i>Item 4</i> To note information regarding the Outdoor Recreation Scheme (attached)		The Outdoor recreation scheme is a funding scheme administered by Longford County Council under three headings <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Infrastructure (funding available 10,000 Euro)2. Developing new trails(100,000 Euro)3. Large scale projects(over 100,000) If groups are interested in further information or they have ideas for their area under these headings get in touch with Siobhan, PPN worker for further information	
<i>Item 5</i> . To consider proposed Variation No. 3 to Longford Co. Development Plan 2015-2021 (attached)		The variation to the plan was to insert . <i>New housing schemes and large developments in towns and villages will be encouraged to source their heating and energy requirements from the Natural Gas network where available’.</i> This item provoked a lot of discussion as it is unlikely that there will be a natural gas network available in Longford during the lifetime of the Development Plan. It was felt that in light of the proposal to bring the natural gas pipeline to Center Parcs, it would be an encouragement to bring it to Longford town , making Longford more attractive to industry considering locating in the area. In that case it was agreed that in addition to housing the variation should include industrial development as well.	

		<p>As this was variation was proposed in light of government guidelines to encourage sustainable energy use , PPN rep Ray Hogan drew attention to the motion adopted by Longford County Council to refuse planning permission to wind farm proposals.</p>	
<p>Item 7 Consideration of Expressions of Interest received under the following targeted time limited calls: _ 16.1 Improvement of Youth Facilities (attached)</p>		<p>Considerable discussion took place under this item due to the fact that Expressions of interest in a particular line of funding can be submitted to LCDC even though such expressions are not eligible under LEADER rules. This results in considerable time and effort being expended by project promoter, LEADER staff and relevant committees resulting in inevitable disappointment on the part of project promoter.</p> <p>I would urge all PPN groups thinking of applying for LEADER funding to check in the first place if their project is eligible and keep all correspondence relating to the project.</p>	