

**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee
 County House, Lifford, 10.00 am on 20th March 2018**

Members	Clr Martin McDermott (Chair), Martin McBride, Clr Niamh Kennedy, Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, Jim Slevin, Susan McCauley, Anne McHugh, Peter Walker, Susan McLaughlin, Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig, Liam McElhinney and Aengus Kennedy
Apologies	Seamus Neely, Paul Hannigan, Michael Tunney, Fionnan Bradley & James O Donnell
Chief Officer	Paddy Doherty
Attending	Liam Ward, Eimear McDermott, Charles Sweeney, Mary Clyde, Adrienne Kelly & Kathleen Browne

Welcome

Clr Martin McDermott, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and thanked the members present for attending the meeting.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Draft minutes of the LCD C meeting of 20th February 2018 were considered. The minutes were proposed by Clr Marie Therese Gallagher and seconded by Clr Niamh Kennedy.

2. SICAP Annual Plans – Lot 33-2 and 33-3

Members were previously advised that whilst the Annual Plans for 2018 for Lots 33-1, 33-2 and 33-3 had already been formally approved by the LCD C as part of the approval of the Tenders for SICAP 2018-2022, it had been agreed that the Programme Implementers would attend the meeting to give members an overview of their 2018 Plans for each Lot. Donegal Local Development CLG were in attendance at today's meeting.

Mr Padraic Fingleton, Donegal Local Development CLG joined the meeting. Mr Fingleton gave a comprehensive presentation to members on the overview of Donegal Local Development CLGs organisation and a breakdown of the staffing and the SICAP Annual Plan 2018 for Lots 33-2 Donegal Gaeltacht and 33-3 Donegal. He outlined the Goal 1 and 2 programmes and supports planned for Lot 33-1 for 2018 and welcomed questions from the members present.

Susan McCauley queried whether any training/information events were being organised by DLDC for Community Groups in relation to the new Data Protection regulations which would have a huge impact on how Groups carrying out their business. Padraic Fingleton confirmed that two members of DLDC staff were undergoing of training regarding Data Protection and that this matter would be incorporated into the Governance Training. Clr Niamh Kennedy agreed that this was an important issue for community groups.

Following a query from Susan McLaughlin regarding Parent Support Workshops, Padraic Fingleton confirmed that contact details of the person dealing with this matter would be provided to her.

Peter Walker advised that he had a number of queries in relation to the plans and would contact DLDC directly in relation to same.

Jim Slevin congratulated Mr Fingleton on his informative and comprehensive report.

Clr McDermott thanked Mr Fingleton for attending and expressed his concern for the future of voluntary Community Groups in light of the constantly increasing burden of Governance.

3. PPN Presentation

Mr Charles Sweeney & Ms Mary Clyde joined the meeting to make a presentation in relation to the role and work of the PPN to members. Charles Sweeney gave an overview of the Role of the PPN, Membership etc. Mary Clyde advised members of the various activities undertaken by the PPN in 2017.0

Clr Martin McDermott thanked Charles and Mary for their presentation. Susan McCauley stated that the Municipal District PPN Meetings were very important to ensure that all groups can attend. Susan McLaughlin advised that she would pass on the contact details of the various Youth Groups to the Social Inclusion Unit. Clr Marie Therese Gallagher congratulated Charles & Mary on their presentation and work to date. She advised that it was clear that the PPN had great possibilities but it was dependent on the input of the proper resources. Mary Clyde advised that the Department were aware of the need for additional resources.

Aengus Kennedy queried whether there was a flexibility in the pillars to allow Tidy Town groups to be included in the Environmental Pillar. Charles Sweeney advised that this was not possible.

Clr Martin McDermott stated that the PPN needed to be promoted more to Community Groups. Clr Niamh Kennedy advised that it was important that the members of the PPNs be diverse and spread across various MD areas.

Charles Sweeney advised that an evaluation of the PPN would take place nationally and locally to make sure that the representation was working.

4. Healthy Ireland Fund Initiative – Sub Committee

Eimear McDermott advised that members that, as per report circulated with the Agenda, it was proposed to set up a five member sub committee of the LCDC to oversee the implementation and funding of a range of actions and initiatives designed to promote increased health and wellbeing in communities throughout the County.

The proposed membership is as follows:

- 2 representatives of the LCDC
- 2 representatives from the HSE
- 1 representative from CYPSC

Members were advised that, to avoid any possible Conflict of Interest, none of the above representatives should be directly involved in an application or be a beneficiary of The Healthy Ireland Fund.

Administration support will be provided from the Community & Enterprise Unit of Donegal County Council.

Susan McLoughlin declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from consideration for membership of the sub committee.

On the proposal of Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by Martin McBride, Peter Walker was selected as a member of the Sub Committee.

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Clr Maire Therese Gallagher queried how many Sub Committee's of the LCDC there were. It was agreed that this information would be provided at the next LCDC Meeting.

Mr Peter Walker advised that a draft report of the Healthy Ireland Community Engagement Project undertaken by Donegal Community Health Network was available for members consideration. It was agreed that this report would be brought to the Sub Committee for consideration and upon their approval would be presented to the LCDC for endorsement.

5. Building Community Capacity to share resources

Mr Peter Walker spoke to the members on this issue. He advised that he was raising this matter following discussions which had taken place following the award of grant funding to various community groups for resources. He felt it was important that the LCDC carry out an audit of the range of resources available in various Communities and map the usage of same to ensure that these facilities provided the best outcome for communities and were value for money.

Peter proposed that a sub Group of the LCDC be established to examine Community Capacity Building.

6. Loneliness Audit

Members were reminded of correspondence from Senator Keith Swanick, Chairperson of the Loneliness Taskforce, which had been circulated to them previous seeking submissions or suggestions for the report being compiled by the taskforce.

7. Peace IV Launch

Paddy Doherty advised members that the Peace IV Programme would be launched on 30th April at 3pm in Lifford.

This concluded the business of the meeting