

**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee  
Held by web conference 3.15pm on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

<b>Members</b>	Anne McAteer, Anne McHugh, Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, Paul Hannigan, Grace Korbel, James O Donnell, Aengus Kennedy, Padraic Fingleton, Joe Boland, Siobhan McLaughlin and Liam McElhinney
<b>Apologies</b>	Clr Niamh Kennedy (Chair), John McLaughlin, Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, Clr Martin McDermott, Charlene Logue, Shauna McClenaghan and Liam Ward
<b>Chief Officer</b>	Paddy Doherty
<b>Attending</b>	Seamus Canning, Eileen Burgess, Adrienne Kelly, Clodagh Murray, Pamela Smullen and Kathleen Browne

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the LCDC and on the proposal of Anne McHugh, seconded by Paul Hannigan, Anne McAteer was nominated to act as Chairperson for the meeting.

**Welcome**

Anne McAteer, A/Chairperson, welcomed everyone and thanked the members present for participating in the meeting.

**1. Draft minutes of the LCDC meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The minutes of the previous LCDC Meeting were considered. Siobhan McLaughlin requested that comment re Covid Commemoration Event be removed from paragraph 2 of Minute re Inclusion Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Communities. On the proposal of Liam McElhinney, seconded by Joe Boland, the amended minutes of LCDC Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were adopted.

**2. SICAP Mid Year Review 2022**

Seamus Canning confirmed that the Mid Year Reports 2022 for Lot 33-1 (Inishowen), Lot 33-2 (Donegal Gaeltacht) and Lot 33-3 (Donegal) were brought before the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee for consideration on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 where IDP and DLDC made presentations to members setting out details of the progress to date on delivery of the SICAP Annual Plan for Lot 33-1. He confirmed that all reports relating to the SICAP Mid Year Review had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Seamus advised members that, on the recommendation of the SICAP Sub Committee, Inishowen Development Partnership and Donegal Local Development would make a detailed and comprehensive presentation to members on the delivery of the SICAP Programme for Lot 33-1, 33-2 and 33-3 for 2022 at the September meeting. This presentation would include an update on additional funding allocation for Ukrainian Response and the impact the Ukrainian Response has had on the delivery of the SICAP Programme in 2022.

Paul Hannigan, on behalf of the LCDC, commended the Local Development Companies for all the work they had done in providing Ukrainian Supports over the last number of months as well as continuing to deliver on all of the other work they do. The LCDC expressed their appreciation to the Management and Staff of the Local Development Companies for their often unseen and unrecognised efforts.

Siobhan McLaughlin reiterated the importance of the LCDC being cognisant of all other minorities and ethnic communities in the County and called for the next SICAP Programme to be reflective of the inclusivity of the LCDC and link into the Inclusion Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Communities.

### **3. SICAP Mid Year Review Lot 33-1**

Denise McCool and Sinead McDaid, Inishowen Development Partnership, joined the meeting and gave members an update on the progress on delivery of the SICAP programme for Lot 33-1 for Goal 1 and 2 respectively. They confirmed that no issue in delivery or budget expenditure for the Programme was expected.

#### **Targets**

Seamus advised the overall progress for Lot 33-1 in 2022 was good with 53% of overall KPI 1 target achieved and 53% of overall KPI2 target achieved. 20.4% of 37% target for % of KPI2 from Disadvantaged Areas achieved at mid year.

IDP provided a satisfactory rationale in relation to any variances in target achievement and the Action Progress Report for Lot 33-1, which provided a comprehensive and detailed outline of all actions to mid-year, confirmed that they foresaw no issues in achieving annual targets for all Actions by year end

#### **Financial Requirements**

Members were advised that the Sub Committee examined the Financial Reports submitted and confirmed that budget management by Inishowen Development Partnership was in line with programme guidelines. The administrative, Goal 1 and Goal 2 spend at Mid Year was on track with agreed percentages. IDP provided a rationale for any underspend on particular actions and gave assurances that there would be no issue with expenditure of the budget.

17 Grants to Local Community Groups were awarded ranging from €400-600 which were within the permitted thresholds. All payments are up to date and recorded on the IRIS System and VAT Verification had taken place for 2021 with no issues arising.

### **Lot Level Performance**

Seamus confirmed that the Sub Committee examined the Lot Summary Report, for Lot 33-1 and confirmed that the LCG Supports and interventions, Individual Supports and interventions and the type of support to Children and Families were in line with local needs.

He advised that the Sub Committee also reviewed the Lot Action Progress Report & Individual Caseload by Target Group Report for Lot 33-1 and confirmed that the level of LDC engagement with individuals and LCGs in disadvantaged areas and from SICAP Target Groups/Emerging Needs were in accordance with local needs and priorities. Delivery of the agreed Programme Priorities is also on track for 2022.

### **Data Checks**

It was confirmed that any issues raised in relation to Data Gaps on IRIS system had been address by IDP.

### **Pobal Parallel Review**

Seamus confirmed that the Pobal parallel review was satisfactory and recommended that the Mid Year Report be approved. They recommended that the LCDC continue to monitor and review individual target achievement and spend.

He confirmed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee were satisfied to recommend approval of the Mid Year Report 2022 for Lot 33-1 Donegal Inishowen

On the proposal of Anne McAteer, seconded by Anne McHugh the LCDC approved the Mid Year Report 2022 for Lot 33-1 and the release of Programme Funding in the amount of €170,689.00 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to Inishowen Development Partnership

## **4. SICAP Mid Year Review 2022 – Lot 33-2**

Padraic Fingleton, Donegal Local Development CL, gave members an update on the progress on delivery of the SICAP programme for Lot 33-2. He confirmed that no issue in delivery or budget expenditure for the Programme was expected.

### **Targets**

Seamus advised that the overall progress for Lot 33-2 in 2022 was good with targets for KPI1 and 2 being achieved and exceeded.

Overall, all targets exceeded the 40% requirement of the annual target with 118% of the target for KPI1 and 48% of the Target for KPI2 being achieved by mid-year. 31.45% of the target of 44% for KPI2 from disadvantaged areas for Lot 33-2 was achieved by mid year.

DLDC provided a rationale for overachievement of Goal 1 Targets and confirmed that no additional target achievement was expected but that engagement would continue with groups throughout the year. The Action Progress Report for Lot 33-2, provided a comprehensive and detailed outline of all actions to mid-year and an update on the delivery of the Programme Priorities. DLDC confirmed that they foresaw no issues in achieving

annual targets for all Actions and that any slippage on delivery of the Programme Priorities would be addressed in Quarter 3 and 4.

### **Financial Requirements**

Members were advised that the Sub Committee examined the Financial Reports submitted and confirmed that budget management by Donegal Local Development CLG was in line with programme guidelines. The overall administrative, Goal 1 and Goal 2 spend at Mid Year were on track and within agreed percentages. DLDC gave assurances that low spend on individual action costs across the two goals would be addressed and that there would be no issue with expenditure of the budget by year end. 5 grants were awarded by DLDC at rates varying from €240-500 which were within the permitted thresholds. All payments are up to date and recorded on the IRIS System and VAT Verification had taken place for 2021 with no issues arising.

### **Lot Level Performance**

Seamus confirmed that the Sub Committee had examined the Lot Summary Report for Lot 33-2 and confirmed that the LCG Supports and interventions, Individual Supports and interventions and the type of support to Children and Families were in line with local needs.

Members were informed that the Sub Committee also reviewed the Lot Action Progress Report & Individual Caseload by Target Group Report for Lot 33-2 and confirmed that the level of LDC engagement with individuals and LCGs in disadvantaged areas and from SICAP Target Groups/Emerging Needs were in accordance with local needs and priorities. Updates on the Programme Priorities were included in the Lot Summary Report. DLDC confirmed that whilst there had been very little progress on delivery of the Programme Priorities to date, due to reassignment of staff to assist with the Ukrainian Response, actions were planned for Quarter 3 and 4 of 2022 and they provided assurances that there would be no issues on delivery of these actions by year end.

### **Data Checks**

It was confirmed that DLDC confirmed that issues raised in relation to Data Gaps had been addressed.

### **Pobal Parallel Review**

Members were advised that the Pobal parallel review was satisfactory and recommended that the Mid Year Report be approved. They recommended that the LCDC continue to monitor and review individual target achievement and spend.

On the proposal of Anne McAteer, seconded by Anne McHugh the LCDC approved the SICAP Mid Year Report 2022 for Lot 33-2 Donegal Gaeltacht and the release of Programme Funding in the amount of €109,758.50 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to Donegal Local Development CLG.

## **5. SICAP Mid Year Review 2022 – Lot 33-3**

Padraic Fingleton, Donegal Local Development CL, gave members an update on the progress on delivery of the SICAP programme for Lot 33-3. He confirmed that no issue in delivery or budget expenditure for the Programme was expected.

### **Targets**

Seamus Canning advised that the overall progress for Lot 33-3 in 2022 was good with targets for KPI1 and 2 being achieved and exceeded.

Overall, all targets exceeded the 40% requirement of the annual target with 154% over achievement of the target for KPI1 and 66% of the Target for KPI2 being achieved by mid year. 18.03% of the 28% of the target for KPI2 from disadvantaged areas for Lot 33-3 was achieved by mid year.

DLDC provided a rationale for overachievement of Goal 1 Targets and confirmed that no additional target achievement was expected but that engagement would continue with groups throughout the year. The Action Progress Report for Lot 33-3, provided a comprehensive and detailed outline of all actions to mid-year and an update on the delivery of the Programme Priorities. DLDC confirmed that they foresaw no issues in achieving annual targets for all Actions and that any slippage on delivery of the Programme Priorities would be addressed in Quarter 3 and 4.

### **Financial Requirements**

Members were advised that the Sub Committee examined the Financial Reports submitted and confirmed that budget management by Donegal Local Development CLG was in line with programme guidelines. The overall administrative, Goal 1 and Goal 2 spend at Mid Year were on track and within agreed percentages. DLDC gave assurances that low spend on individual action costs across the two goals would be addressed and that there would be no issue with expenditure of the budget by year end. No grants were awarded by DLDC and all payments are up to date and recorded on the IRIS System and VAT Verification had taken place for 2021 with no issues arising.

### **Lot Level Performance**

Seamus confirmed that the Sub Committee had examined the Lot Summary Report for Lot 33-3 and confirmed that the LCG Supports and interventions, Individual Supports and interventions and the type of support to Children and Families were in line with local needs.

Members were informed that the Sub Committee also reviewed the Lot Action Progress Report & Individual Caseload by Target Group Report for Lot 33-3 and confirmed that the level of LDC engagement with individuals and LCGs in disadvantaged areas and from SICAP Target Groups/Emerging Needs were in accordance with local needs and priorities. Updates on the Programme Priorities were included in the Lot Summary Report. DLDC confirmed that whilst there had been very little progress on delivery of the Programme Priorities to date, due to reassignment of staff to assist with the Ukrainian Response,

actions were planned for Quarter 3 and 4 of 2022 and they provided assurances that there would be no issues on delivery of these actions by year end.

### **IRIS Data Checks**

Seamus advised that DLDC have confirmed that issues raised in relation to Data Gaps have been addressed.

### **Pobal Parallel Review**

Members were advised that the Pobal parallel review was satisfactory and recommended that the Mid Year Report be approved. They recommended that the LCDC continue to monitor and review individual target achievement and spend.

On the proposal of Anne McAteer, seconded by Anne McHugh the LCDC approved the SICAP Mid Year Report 2022 for Lot 33-3 Donegal and the release of Programme Funding in the amount of €286,258.25 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to Donegal Local Development CLG.

## **6. SICAP Additional Funding – Ukrainian Supports**

Seamus Canning advised members that notification was received on 21<sup>st</sup> June from the Department of Rural and Community Development advising that an additional €5m in funding for SICAP had been made in recognition of the ongoing contribution being made by the programme to the local community responses to people arriving from Ukraine.

They initially advised that each LDC/LCDC operating in areas where Ukrainian people have settled will be allocated baseline funding of €20,000 with the remaining funding distributed proportionally based on the most recent data re arrivals (CSO).

Further correspondence was received on 23<sup>rd</sup> June setting out details of the additional funding for SICAP allocated to the Local Development Companies in Donegal as follows:-

<b>LDC</b>	<b>Base Line Funding</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>
Inishowen Development Partnership	€20,000	€22,509	€42,509
Donegal Local Development Company CLG	€20,000	€160,424	€180,424

The Department also issued Guidelines and Change Control Template (copy circulated with Agenda) detailing the funding model, eligible costs, procedures to be followed in relation to updating the SICAP Annual Plans and the timeline for completion of this process.

Members were informed that at the SICAP Sub Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, Inishowen Development Partnership and Donegal Local Development CLG presented their proposed Actions and Budget Breakdown for this additional funding and that the SICAP Sub Committee had recommended the approval of same.

Seamus confirmed that the report including proposed Actions and Budget Breakdowns had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Siobhan McLaughlin welcomed the additional resources for Ukrainian Supports and stressed the importance of the Local Development Companies working in collaboration with the Donegal Intercultural Platform and other relevant agencies to ensure a meaningful, sustainable and inclusive outcome in the long run. Representatives of both LDCs who were in attendance confirmed that this was already happening.

Seamus Canning advised that the Intercultural Platform would make a presentation to the LCDC on the new Community Development Programme at the September meeting and confirmed that the LCDC would have an opportunity to submit their views and contribute to the Programme.

On the proposal of Joe Boland, seconded by Siobhan McLaughlin, members recommend that the LCDC approve the proposed Actions and Budget Breakdowns as per appended below.

<b>Lot</b>	<b>33-1 Donegal Inishowen</b>
	<b>Additional Funds: €42,509</b>
	<b>Suggested Actions:</b>
<b>Goal 1:</b>	<p><u>Description:</u> Support for Ukrainian Visitors</p> <p><u>Rational:</u> To co-ordinate the community response to Ukrainian visitors in the peninsula but working collaboratively with partners and leveraging wraparound supports for integration.</p> <p><u>Implementation:</u> Employment of Worker(s) for access to services to include language and location offering advice, guidance and signposting</p>
<b>Goal 2:</b>	<p><u>Description:</u> To support Ukrainian Visitors in their journey to employment</p> <p><u>Rational:</u> To identify skills gaps and support the Ukrainian visitors to access relevant supports</p> <p><u>Implementation:</u> Employment of Worker(s) for access to services to include language and location offering advice, guidance and signposting</p>

**Budget Breakdown:**

<b>Admin Costs:</b>	€7,651.62 (18% of overall additional allocation)	
<b>Action Costs:</b>	Total Costs:	€34,857.38 (82% of overall additional allocation)
	<u>Goal 1</u>	
	Salary Costs:	€18,542.85
	Action Costs:	€ 4,000.00
	Total Costs:	€22,542.85
	<u>Goal 2</u>	
	Salary Costs:	€ 8,588.50
	Action Costs:	€ 3,726.03
	Total Costs:	€12,314.53

A total of €180,424 in additional funding was allocated to DLDC. It was agreed to divide this funding between Lot 33-2 and Lot 33-3 in a 25% /75% split.

<b>Lot</b>	<b>DONEGAL LOT 33-2</b>
	<b>Allocation €45,107 (25% of total allocation of €180,424)</b>
	<b>Suggested Actions</b>
<b>Goal 1:</b>	<p><b><u>Action 1.6 – Integration of New Communities / Ukrainian Refugees</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Description: -</u></b></p> <p>The Objective of this action is to support the Integration and Inclusion of those displaced from Ukraine due to war into the Local Communities when they are now residing. DLDC have identified needs, challenges, barriers and gaps in services in many of the local areas through delivery of the emergency response and the supports provided by SICAP Goal 1 in Q1 – Q2.</p> <p>Through this action we will continue to meet regularly with Refugees, local community groups, accommodation providers, agencies and stakeholders and we will develop a detailed collaborative plan in response to the challenges and gaps in services identified.</p>

**Rational:**

Given the volume of Refugees arriving in Donegal, existing supports and services are struggling to meet the needs. The rationale for this action is evident through the challenges identified through the emergency response delivered in Q1 & Q2. Challenges identified include:

- Rural settings – Ukrainian families have been housed in very rural and remote areas with no access to amenities
- Transport – Donegal has very limited transport services which makes attendance at Intreo offices, post offices, ETB English classes very difficult. Many are not within walking distance of a supermarket or pharmacy.
- Accommodation providers have staff who ordinarily host tourist and have no understanding of their responsibilities in relation to refugees (welfare/Protection etc)
- Impact on services in the towns (school place, access to GP etc)
- Trauma – Many refugees are displaying signs of trauma and PTSD – no services in place to deal with such mental health issues.
- Continued motivation of C&V sector – as the numbers of refugees increase the empathy and goodwill of local community and volunteers is diminishing
- Lack of summer schools & activities, in particular teenagers
- Significant need for additional support with English language classes – This creates a barrier to participation and inclusion in social, cultural and civic events and with employment, training and volunteering.

**Implementation:**

Implementation of this Action will include:

- Transport - Provision of transport supports to and from socially inclusive event and activities.
- Social Inclusive events & activities – Supporting local community groups & social enterprises to plan and deliver socially inclusive events and activities in local areas
- Activities for Teenagers – Engaging Teenage Refugees through the delivery of a new activation programme -
- 'IntegraTEEN'
- Awareness – Collaborating with LCGs, SEs and all stakeholders to deliver culture nights / days to raise awareness of the Ukraine Culture & traditions.
- Information Sharing – Liaising with statutory organisations, agencies and all stakeholders to collate and then share relevant information and guidance with refugees and accommodation providers.

<b>Goal 2:</b>	<p><b><u>Action 2.8 – Individual Supports to Ukrainian Refugees / New Communities</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Description:</u></b></p> <p>The Objective of this action is to support the Integration and Inclusion of Ukrainian Refugees, to support personal development of individuals and to create opportunities for employment.</p> <p><b><u>Rational:</u></b></p> <p>Empowering and supporting individuals by providing pathways to employment or training will increase the successful integration of all refugees into the local communities. DLDC have carried out a survey among the Ukraine population in Q2 and the requests for support with CV preparation and the need for English language classes to ensure a pathway to employment was requested by all who completed this survey.</p> <p>Critical Incident and stress management would indicate that evidence of trauma and PTSD will become apparent when basic human needs, such a food, shelter, clothing etc have been met.</p> <p><b><u>Implementation:</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of this Action will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Supports – Supporting with preparing CVs and Job match opportunities</li> <li>• Counselling Services – Collaborating with other agencies and stakeholders to provide counselling and positive mental health supports</li> <li>• English language training – Support with learning the English language as a means of creating a pathway to employment, training and volunteering.</li> </ul>
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**Budget Breakdown:**

<b>Admin Costs:</b>	Administration 25% of funding - <b><u>Lot 33-2 = €11,277</u></b> <i>(Lot 33-3 = €33,830 – Total DLDC Admin Costs = €45,106)</i>
<b>Action Costs:</b>	Actions 75% of funding - <b><u>Lot 33-2 = €33,830</u></b> <i>(Lot 33-3 = €101,489 - Total DLDC Action Costs = €135,318)</i>

<b>Lot</b>	<b>DONEGAL LOT 33-3</b>
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	<b>Allocation: €135,317 (75% of Total Allocation €180,424)</b>
	<b>Suggested Actions</b>
<b>Goal 1:</b>	<p><b><u>Action 1.6 – Integration of New Communities / Ukrainian Refugees</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Description: -</u></b></p> <p>The Objective of this action is to support the Integration and Inclusion of those displaced from Ukraine due to war into the Local Communities when they are now residing. DLDC have identified needs, challenges, barriers and gaps in services in many of the local areas through delivery of the emergency response and the supports provided by SICAP Goal 1 in Q1 – Q2.</p> <p>Through this action DLDC will continue to meet regularly with Refugees, local community groups, accommodation providers, agencies and stakeholders and we will develop a detailed collaborative plan in response to the challenges and gaps in services identified.</p> <p><b><u>Rational:</u></b></p> <p>Given the volume of Refugees arriving in Donegal, existing supports and services are struggling to meet the needs. The rationale for this action is evident through the challenges identified through the emergency response delivered in Q1 &amp; Q2. Challenges identified include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural settings – Ukrainian families have been housed in very rural and remote areas with no access to amenities</li> <li>• Transport – Donegal has very limited transport services which makes attendance at Intreo offices, post offices, ETB English classes very difficult. Many are not within walking distance of a supermarket or pharmacy.</li> <li>• Accommodation providers have staff who ordinarily host tourist and have no understanding of their responsibilities in relation to refugees (welfare/Protection etc)</li> <li>• Impact on services in the towns (school place, access to GP etc)</li> <li>• Trauma – Many refugees are displaying signs of trauma and PTSD – no services in place to deal with such mental health issues.</li> <li>• Continued motivation of C&amp;V sector – as the numbers of refugees increase the empathy and goodwill of local community and volunteers is diminishing</li> <li>• Lack of summer schools &amp; activities, in particular teenagers</li> <li>• Significant need for additional support with English language classes – This creates a barrier to participation and inclusion in social, cultural and civic events and with employment, training and volunteering.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Implementation:</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of this Action will include:</p>

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<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Action 2.8 – Individual Supports to Ukrainian Refugees / New Communities</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Description:</u></b></p> <p>The Objective of this action is to support the Integration and Inclusion of Ukrainian Refugees, to support personal development of individuals and to create opportunities for employment.</p> <p><b><u>Rational:</u></b></p> <p>Empowering and supporting individuals by providing pathways to employment or training will increase the successful integration of all refugees into the local communities. DLDC have carried out a survey among the Ukraine population in Q2 and the requests for support with CV preparation and the need for English language classes to ensure a pathway to employment was requested by all who completed this survey.</p> <p>Critical Incident and stress management would indicate that evidence of trauma and PTSD will become apparent when basic human needs, such a food, shelter, clothing etc have been met.</p> <p><b><u>Implementation:</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of this Action will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Supports – Supporting with preparing CVs and Job match opportunities</li> <li>• Counselling Services – Collaborating with other agencies and stakeholders to provide counselling and positive mental health supports</li> <li>• English language training – Support with learning the English language as a means of creating a pathway to employment, training and volunteering.</li> </ul>

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**7. Peace Plus Partnership 2022-2027**

Paddy Doherty advised that the Local Community Development Committee agreed the establishment of the PEACEPLUS Partnership (29 members) from the following sectors as detailed below:

Elected Members (Pillar 1) (6)	Statutory Bodies (Pillar 2) (5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 elected members with 1 from each Municipal District</li> <li>• Chief Executive or his nominee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Údarás na Gaeltachta</li> <li>• Health Service Executive</li> <li>• An Garda Síochána</li> <li>• Tusla</li> <li>• Donegal Education &amp; Training Board</li> </ul>
Social Partners (Pillar 3) (8)	Social Partners (Pillar 4) PPN (10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inishowen Development Partnership</li> <li>• Donegal Local Development CLG</li> <li>• Irish Business &amp; Employers Confederation</li> <li>• Farming community</li> <li>• Trade Unions</li> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• LCDC</li> <li>• Comhar na nOileán</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minority Ethnic</li> <li>• Ex combatants</li> <li>• Older People</li> <li>• Youth</li> <li>• Traveller</li> <li>• Women</li> <li>• LGBTQI</li> <li>• Disability</li> <li>• Minority Faith (2)</li> </ul>

He confirmed that to date the 25 representatives had confirmed participation on the PEACEPLUS Partnership as set out in report circulated in advance of the meeting with vacancies remaining for 2 x HSE Reps and 4 x Ex Combatants.

Paddy further advised that, following engagement with minority faith representatives in the County two nominees had expressed an interest in taking part in the Partnership. He confirmed that the Consultants, Venture International Ltd., who were assisting Council's in the formation of the PEACEPLUS Partnership had stated that it was very encouraging that there are a further two nominees from minority faith given the difficulty often experienced in engaging minority groups and had recommended that, if possible, both nominees would be offered the opportunity to become members of the new Donegal Peace Plus Partnership.

On the proposal of Siobhan McLaughlin, seconded by Joe Boland, the LCDC recommended that the Minority Faith under Pillar 4 be increased to 3 representatives and that the LCDC be removed under Pillar 3 as 5 existing LCDC Members will be on the PEACEPLUS Partnership following the nomination process.

## 8. Slaintecare Healthy Communities

Pamela Smullen and Clodagh Murray, Local Development Officers, Slaintecare, joined the meeting and made a presentation to members on the Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme.

Members thanked Pamela and Clodagh for their informative presentation. Ann McHugh confirmed that the ETB were happy to support any elements of this programme which would be rolled out through schools.

Seamus Canning confirmed that the Local Development Officers would work closely with the HSE Slaintecare Co-ordinator and the Healthy Donegal Co-ordinator to ensure that there was no duplication. He confirmed that regular updates would be provided to the LCDC on the delivery of the programme.

Eileen Burgress confirmed that Cultural Services had been awarded funding on a new Slaintecare Healthy Community Programmes Pilot Scheme being rolled out by Creative Ireland. She confirmed that further detail on the Scheme would become available shortly.

## 9. Healthy Ireland Update

### Healthy Ireland Round 4

Seamus Canning advised that the Healthy Ireland Fund Programme Round 4 will run from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

### Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator

He confirmed that the Department of Health had determined that the position of Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Round 4 will be standardised across the country and funding will be provided for the post by the Department of Health for the duration of the programme. A Service Level Agreement between Pobal on behalf of the Department of Health and Donegal County Council confirming the position of the coordinator has been signed.

Members were informed that Donegal County Council has recently held a competition for the Healthy Ireland Coordinator post and the successful candidate has been notified and will formally take up the role in the coming days.

### Round 4 Grant Agreement

Seamus advised that a separate SLA between Pobal on behalf of the DOH and DCC had been signed in relation to the Grant Agreement for Round 4 of the programme.

Members were informed that the Healthy Ireland Fund 2022-2025 Grant Agreement includes an allocation of:

- €40,000 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 to allow delivery of priority health and wellbeing initiatives, and to support the planning process relating to HIF 2023-2025.
- Indicative allocations of €40,000 per annum for the 2023-2025 period. The final annual allocation will be confirmed in Q4 of each year.

The €40,000 being allocated to Local Authorities for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 is to allow for:

- capacity building and planning for the application process for 2023-2025. This could include organising training to upskill in relation to the new outcomes-based approach being rolled out or a facilitator to undertake a consultation with stakeholders in relation to identifying health risks and priorities.
- the delivery of any activities in the health and wellbeing space that have been identified as a priority in 2022.
- a contribution to community health and wellbeing initiatives in response to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in the city/county.

It was confirmed to members that there would be an application process later in 2022 relating to 2023-2025 where we will be asked to identify priority outcomes and intended interventions specific to our county. Further guidance in relation to the HIF 2023-2025 application and appraisal process will issue in Q3 and supports will be put in place to assist the local planning process for this.

Seamus advised that the following indicative budget for the programme has been advised to by Pobal :

Period	Amount
1/6/22 – 31/12/22	€40,000
2023	€40,000
2024	€40,000
2025	€40,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€160,000</b>

It was confirmed that the Healthy Ireland Coordinator will work in collaboration with the Sláintecare Healthy Communities team and colleagues in the HSE to ensure that the optimum benefit is derived from the programmes and delivered in a targeted way to the communities in the county in greatest need.

Members were advised that the Healthy Ireland Coordinator will update the LCDC on progress of the programme on a regular basis.

## 10. Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the LCDC was scheduled for 10 am on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September.

This concluded the business of the meeting.