

**Laois Local Community Development Committee  
Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018  
at 2.30 p.m. in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise**

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**Members in attendance:**

**Public Sector representatives:**

1. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council
2. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
3. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
4. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector

**Private Sector representatives:**

1. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network (Chairperson LCDC)
2. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
3. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership Company
4. Michael Bergin , Farming Sector

**Apologies:**

Cllr. John King (Laois County Council) , Tony Dalton (Laois/Offaly ETB), Dave Fingleton (Laois Public Participation Network), Robbie Quinn (Laois Public Participation Network) , PJ Campbell (Laois Public Participation Network), Kieran Finane (Business Sector) Colm Purcell (Department of Social Protection )

**In Attendance:**

Ms. Georgina Ireland, A/Chief Officer, Ms. Louise McEvoy, A/Senior Staff Officer, Mr. Brian O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr. Paddy Buggy formally adjourned the meeting for fifteen minutes as a mark of respect to Cllr. Jerry Lodge R.I.P.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March , 2018**

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Mr. John Mulholland which was seconded by Cllr. Paschal McEvoy.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Correspondence**

To be discussed under Healthy Ireland Update.

**4. SICAP**

Ms. Georgina Ireland advised that as we are now at the end of Qtr 1 it is hoped to convene a sub-committee meeting in the next few weeks.

**5. Laois Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021:**

Ms. Georgina Ireland advised the meeting that it is intended to carry out a composite review of the LECP in 2018. The LECP Advisory Steering Group will reconvene to decide how best to review the LECP and feed back to stakeholders. Mr. John Mulholland stated that we are two and a half years on since the LECP document first issued; much has been achieved to date e.g. the LEO, Business Support Unit, Tourism Board, employment rates. Upon the proposal of Mr. Michael Bergin and seconded by Mr. Joe Thompson, it was agreed that such a review should be carried out in conjunction with the Councils Economic, Enterprise and Planning SPC.

**6. Healthy Ireland Update**

The Members were advised that the sub-committee met to consider the draft Healthy Laois Strategy prepared by Exodea Consulting. It is intended that the final draft strategy be presented to June LCDC meeting for approval. An update on the 9 Healthy Ireland Actions was provided by Ms. Louise McEvoy. Mr. John Mulholland commented on the many achievements to date under the Healthy Ireland fund with many diverse projects receiving grants. Members were informed that Round 2 of the Fund is now open for applications with a closing date of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

***Time & Date of next Meeting***

Next meeting takes place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 4.30 p.m. in County Hall.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:  \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 30-5-18