

**Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 23rd March, 2018
at 11.30 am in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise**

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

1. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
2. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council
3. John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Laois County Council
4. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
5. Mary Delaney, Health Services Executive
6. Colm Purcell, Department of Social Protection

Private Sector representatives:

1. Paddy Buggy, Laois Public Participation Network (Chairperson LCDC)
2. Mary White, Laois Public Participation Network
3. Robbie Quinn, Laois Public Participation Network
4. PJ Campbell, Laois Public Participation Network
5. Kieran Finane, Business Sector
6. Joe Thompson , Youth Sector
7. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership Company
8. Michael Bergin , Farming Sector

Apologies: Cllr. Jerry Lodge (Laois County Council), Tony Dalton (Laois/Offaly ETB), Dave Fingleton (Laois Public Participation Network)

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 opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Colm Purcell to the committee as the Department of Social Protection representative.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 26th January, 2018 (February meeting cancelled)

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

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

None

4. SICAP 2018 Annual Plan

The Members noted that the SICAP Annual Plan 2018 Pobal review was largely positive. All issues regarding the online IRIS system have been resolved. Ms. Anne Goodwin asked that it be noted that some of the errors with the system were on Pobals' side.

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

(a) LECP Sports Actions update by Ms. Anne Marie Maher, Sports & Leisure Officer

Ms. Anne Marie Maher Sports and Leisure Officer was in attendance to give a comprehensive presentation on the actions contained in the LECP for Sports and Leisure.

- Action 136- Mr. John Mulholland queried if the visitors figure of 700,000 includes visitors to Emo Court.
- The matter of adult gym equipment was discussed. It was agreed to examine provision of such equipment at appropriate sites when funding becomes available.

(b) 2017 Review of LECP Actions

Review of 2017 LECP Actions circulated for noting by the members.

(c) LECP 2018 Implementation Plan

LECP 2018 Implementation Plan was circulated to members. Ms. Georgina Ireland, A/Chief Officer outlined the goal headings in the 2018 plan.

Approval of the 2018 Implementation Plan was proposed by Mr. John Mulholland and Seconded by Cllr. John King.

The Members discussed progress of the LECP so far and how to allow feed back to all stakeholders and those involved since its inception. It was agreed to consider how such a review should be conducted. The PPN plenary to be held in May was suggested by Mr. Robbie Quinn, in the context of providing feedback to the Community.

The Members also noted that Departmental guidance would soon issue on a review of the LECP.


Any Other Business

- A/Chief Officer Ms. Georgina Ireland advised in respect of indicative dates for launch of funding streams available under the various DRCD grants for 2018.

Time & Date of next Meeting

Next meeting takes place on Friday 27th April, 2018 at 11.30 am in County Hall.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: 

CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 27-4-18
