

Minutes of Meeting Laois Local Community Development Committee

**Friday 15th December 2017 (immediately after the LAG meeting)
in Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise**

Present: Mr. Paddy Buggy, Laois PPN (In the Chair)
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council
Cllr. Jerry Lodge, Laois County Council
Ms. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector
Ms. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership
Mr. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
Mr. Kieran Finane, Business Sector
Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois PPN
Mr. Robbie Quinn, Laois PPN
Ms. Mary White, Laois PPN

Apologies: Mr. John Mulholland, Laois County Council , Mr. Dave Fingleton, Laois PPN, Mr. Tony Dalton, Laois Offaly ETB, Ms. Mary Delaney, Health Services Executive

In Attendance: Mr. Michael Rainey, Chief Officer, Ms. Evelyn Brownrigg, Administrative Officer, Ms. Pamela Tynan, A/Senior Staff Officer , Ms. Louise McEvoy , A/Senior Staff Officer, Mr. Brian O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 24th November 2017

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

Matters Arising

None

Correspondence

None

LCDC Membership Review

Mr. Michael Rainey advised the members that the LCDC is due a three year membership review.

- New nomination required for Department of Social Protection.
- IFA has returned the nomination for Michael Bergin
- PPN has returned the nominations for Mary White, PJ Campbell, Robbie Quinn

- Continuation on committee recommended for Joe Thompson & Kieran Finane

It was agreed that the LCDC is well represented sectorally and it is important to maintain the expertise.

The membership review was proposed by Councillor Jerry Lodge and Seconded by Councillor John King.

SICAP

(a) SICAP 2017-End of Year Process

Letter to Anne Goodwin from LCDC advising of commencement of End of Year Process in respect of 2017 SICAP Implementation with a submission date of 17th January 2018.

(b) SICAP Programme 2018-2022 Tender Evaluation Update

The Agreements for the new programme were signed today. Delivery of the programme to be provided by Laois Partnership

RAPID 2017

The RAPID programme was brought to the last Council meeting and was ratified without amendment. There are 10 applications for funding under the RAPID programme, 5 have been forwarded to finance for payment.

Healthy Ireland Strategy

A budget of €5,000 was set aside to develop a strategy for the Healthy Ireland Fund. We are waiting on guidelines from Pobal to assist us in the development of a strategy for Laois.

LECP Actions Presentation by Ms. Pamela Tynan, PPN

Ms. Pamela Tynan gave a detailed presentation in relation to the above. It gave the LCDC members an insight and an up to date position on the status of the 10 current PPN actions for 2017.

Any Other Business

- Ann Goodwin noted that Offaly County Council recently had an advertisement in the paper for Town & Village Renewals Scheme. Michael Rainey advised that funding had not yet been received for this scheme.

Time & Date of next Meeting

A schedule of meetings for 2018 was circulated. Proposed by Councillor John King & seconded by Councillor Jerry Lodge

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____


CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: _____

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