

Minutes of Meeting

Laois Local Community Development Committee

Friday 24th November 2017 at 11.30am
in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise

Present: Mr. Paddy Buggy, Laois PPN (In the Chair)
Mr. John Mulholland, Laois County Council
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
Ms. Mary Delaney, Health Services Executive
Mr. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector
Ms. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership
Mr. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector
Mr. Tony Dalton, Laois/Offaly ETB
Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois PPN
Mr. Robbie Quinn, Laois PPN
Ms. Mary White, Laois PPN

Apologies: Mr. Dave Fingleton, Laois PPN, Mr. Kieran Finane, Business Sector

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

Mr. Paddy Buggy opened the meeting with a minutes silence for the recent & tragic passing of LCDC member Mr. Dave Hackett. He then thanked everyone for their attendance.

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

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Cllr. John King which was seconded by Ms. Evelyn Reddin.

Matters Arising

None

RAPID Programme 2017

Mr. Michael Rainey advised the members that the RAPID 2017 allocation received was €64,500. He suggested that this funding be divided evenly between the 3 municipal districts (€21,500 each). This was carried on the proposal from Cllr Paschal McEvoy and seconded by Cllr. John King.

Mr. Rainey continued by circulating a list of applications that had been received and his recommendation as to which applications were in line with the terms & conditions of the RAPID Programme 2017.

Upon a proposal from Cllr. Paschal McEvoy which was seconded by Cllr John King, the LCDC agreed to fund a total of 10 applications which were to go before the next monthly meeting of Laois County Council for final approval.

At this stage of the meeting Mr. Paddy Buggy, Laois PPN made his apologies and left the meeting. Councillor John King then took the Chair.

Correspondence

(a) LCDC Review – Draft Terms of Reference (Circulated with Agenda)

The Draft Terms of Reference were discussed. Mr. Rainey advised that questionnaires and surveys will be circulated in due course.

(b) Induction Training for all new members of LCDC's in 2018 (Circulated with Agenda)

Mr. Rainey advised members that Induction training will be available for all new and existing members. Members were advised to contact Mr. Rainey if interested.

(c) Healthy Ireland Fund 2017 - 2018

Mr. Rainey informed the members that Laois County Council have received funding in the amount of €93,000.00. Mr. Rainey informed the members that the money must be spent by 31st March, 2018. The Chief Executive Officer of Laois County Council, Mr. John Mulholland, congratulated Mr. Rainey and his staff on the good work they had carried out to secure this allocation.

SICAP Programme 2018-2022 Tender Evaluation Update

The LCDC Chief Officer, Mr. Michael Rainey, announced that the tender from Laois Partnership Development Company had been accepted and was deemed successful by the SICAP Tender Evaluation Committee. Mr. Rainey informed the members that the next step will be to move to contract stage. The members unanimously welcomed the announcement.

LECP Actions Presentations by Mr. Tony Dalton, LOETB

Mr. Tony Dalton 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 current LOETB Local Economic & Community Plan actions.

Time & Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of Laois LCDC was scheduled for Friday, 15th December, 2017 at 11.30am in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, followed by a review meeting with Deirdre Maloney, Department of Rural and Community Development.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____


CHAIRPERSON - LAOIS LCDC

DATE: _____

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