

# **Minutes of Meeting**

## **Laois Local Community Development Committee**

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 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. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council  
Cllr. Jerry Lodge, Laois County Council  
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council  
Ms. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. Dave Hackett, Dept of Social Protection  
Mr. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector  
Ms. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership  
Mr. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector  
Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois PPN  
Mr. Robbie Quinn, Laois PPN  
Mr. Dave Fingleton, Laois PPN  
Ms. Mary White, Laois PPN

**Apologies:** Mr. Tony Dalton Laois/Offaly ETB, Ms. Mary Delaney, Health Services Executive, Mr. Kieran Finane, Business Sector

**In Attendance:** Mr. Michael Rainey, Chief Officer, Ms. Georgina Ireland, Administrative Officer, Ms. Evelyn Brownrigg, Administrative Officer, Ms. Claire Buckley, A/Senior Staff Officer and Mr. Brian O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr. Paddy Buggy opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. He continued by advising Members that this would be the last meeting attended by Ms. Georgina Ireland and thanked her for her hard work and continued dedication over the past number of years. Mr. Buggy also formally welcomed her replacement, Ms. Evelyn Brownrigg to the meeting and wished her every success in her new position.

### ***Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017***

Upon the proposal of Cllr. John King and seconded by Ms. Anne Goodwin, it was agreed that an amendment be made to the minutes of LCDC meeting held on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 stating that Mr. Paddy Buggy had confirmed that he had no further potential Conflict of Interest in the next SICAP programme. It agreed that the minutes would be amended to reflect this.

### ***Matters Arising***

None

**Correspondence**

None

**Community Facilities Scheme 2017**

Mr. Michael Rainey informed the Members that the LCDC recommended applications were all recently approved by the Local Authority Municipal Districts. Upon enquiry, the members noted that successful applications would be circulated to the LCDC members for their information.

**SICAP**

*Due to a possible conflict of interest, Ms. Anne Goodwin left the meeting for this item. Ms. Evelyn Reddin also left the room to receive a phone call .* Mr. Michael Rainey outlined that the tender deadline for the next SICAP programme had been extended by the Department to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017. He also recommended that the SICAP Sub Committee be given the responsibility of evaluating any tenders received with the Chief Officer and the Council's Procurement Officer sitting in an advisory capacity. This recommendation was agreed on the proposal of Mr. John Mulholland and seconded by Cllr John King.

**Healthy Fund Ireland 2017 – Strand 1 Application**

Mr. Michael Rainey set out the application and closing date in relation to the above. Mr. John Mulholland congratulated the LCDC in taking on this role and making a positive contribution in areas that they never would have envisaged. The application for the Healthy Ireland Fund was proposed by Mr. John Mulholland and seconded by Cllr John King.

**Laois LCDC/LAG Annual Review**

Mr. Rainey suggested that the LCDC annual review meeting take place in the Midlands Park Hotel on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. It is also hoped to have a representative from the Department of Rural and Community Development to address the LCDC on the day. This was formally proposed by Cllr. Jerry Lodge and seconded by Ms. Evelyn Reddin.

**Any other business**

Mr. Michael Rainey advised the members that he proposes to carry out a 3 year review of the LCDC membership at the October meeting. As prescribed by legislation, he also advised that the Department are currently carrying out a national review of the LCDC guidelines.

**Time & Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of Laois LCDC was scheduled for Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at 4.30pm in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

25-10-17.