

# Laois Local Community Development Committee

## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am, County Hall, Portlaoise

**Present:** Mr. Paddy Buggy, Laois PPN (Chair)  
Mr. John Mulholland, CE, Laois County Council  
Cllr. Jerry Lodge, Laois County Council  
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council  
Cllr. Pascal McEvoy, Laois County Council  
Ms. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office  
Ms. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership  
Mr. Michael Bergin, Farming Sector  
Mr. Dave Fingleton, Laois PPN  
Mr. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector  
Ms. Mary White, Laois PPN  
Mr. PJ Campbell, Laois PPN  
Mr. Robbie Quinn, Laois PPN

**Apologies:** Mr. Kieran Finane, Mr. Joe Ruane

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**In attendance:** Mr. Michael Rainey, Chief Officer, Ms. Georgina Ireland, Administrative Officer and Ms. Theresa Bergin, A/Assistant Staff Officer

Paddy Buggy opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

### Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Upon the proposal of Cllr. John King and seconded by Mr. PJ Campbell, the minutes of LCDC meeting held on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were confirmed.

### Correspondence

The members noted the following:

1. Information details on a series of National Events between Teagasc and the National Rural Network.
2. Invitation to an information meeting for Chief Officers and LCDC Chairs on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Mr. Michael Rainey and Mr. Paddy Buggy confirmed their intention to attend.
3. The nomination of Mr. Tony Dalton, Director of Further Education and Training, by Laois Offaly Education & Training Board to the Laois LCDC.

### **Revised Guidelines for the Operation of LCDC's**

Mr. Michael Rainey outlined the main points of note in circular AL 1/2016 on the Revised Guidelines for the Operation of LCDCs. The possible future amendments to the guidelines were discussed in detail. Mr. John Mulholland suggested that consideration be given to PPN co-ordinators attending LCDC meetings on occasion by invitation of LCDC. It was proposed by John Mulholland and seconded by Mr. PJ Campbell that Ms. Pamela Tynan, PPN Co-ordinator be invited to attend the next LCDC Meeting.

### **CYPSC (Children and Young Persons Services Committee)**

Ms Georgina Ireland outlined details contained in the guidance document for CYPSCs and LCDCs as contained in circular letter AL 1/2017. It was noted that the guidance document describes how LCDCs and CYPSCs will work together for best outcomes for all children and young people in each local authority area. A protocol will be drafted based on the template provided and this will come before the LCDC at a later date for approval.

### **SICAP**

Mr. Michael Rainey advised the committee that the SICAP Sub Committee had reviewed the End of Year Report for 2016. The committee were advised that Pobal were carrying out a parallel review and the results are awaited. The members were advised that the Sub Committee were recommending approval of the End of Year report subject to Pobal's approval and any minor changes to the administrative costs therein. SICAP sub committee members Mr. Joe Thompson and Ms. Evelyn Reddin complemented the PI on their work given the budget restrictions for the programme. Mr John Mulholland commented on the good performance under particular indicators relating to employment supports and queried how this can be conveyed to the public. Ms. Anne Goodwin agreed that they would promote the statistics through social media. Cllr John King proposed approval of the SICAP 2016 End of Year Report and Mr. Dave Fingleton seconded.

Mr. Michael Rainey advised the committee that the SICAP 2018-2020 online survey had been completed and submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> January and advised the committee that if they had any specific comments for inclusion they should contact him directly.

The committee was advised that a Regional SICAP Targeting Support Workshop for LCDC/Programme Implementers was scheduled for Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Mr. Michael Rainey confirmed that two representatives from the PI would be attending this event.

**Any Other Business**

The recent launch of the Action Plan for Rural Development was noted and Mr Michael Rainey circulated a summary of the objectives contained therein relating to LCDC work programmes. A short discussion of the actions followed.

**Time & Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 in County Hall, Portlaoise.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 22-2-17,

