

**Laois Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 29th June, 2018
at 11.30 a.m. in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise**

Members in attendance:

Public Sector representatives:

1. Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council
2. Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
3. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector

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. Anne Goodwin, Laois Partnership Company

Apologies: John Mulholland (Laois County Council), Evelyn Reddin (Laois Enterprise Office), Colm Purcell (Department of Social Protection), Tony Dalton (Laois/Offaly ETB), Kieran Finane (Business Sector), Dave Fingleton, Laois Public Participation Network, Michael Bergin, Farming Sector

In Attendance: Ms. Georgina Ireland, A/Chief Officer, Mr. Brian O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

Chairman Paddy Buggy opened the meeting by formally congratulating Cllr John King after being recently elected Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 30th May, 2018

The minutes were adopted following a proposal from Mr. Joe Thompson which was seconded by Mr. Paddy Buggy.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Ms. Georgina Ireland informed the members that the Laois Sports Partnership Annual Report 2017 had been received and would be made available to any member who wished to receive a copy.

4. Community Enhancement Programme 2018 (Guidelines & Note to LCDC's)

The members were advised that this new programme is a combination of former old Community Facilities Scheme and the RAPID Scheme. She advised that an allocation of €136,524 has been given to Co. Laois and the closing date for receipt of applications was 30th July 2018.

The scheme is aimed at supporting Small Capital works projects particularly in the more disadvantaged areas. It was also agreed that Joe Thompson and Paddy Buggy would sit on a subcommittee to develop and oversee the process for the implementation of the scheme.

5. SICAP

The members were informed that there was an extension agreed to allow the Programme Implementer to complete their data entry for the SICAP Mid Year Review. It was noted that a SICAP subcommittee meeting would be held subsequent to this.

6. Health Ireland Update

Ms. Georgina Ireland informed the Members that the Healthy Ireland Sub Committee had recently met to discuss the most recent draft of the Healthy Laois Plan 2018-2020 which was received from Exodea Europe Consulting Ltd. Upon recommendation of the Healthy Ireland Subcommittee, it was agreed that Laois LCDC would finalise the document without further input from the consultants, whom the members felt, had brought the plan as far as they could. It was agreed that final draft would be presented to the members in September.

Ms. Ireland continued by informing the LCDC Members that she would continue working with Siobhan Hourigan, HSE Health Promotions, to bring a Final Draft before the September LCDC Meeting for approval.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: _____

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