

Minutes of Meeting
Laois Local Community Development Committee

Friday, 28th July 2017 at 11.30am
in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise

Present: Mr. Paddy Buggy, Laois PPN (In the Chair)
Cllr. Paschal McEvoy, Laois County Council
Cllr. John King, Laois County Council
Ms. Evelyn Reddin, Laois Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Dave Hackett, Dept of Social Protection
Ms. Mary Delaney, Health Services Executive
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
Mr. Kieran Finane, Business Sector
Ms. Mary White, Laois PPN

Apologies: Mr. John Mulholland, Laois County Council, Cllr. Jerry Lodge, Laois County Council, Mr. Tony Dalton Laois/Offaly ETB, Mr. Joe Thompson, Youth Sector

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

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

Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 30th June 2017

Upon the proposal of Cllr. John King and seconded by Cllr. Pascal McEvoy, the minutes of LCDC meeting held on Friday 30th June 2017 were confirmed.

Matters Arising

None

Correspondence

The members noted correspondence as follows:

Correspondence from Dept. of Health in relation to a new source of funding linked to the Healthy Ireland Framework 2013 – 2025. Mr. Michael Rainey advised that this funding would be in the sum of €100,000 and would be coming to the LCDC for administration, as its objectives, in addition to linking

with the Healthy Ireland Framework, would need to be linked with delivery of LECP objectives. He advised that this funding would also be available to LCDC's in 2018 and 2019. Ms. Mary Delaney added that the HSE would also be availing of similar funding and suggested that this would be an opportunity for LCDC partners and the HSE to work together on initiatives. It was noted that further guidelines would be issued in the coming weeks.

Community Facilities Scheme 2017

Mr. Michael Rainey reiterated the role of the LCDC in relation to this Scheme, i.e to make a recommendation on the applications received under the Community Facilities Scheme, such recommendation to go to each Local Authority Municipal District for approval. The total funding available is €64,500, this equates to €21,500 per Municipal District.

Upon the proposal of Mr. Kieran Finane and seconded by Mr. Robbie Quinn, the following recommendation was agreed:

Portlaoise Municipal District

12 valid applications received

Total amount sought €17,000

Each applicant to get full amount sought

Total recommended €17,000

Graigucullen/Portarlinton

22 valid applications received

Total amount sought €27,494.88

Each applicant to receive up to €1000 (or less if that was the sum requested) – Total €20,853

The balance of €647 to be allocated to Teac Tom (the Thomas Hayes Trust CLG)

Total recommended €21,500

Borris in Ossory/Mountmellick

21 valid applications received

Total amount sought €34,148.30

Each of the 21 applicants to receive up to €1000 – Total €21,000

In addition it is recommended that the balance of €4,500 from the Portlaoise MD is allocated to the Borris in Ossory/ Mountmellick MD as follows:

- Rathdowney Social Day Care Centre an additional €1500
- Mountmellick Men's Shed an additional €3000
- Mountmellick MDA an additional €500

Total amount recommended €26,000

It was noted that the above recommendation would proceed to respective Municipal District Meetings in September.

It was also noted by the members that 3 applications were deemed ineligible as follows:

Laois Sports Partnership – ineligible due to being a Public Funding Body.
Ballylinan Community Alert – ineligible, no capital expenditure required.
No Name Club – ineligible, no capital expenditure required.

SICAP

(Due to a possible conflict of interest, Ms. Mary Delaney and Ms. Anne Goodwin left the meeting for this item. Mr. Paddy Buggy also confirmed that he no longer had a potential conflict of interest in relation to the next SICAP programme).

Mr. Michael Rainey outlined the dates for the commencement of the Procurement Process for the Social Inclusion and Community Inclusion Programme 2018-2022, which would be published on e-tenders on 31st July 2017 with a closing date for submissions of 29th September 2017.


Any other business

Mr. Michael Rainey advised that following the suggestion of members that the LCDC hold a review meeting later in the year, that this was being examined and he would revert regarding same at the September meeting.

Time & Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of Laois LCDC was scheduled for Friday, 29th September, 2017 at 11.30am in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:  _____
CHAIRPERSON – LAOIS LCDC

DATE: 29-9-17

