

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on the 11th February, 2015
in
Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr's. Michael Doran, William Quinn,
Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford,
Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community & Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle
Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly
Social Pillar: Andrea Dalton
Environmental Pillar: Eamonn Moore
Business/Employer: John Brophy
Agricultural /Farming : John Nolan
Civic Society: Fr. Caomhín O'Neill

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Clerical Officer: Ann Scully

Internal Auditor / Procurement Officer: Marian Ryan

Apologies:

Cllr's Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Charlie Murphy
Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh
Chief Executive Nominee: Seamus O' Connor
Social Pillar: Ann Shortall
Department of Social Protection: Noel Barry

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed: Thomas Kelly

Seconded: Cllr Charlie Murphy

Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 14th January 2015 are hereby approved. Carlow LCDC Members agreed to rearrange the order of the Agenda from Item 2 to 3 and Item 3 to 2. Members agreed to continue to hold Carlow LCDC Meetings at 4pm. There are no matters arising that were not on the Agenda.

ITEM 2 (a) Framework Policy for Local and Community Development – Public Consultation

The Chief Officer advised that a public consultation process for a national framework policy for local and community development has commenced, and the closing date for receipt of submissions is 5pm on Friday 10 April, 2015.

ITEM 2 (b) Circular LG 2 2015 – Ethical Framework in Local Government

The Chief Officer highlighted Circular LG 2-2015 in respect of Ethical Framework in Local Government which the Department requested be circulated for LCDC Members attention.

The Chief Officer stated that Members were circulated with Annual Declaration Forms in respect of Conflict of Interest which were completed and returned. Codes of Conduct documentation were also circulated for Members attention for return to the Chief Officer.

ITEM 2 (c) Guide to EU Funding

The Chief Officer explained the Guide to EU Funding seeks to provide Councillors, and non-governmental organisation user-friendly information on how to access EU funding for the period 2014 - 2020 for projects and ideas, in areas, such as sustainable economic development, research & innovation, education, culture, health and environmental protection. It also provides young people in the EU with information on how they can directly benefit from Europe by taking part in EU programmes and offers guidance on how to set-up EU projects.

The Chief Officer also detailed funding available under different budget categories. He will clarify for members as to non availability of Leader funding for community projects 2016. Mr. E. Moore advised of €310 million for Interrege Europe Fund which can be obtained under 4 themes including SME, Carbon Emissions, Climate Change, and Environmental & Heritage. Mr. E. Moore stated that this funding will be accessible in 2016.

ITEM 2 (d) LCDP Monthly Payments Report

Carlow LCDC Members noted the LCDP Monthly Payment Reports which were circulated. The Chief Officer stated

- Payments made to the LDC to date are in line with budget.
- December monthly payments have been made to the LDC as per the rules of the programme.
- No payments are being withheld from the LDC as at 31st December 2014.

ITEM 2 (e) Training, Learning & Development

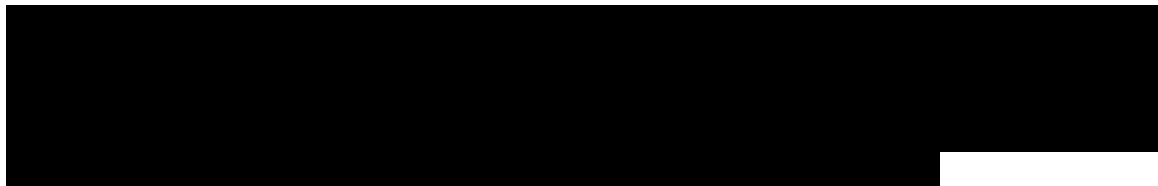
The Chief Officer informed LCDC Members that the Department have requested that Carlow LCDC identify training/learning and development needs that members consider should be covered in the information sessions/workshop scheduled for 2015 which is to be advised to them not later than 14 February 2015.

Members suggested the following:

- Information sessions/workshop should include an overview on LCDC's function, role and how they fit in with other organisations and the Council.
- Simplifying of language as it can be challenging to understand.

The Chief Officer also stated that he would circulate LCDC report that was sent to Council to each LCDC Member for their information.

ITEM 3 SICAP Tender Procurement Process Ratification



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This concluded the business of the meeting