

**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**Carlow Local Community Development Committee**  
**Held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**  
**in**  
**Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow**

**PRESENT**

**Statutory Interests:**

Cllr's. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Charlie Murphy, William Quinn,  
Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford,  
Department of Social Protection: Noel Barry

**Non -Statutory Interests:**

Community & Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle  
Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly  
Social Pillar: Ann Shortall  
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

**Administrative Officer:** Margaret Moore

**Apologies:**

Cllr Michael Doran

Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane

Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh

Chief Executive Nominee: Seamus O' Connor

## **ITEM 1      Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising**

**Proposed: Thomas Kelly**

**Seconded: Cllr Charlie Murphy**

That the minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 are hereby approved. In regard to matters arising, the Chief Officer Michael Brennan confirmed that % variance in the October LCDP Monthly Payments Report was about the amount that remained to be drawn down rather the amount spent.

## **ITEM 2      Social Inclusion Community and Activation Programme: Evaluation Plan**

The Chief Officer advised members that as result of a request by Cllr Willie Quinn for LCDC members to see the Evaluation Plan and the advice given from the Department of the Environment Community & Local Government and Pobal, members would be presented with the Plan for information purposes and that the plan be returned at the end of the meeting which they were. Members were also advised that they need to sign an Impartiality and Confidentiality Form as part of the SICAP process.

After the distribution of same, the Chief Officer advised in detail in respect of the Evaluation Plan and progress of the SICAP Evaluation process which was noted. Queries raised by members were responded to by the Chief Officer.

The Chief Officer also reminded members to return their signed Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms as there were still some outstanding.

## **ITEM 3      Local Economic and Community Plan: Establishment of the Advisory Steering Committee**

The Chief Officer advised of report which was circulated to Members of Carlow County Council on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 in relation to the Preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and the establishment of the Advisory Steering Committee.

Following consideration and discussion on this matter it was proposed that two members of the LCDC participate on the Advisory

Steering Committee. Ms Mary Walsh was proposed by Noel Barry and seconded by Kieran Comerford and the second member, Ms Andrea Dalton was proposed by Ann Shortall and seconded by Mary Doyle and agreed by members.

#### **ITEM 4     Standing Orders Amendment**

The Chief Officer advised members of amendments to Standing Orders in relation to Participation, decision making and procedures. Queries raised by members were responded to by the Chief Officer. After discussion and consideration of the amendments it was proposed by Cllr Willie Quinn and seconded by Cllr Charlie Murphy and agreed by members that the amendments to Standing Orders as circulated be approved.

#### **ITEM 5     LCDP Monthly Payments Report**

Members of the committee noted the LCDP Monthly Payment Reports and LCDP Reports for Q3 which were circulated. The Chief Officer advised that

- Payments made to the LDC to date are in line with budget.
- October and November 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- BPR actuals are progressing in line with milestones identified for Q3
- Administration Costs reported are in line with expected budget for Q3
- Spend is in line with the required for Goals 2 and 4. Goals 1 and 3 spend is slightly below budget but expected to increase in the final quarter.

## **ITEM 6    AOB**

The Chief Office advised members of Note on LEADER 2014-2020 from the Dept of the Environment Community and Local Government which provided an update on its implementation. After some discussion it was agreed the LCDC needs to communicate the current position and process of the LEADER programme to the Community Stakeholders as there have been already queries and concerns around available grants, budgets and plans.

Members noted indicative budget funding of €125,390 from Pobal to the Local Development Company for period January – March under the Local and Community Development Programme (LCDP) and 2014 end of year progress report request from Pobal on LCDP.

### **Dates of 2015 Meetings**

The dates of the 2015 meetings were agreed as follows;

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December