

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on the 17th June, 2015
in
Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr's. Michael Doran, Jennifer Murnane O Connor, Willie Quinn
Department of Social Protection: Noel Barry

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community & Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle
Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly
Social Inclusion: Andrea Dalton
Social Inclusion: Anne Shortall
Agricultural /Farming: John Nolan
Environmental Pillar: Eamonn Moore
Business/Employer: John Brophy

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Cllr Charlie Murphy
Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford,
Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane
Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh
Civic Society: Fr. Caomhín O'Neill

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed: Thomas Kelly

Seconded: Ann Shortall

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 14th May 2015 are hereby approved.”

There are no matters arising that were not on the Agenda.

ITEM 2 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Karl Duffy, Social Inclusion Manager of CCDP Ltd advised in respect of the SICAP Annual Plan report generated by IRIS. Queries and concerns were raised by members, particularly about the lack of specific detail on the actions as presented in the report and the need to avoid duplication of services was stressed. It was agreed that details of the actions would be distributed to the members. The Annual Plan was then approved by the Committee.

Proposed: Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Seconded: Cllr. Willie Quinn

And RESOLVED

That the SICAP Annual Plan for 2015 is hereby approved

The Chief Officer then outlined the need to establish a SICAP subgroup and distributed draft terms of reference for this group which received approval from the members.

Proposed by Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Seconded by John Brophy

AND RESOLVED

That Noel Barry and Andrea Dalton participate on the sub group

The Chief Officer Michael Brennan, Administrative Officer Margaret Moore and Social Inclusion Manager of CCDP Karl Duffy will also form part of the group.

Members also noted document circulated SICAP-Next Steps 2015/2016

ITEM 3 Rural Development Programme 2014 -2020

The Chief Officer referred to LCDC meeting of the 14th May 2015 where the members of the LCDC approved the Expression of Interest for the Rural Development Programme 2014 -2020 (LEADER), prepared by Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd the approved Implementing partner on behalf of Carlow LCDC as LAG. The EOI was submitted to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on 15th May 2015. An EOI was also submitted by CCDP Ltd. He advised that there has been active and constructive engagement with Ms Mary Walsh CEO CCDP Ltd, the LEADER Sub committee of the LCDC, the Department and Mr Dan McInerney A/Chief Executive in this matter. He outlined the implications of not reaching agreement in this matter.

He circulated a draft heads of agreement for approval which the CEO of CCDP Ltd had agreed and who was awaiting approval from her Board. This would allow for the withdrawal of EOI submitted by them.

Queries raised by members were answered by the Chief Officer. The Chief Officer was acknowledged for his work in achieving this agreement.

The draft heads of Agreement was;

Proposed: Cllr. Willie Quinn

Seconded: Ann Shortall

AND RESOLVED

That the draft heads of Agreement in respect of the LEADER programme is hereby approved by Carlow LCDC.

ITEM 4 Carlow Public Participation Network

The Chief Officer circulated a progress report on the Carlow Public Participation Network and highlighted that a plenary session is scheduled to take place on 29th June where the interim Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental Pillars of the LCDC will be replaced with elected PPN representatives.

The Chief Officer then acknowledged Ann Shortall for all her invaluable work on the Secretariat as she was resigning from same.

The Chief Officer also informed the members that the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government had just announced funding of €2.48 million with match funding from Local Government for the operation of PPNs which was welcomed and noted.

ITEM 5 Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)

The Chief Officer gave an update on the preparation of the LECP and advised of focussed Stakeholders consultations which were scheduled for early July.

ITEM 6 AOB

The Chief Officer informed the members of the change of date for LCDC meetings in order to ensure alignment of approving the SICAP progress reports. Also after some discussion due to difficulty of members attending at 4.00pm it was agreed to arrange morning meetings. The amended dates and times for the next LCDC meetings are 16th September and 2nd December at 10.00am.

This concluded the business of the meeting