

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on the 14th May, 2015
in
Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr's. Michael Doran, Jennifer Murnane O Connor, Charlie Murphy
Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford,
Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane
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
Civic Society: Fr. Caomhín O'Neill

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Cllr Willie Quinn
Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed: Cynthia Deane

Seconded: Cllr Michael Doran

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 25th March 2015 are hereby approved.”

Carlow LCDC Members agreed to rearrange the order of the Agenda that Item 2 would move to Item 3. There are no matters arising that were not on the Agenda.

ITEM 2 Rural Development Programme 2014 -2020

The Chief Officer reminded Members that the closing date for the Expression of Interest (EOI) was close of business tomorrow Friday 15th May. He advised of correspondence received on 16th April 2015 from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government outlining a proposed Implementation Framework for the Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 which covered such areas as the desired approach i.e Partnership approach with LCDC and Local Development Companies, Government Policy, the roles of the various players (LCDC, LDC and Local Authority), Financial and contractual arrangements etc.

He also advised of report in respect of LEADER programme and Expression of Interest which was circulated to members.

The Chief Officer advised of correspondence received from Ms Mary Walsh CEO of CCDP Ltd for Members’ consideration before examining and approval of the EOI which was prepared by Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd the approved Implementing Partner for LEADER programme on behalf of Carlow LCDC, which outlined Principle terms of contract in connection with the implementation of the LEADER programme which required LCDC approval before the EOI could be submitted to the Department.

After some discussion and consideration of the matter, the Members considered the EOI and agreed that issues in respect of terms of contract raised by Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd would be considered further at a future meeting of the LCDC as it was considered that EOI was the first stage of the LEADER process and that same be submitted to the Department.

It was:

Proposed: Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O’Connor

Seconded: Ann Shortall

That the EOI prepared by Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd on behalf of Carlow Local Community Development Committee as LAG be approved and submitted by the Chief Officer to the Department of the Environment, Community

and Local Government. The Chief Officer advised members of the LCDC that he proposed to contact Ms Mary Walsh CEO CCDP Ltd in this matter by telephone, which they approved, which he did during the next item on the agenda. Following these discussions with Ms Walsh, the Chief Officer advised that CCDP Ltd would be submitting an EOI if the Principle Terms of Contract in connection with the implementation of the LEADER programme were not approved. Following lengthy discussions members expressed a desire to work in a partnership with CCDP Ltd in the implementation of the LEADER Programme and instructed the Chief Officer to arrange for discussions with CCDP Ltd in this matter and that the EOI as prepared by Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd on behalf of Carlow Local Community Development Committee as LAG as already approved be submitted to the Department.

ITEM 3 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Karl Duffy, Social Inclusion Manager of CCDP Ltd gave a thorough presentation outlining the general themes of the SICAP programme and the specific actions which were detailed in the successful tender for Carlow. Queries raised by members were responded to by Mr Duffy. Members thanked Karl for his comprehensive presentation.

ITEM 4 Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)

The Chief Officer circulated copies of the LECP consultation document for their information which was noted and he updated them on progress to date and proposed future work in preparing the Plan.

ITEM 5 LCDP Monthly Payments Period February 2015

Carlow LCDC Members noted the LCDP Monthly Payment Report for February 2015. The Chief Officer stated

- CCDP received €125,390 to cover the period February 2015
- Payments made to the LDC to date are in line with budget for 2015
- February monthly payment has been made to the LDC as per the rules of the programme
- No payments were withheld from the LDC as at 28th February 2015.

ITEM 5 LCDP Monthly Payments Period March 2015

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- Payments made to the LDC to date are in line with budget for 2015
- March monthly payment has been made to the LDC as per the rules of the programme
- No payments were withheld from the LDC as at 31st March 2015.

ITEM 6 Training & Development

Members noted correspondence from the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government outlining proposed training programme for LCDC members.

This concluded the business of the meeting