

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on the 16th September, 2015
in
Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

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

Non -Statutory Interests:

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

A/Chief Officer: Margaret Moore

Clerical Officer: Ann Scully

In Attendance: Karl Duffy, CCDP Ltd

Apologies:

Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford,
Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane
Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh
Civic Society: Fr. Caomhín O'Neill
Community & Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle
Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed: Thomas Kelly

Seconded: Cllr. Willie Quinn

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 17th June 2015 are hereby approved.”

Eamonn Moore proposed to change the order of business on the agenda, suggesting item 4 SICAP move to item 2. Carlow LCDC Members agreed.

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 distributed and gave a detailed presentation on Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme Mid Term Report 2015, highlighting the Key Performance Indicators set for the county in the period covered which has been achieved or surpassed, and that the Beneficiary Target Rates set have been achieved or exceeded.

Carlow LCDC Members praised the SICAP Mid Term Report, commending CCDP on work completed to date. Andrea Dalton, recommended everyone to read the report to identify gaps in their own area, which can be included in 2016 plan.

Proposed: Andrea Dalton

Seconded: Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

And RESOLVED

That the SICAP Mid Term Report 2015 is hereby approved

ITEM 3 Correspondence

Margaret Moore, A/Chief Officer circulated correspondence to Carlow LCDC Members advising of LEADER Capacity Building Information Session on Environment and Social Inclusion. A discussion took place around Carlow LCDC highlighting to the DEC&LG, that day time hours for courses do not suit Community & Voluntary Representatives as people have to work. Ann Shortall suggested contacting other LCDC's to find out if they are of the same opinion.

Andrea Dalton highlighted the recommendation from the DECLG regarding expenses for Voluntary members who attend conference, which was noted.

Correspondence received from Equality and Rights Alliance highlights new statutory obligation for all public bodies including the LCDC, to proactively consider equality and human rights issues in their work. A/Chief Officer stated

that Carlow LCDC needs to take this approach for the LECP plan in all its stages from preparation right through to monitoring/evaluating.

ITEM 4 LECP Progress Report

A/Chief Officer advised that workshops were held for Stakeholders including Senior Staff in Carlow County Council in early June and a follow up one in early August, facilitated by Slí Nua. Members raised concerns with regard to attendance of Elected Members at the workshops for the preparation of the LECP. A/Chief Officer explained that Elected Members will be more involved in the process at a later date.

A draft LCEP was prepared by the Community Section and Local Enterprise Office based on the consultation process. The plan is ready to go back to consultants Slí Nua for final amendments.

The next step in the process is that the draft plan will be circulated to the advisory LECP Steering Group, Southern Regional Assembly, Council Management Team, Municipal Districts of Muinebheag and Carlow, Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Planning Strategic Policy Committee, LCDC Members, at the end of September/beginning of October. The draft plan will be adopted by Member of Carlow County Council at their December Meeting.

It was agreed that Carlow LCDC will meet on Monday 12th October at 11am in the Council Chamber to consider, review and approve the draft plan.

The draft plan is also scheduled to go on public display for the period of 14th October 2015 to 4th November 2015.

ITEM 5 LEADER

A/Chief Officer distributed the following documentation in respect of LEADER:

1. Proposed consultation process for LEADER 2014 - 2020
2. Suggested timeframe for completion of strategy given the outstanding information from the Dept and pending completion of the Carlow Local Economic Community Plan (LECP).
3. Agreed principal terms of contract governing the drafting and implementation of the LEADER strategy
4. The table of contents from the LEADER 2007 - 2014 strategy.

Following consideration of the above it was agreed that a number of social inclusion groups be added to the LEADER consultation document.

The Chairperson informed Carlow LCDC Members that a public information road show was being carried out by Carlow PPN during November in both Municipal District and this was seen as a good opportunity to consult around the Local Development Strategies.

Carlow LCDC Members agreed that the LCDC Leader Subgroup would meet next week to examine the consultation document received and amend accordingly. A/Chief Officer advised members to read the documentation carefully to identify gaps and feedback to her in order to assist the work of the subgroup.

Proposed: Thomas Kelly

Seconded: Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

“That Carlow LCDC Members agreed that the LCDC Leader Subgroup would meet next week to examine the consultation document received and amend accordingly, which would be then submitted to the CEO of Carlow County Development Partnership”.

A number of Logo samples for the LCDC were circulated to members to consider and after discussions; Members agreed a logo for Carlow LCDC. This Logo is to be used in all activities of the LCDC including the development process of the LEADER Local Development Strategy.

Proposed: Cllr. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Seconded: Cllr. Charlie Murphy

“That Logo for LCDC as circulated is hereby approved by LCDC Members. Logo is to be used in all activities of the LCDC including the development process of the LEADER Local Development Strategy”.

ITEM 6 National Oversight Audit Commission (NOAC)

A/Chief Officer highlighted from the handout on NOAC, two Local Government Key Performance Indicators that are relevant to LCDC, which were noted:

1. % of nominees from marginalised SICAP groups to LCDC via PPN process
2. Number progressing to full-time or self-employed with six months of receipt of Goal 3 Employment Support (SICAP).

ITEM 7 AOB

Carlow LCDC Members congratulated Andrea Dalton and Ann Shortall on their appointment as permanent representatives from the PPN on to Carlow LCDC.

The Chairperson on behalf of Carlow LCDC expressed their sympathy to the family of the late Margaret Wouters.

The Chairperson raised the issue of attendance at Carlow LCDC Meetings, stressing how important it is for each member to attend each meeting as very serious decisions needed to be approved.

Cllr. Willie Quinn asked if Carlow LCDC needed to register with Lobbyists, as this act came into being in September 2015. A/Chief Officer is to clarify same.

This concluded the business of the meeting