

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on the 27th May, 2014,
in
Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllrs. Des Hurley, Pat O'Toole, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor,
William Quinn,
Chief Executive Nominee: Seamus O'Connor,
Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford,
Department of Social Protection: Noel Barry
Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Marian Duffy

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community&Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle
Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly (Apologies) Not present

Social Pillar: Ann Shortall

Social Pillar: Andrea Dalton

Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh

Environmental Pillar: Eamon Moore

Business/Employer: John Brophy

Agricultural /Farming :John Nolan (Apologies) Not Present

Civic Society: Caoimhin O'Neill

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Seamus O'Connor welcomed and introduced the members of the Committee and thanked them for their participation.

The commencement of the committee will ensure that County Carlow is in a good position to avail of SIAP funding.

M Brennan Chief officer outlined the general role and responsibilities of the committee.

It was advised that new elected members may be nominated at the Annual Meeting of the new Council which is scheduled for 6th June 2014 and that representatives from the Community interests and Environmental Pillar would serve when the Public Participation Network process is completed

It was agreed that Mr. Seamus O'Connor take the Chair for this meeting.

He complimented the work of the Carlow County Development Partnership to date and members agreed. It was proposed that the role of the CCDP be listed on the agenda for the next meeting of the committee

K Comerford expressed concerns with respect to the role of CCDP particularly in respect of possible tendering.

The Chief Officer discussed the following:

**ITEM 1 Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
National Overview**

ITEM 2 Carlow LCDC Constituency/Roles

ITEM 3 Carlow LCDC Responsibilities/Supports

- a.Guidelines
- b.Regulations
- c. Reports (PPN/CEDRA)

The following issues were raised during discussions:

- Risk/Liability of Board Members/Contract Holders.
- Role of Pabal and Tendering Process.
- Clarification of likely work proposals
- Availability of resources
- Needs of disadvantage communities
- Guarantee in relation to longterm funding
- Unemployed persons in Category Under 25 age bracket
- Conflict of Interest- Members advised of the necessity for openness and transparency with regard to tendering/procurement process
- Confusion with respect to tasks/roles and processes

The Chief Officer will consider responses to the above, including requests for a person from the Department to attend the next meeting.

Ms Walsh advised that the CCDP had raised a number of legal issues with regard to the processes of the LCDC

Mr Barry advised that his Department were seeking advice with regard to his role on the committee.

The Chief Officer circulated recent circular from the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government in respect of Local Government Reform/Citizen engagement-, Roll-out of PPN Structures which was discussed.

ITEM 4 Targets dates – 2014 & 2015

Members noted timelines and expressed their concerns with regard to target dates being achieved and confusing deadlines.

ITEM 5 Any Other Business

It was agreed that a Chairperson be elected at the next meeting of the committee

The Chairperson requested members of the committee to submit any issues arising from the meeting to the Chief Officer before next meeting.

ITEM 6 Date of next meeting/items required by members

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It was agreed that there was a need for a further meeting in June to initiate the statutory processes and probable need for a meeting in July.