

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on the 10th October, 2014
in
Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr's. 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: Cynthia Deane

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
Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh
Agricultural /Farming : John Nolan

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Apologies:

Cllrs Charlie Murphy
Business/Employer: John Brophy
Civic Society: Fr. Caomhán O'Neill

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

Proposed: Cllr Jennifer Murnane O' Connor

Seconded: Thomas Kelly

That the minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 30th July 2014 are hereby approved.

ITEM 2 Social Inclusion Community and Activation Programme

The Chief Officer Michael Brennan advised the meeting that members who had a conflict of interest should withdraw from the meeting while this matter is being discussed. Ms Mary Walsh and Andrea Dalton declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the meeting.

The Chief Officer then proceeded to inform the members of the latest updates.

- The timeline has changed again – closing date for tenders has been moved to 19th December at 12 noon.
- An Evaluation Team consisting of 3 officials from the Council and an Evaluation Sub-Committee consisting of 5 members (3 from the LCDC, Council Procurement Officer and the Chief Officer) to be appointed/selected. Their immediate role is to prepare an Evaluation Plan which will outline the procedures and criteria for the evaluation process to be undertaken.

Following consideration of the matter it was agreed by the members that selection of the 3 LCDC members would be deferred until the next LCDC meeting.

ITEM 3 Public Participation Network Progress (PPN) Report

Ms. Margaret Moore updated members on the establishment of the Carlow PPN and advised that the Secretariat is now in place following elections on 2nd October, 2014. The Chief Officer advised that a meeting has been arranged with the Secretariat for the 15th October

to discuss elections to the LCDC and Strategic Policy Committees through the Linkage Groups process of the PPN. Members complimented the staff on how the PPN was delivered.

ITEM 4 Rural Development Programme update

The Chief Officer advised the members of Circular AL 05/2014 dated 6th October 2014 from the Department in relation to Rural Development Programme(LEADER) 2014-2020,that with immediate effect there was to be engagement with the Local Development Company and the LCDC. The Chief Officer advised that the LCDC will be responsible for agreeing strategy priorities and approving the expression and local development strategy prior to their submission to the Dept. The Local Authority will be the lead financial partner of the local action group.

Ms. Mary Walsh informed the members that in order to secure the LEADER programme for Carlow, the Local Development Company is to make the Expression of Interest on behalf of the LCDC and this will be approved by the LCDC and when this has been accepted by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government the LCDC will be informed and invited to write up a business plan. This will be carried out by the Local Development Company.

Following discussions on the matter, it was agreed that the Chief Officer would make the arrangements for this meeting/s between the Local Development Company and the LCDC.

ITEM 5 Local Economic and Community Plan

The Chief Officer advised the members of recent circular from the Dept in this matter and reminded them of the task of setting up of an advisory steering group which was noted.

ITEM 6 LCDP Monthly Payments Report

Members of the committee noted LCDP Monthly Payment Report which was circulated. The Chief Officer advised that

- Administration Costs reported are in line with expected budget for Q2
- Spend across the four Goals is in line with the required spend thresholds of the programme and is within budget
- Quarterly Milestones have been reviewed and are satisfactory
- BPR actual are progressing in line with milestones identified for Q2.

ITEM 7 Code of Conduct for LCDC Members

The Chief Officer advised of Code of Conduct which was circulated and requested that members would read it and then sign the acceptance form and return it to him.

ITEM 8 AOB

It was agreed by the members that meetings on Friday should be changed to Wednesday for the LCDC meeting.

The next meeting of the LCDC is Wednesday 5th November at 4.00pm in the Council Chamber.