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Local Community Development Committee

Meeting – 13th December 2024 @ 10.06 a.m.

Held by phone conference/in person. Attendance was verified by roll call.

Presiding:

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG) Farming Section Sector

Present:

Mr Barry Lynch (BL)	Director of Services, Meath County Council
Cllr Edward Fennessy (EF)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Cllr Maria Murphy (MM)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
Ms Johann McKeever (JMCK)	Health Service Executive
Mr Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector
Mr Garret O’Brien (GO’B)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms Shola Yahya (SY)	Social Inclusion Sector
Ms Ger Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath
Ms Ciara Burke (CB)	Chamber of Commerce

Officials:

Ms Angie Mitchell (AM)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC
Ms Anne O’Brien (AO’B)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC

Apologies/Absent

Mr Colin Ludlow (CL)	Meath Partnership
Cllr Pdraig Coffey (PC)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Ms Sharon Curran (SC)	Department of Social Protection
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Mr Sean O Coisdealbha (SOC)	Udaras na Gaeltachta
Ms Nicky Bowman (NB)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms Aileen Brady (AB)	Social Inclusion Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November 2024</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 10.06 a.m.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November were confirmed on the proposal of NM and seconded by MM.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>SMcG advised that AM would give updates today on behalf of BH.</p> <p>AM advised there was no correspondence for December.</p>
4.	<p>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)</p> <p>a) To note timeline for SICAP Annual Performance Review 2024</p> <p>AM advised that The Programme Implementer will upload the relevant documentation by 16th January 2025, the LCDC will review the data and provide feedback to Pobal on any issues identified by 31st January 2025. Pobal will then carry out a high-level review and provide feedback to the LCDCs by Monday 10th February 2025 and the Annual progress Report and Financial and Monitoring Reports will be formally approved by Friday 28th February 2025.</p> <p>AM also advised that in relation the SICAP Annual Plan 2025, the Programme Implementer must submit their annual plans by close of business today. She noted that the Budget figures for SICAP for 2025 were officially announced with a total budget of €839,121 for Meath; €574,340 for SICAP and €364,781 for New Arrivals. She stated that the LCDC will review the annual plan and provide feedback to Pobal on any issues identified by Friday 10th January, Pobal will then carry out a high-level review to ensure compliance with programme requirements and provide feedback to the LCDC's by Friday 17th January and final approval of the both the 2025 annual plan and 2024 Annual Performance review will take place before 28th February.</p> <p>AM advised that a SICAP Subgroup meeting will be organised for early in the new year to discuss both the Annual Performance Review 2024 and Annual Plan 2025.</p>

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<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)</p> <p>AM gave an update on the PPN for the month of December as follows:</p> <p>The winter plenary took place on 26th November in Skyrne GFC. There was representation from 50 different groups across the PPN. At the event, an update was given on the development and workplans for each linkage group. The representatives from the PPN to each of the SPCs were also formally announced with just one vacancy on Housing and Integration SPC to fill. There were presentations from both Healthy Meath Coordinator and Louie and Frankie author Fionn Murray. Round table discussions made up the final part of the evening and points recorded at each table will form the opening discussions at the next formal linkage group meetings in February 2025.</p> <p>Staff took part in the National Civic Forum in Dublin Castle on 4th December.</p> <p>The Journal was introduced to 62 young people living in Mosney. The evening was hosted with Youth Work Ireland Meath and the Community Welfare Officer from Mosney on Wednesday 11th December. Each young person got a pack with a copy of the journal for themselves and a Louie and Frankie book for them to gift to a younger sibling. There was a discussion on different traditions from around the world at this time of year, and some interactive games finished out the evening.</p> <p>The Louie and Frankie project has been nominated for a LAMA award under the Best Mental Health Initiative category, with shortlisting expected in the new year.</p> <p>Meath PPN are awaiting a reply from the DRCD in relation to the Expression of Interest that was submitted by them to host the National Annual PPN Conference in 2025.</p> <p>713 groups are registered with Meath PPN.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Agency Updates</p> <p>SMcG invited agencies present to give progress reports/updates, if any, in relation to LECP actions.</p> <p>There were no updates for today's meeting.</p>

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7.	<p>To agree the schedule of meeting dates for 2025</p> <p>AM advised that the list of proposed dates for LCDC/LAG meetings for 2025 had been circulated in advance of the meeting and stated that calendar invites will issue from the Community Department in the coming week for those meetings.</p> <p>She reminded the Committee that the meeting scheduled for 24th January 2025 will be an in-person meeting and will likely be held in Deerpark Community Hub, in Carlanstown, Kells. She advised that this meeting would coincide with the launch of the Healthy Meath "5 Ways to Wellbeing" Initiative under the CommUnity Connects Project and encouraged participation and engagement from LCDC members. She noted that the event will also include interactive activities, a guest speaker and network opportunities.</p>
9.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>SMcG thanked all for their attendance and encouraged full LCDC attendance in person at the next LCDC meeting on 24th January 2025.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 10.13 a.m.</p>

Signed: *Seamus Mc Gee* Date: 28th February, 2025

Chairperson