

**Miontuairiscí ó Chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil na Gaillimhe
a tionóladh ar 17ú Bealtaine 2022, ag 6.30 p.m.**

Minutes of Galway County Local Community Development Committee held on
17th May 2022, at 6.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. Noel Thomas, LA Member (Chairperson)	Public
Cllr. Padraig Mac An Iomaire, LA Member	Public
Cllr. Gabe Cronnelly, LA Member	Public
Jim Cullen, Chief Executive	Public
Breda Fox, Head of Local Enterprise	Public
Terry Keenan, FORUM Connemara Ltd (Vice-Chairperson)	Community
Mairin Ni Chonghaile, PPN Community	Community
Peter Gohery, PPN Social Inclusion	Community
Gerard Costello, PPN Community	Community
Steve Dolan, Galway Rural Development	Community
Anne Mitchell, IFA	Community
Máire Ui Mhaoláin, Comhar na nOileán Teo	Community
Kevin Gavin, PPN Social Inclusion	Community

Apologies:

Donal Walsh, GRETB	Public
Michael Keady, HSE West	Public
Regina Higgins, Dept. Social Protection	Public
Kenny Deery, Galway Chamber	Community
Sean O'Coisdealbha, Udaras	Community

Also in Attendance:

Alan Farrell, Chief Officer
Mary McGann, Andrew McBride, Rita Tansey, Galway County Council

**1. Miontuairiscí ó chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil (LCDC) a tionóladh ar
an 23ú Martha 2022**

Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held on 23rd March, 2022

N. Thomas welcomed new member Anne Mitchell representing the Irish Farmers Association. M McGann confirmed that the PPN have been contacted in relation to a replacement for PPN Environmental Representative Venetia McEllin and it was hoped to have a replacement representative before the next meeting.

N. Thomas asked if there were any matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting and none were declared. On the **PROPOSAL** of J Cullen, **SECONDED** by S. Dolan, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd March were **APPROVED**.

2. An Clár Feabhsúcháin Pobail 2021 – athleithdháilte a Cheadú Community Enhancement Programme 2021 – approval of reallocations

M. McGann informed the members that under the Community Enhancement Programme 2021, 72 projects were awarded funding by the LCDC on 28th September 2021, with a total allocation of €143,401. M. McGann presented a report outlining that 3 of the projects did not proceed which resulted in a total underspend of €11,070.49. As there was insufficient time to reallocate the funding to new infrastructural projects, M McGann proposed that it be reallocated to the existing projects with highest spend, and a new project which only involved purchase of equipment.

On the **PROPOSAL** of S Dolan, **SECONDED** by K Gavin, the community enhancement programme 2021 reallocations were **APPROVED**.

3. Tionscnamh Eire Fholláin R3 Healthy Ireland Fund R3

A McBride, Healthy Ireland Coordinator, presented an overview of Round 3 of the Healthy Ireland Fund which ceased on 31st March 2022, with all reporting finalised by end May 2022. Round 3 comprised 5 primary actions, in addition to ringfenced allocations for Community Engagement, a Community Mental Health Fund Action and Small Grants Scheme, and the appointment of a full time Healthy Ireland Coordinator in March 2020.

A McBride outlined the key achievements under the Fund:

- “Independent Living Skills for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities” which providing nutrition, budgeting and cooking skills training for individuals, their families and staff.
- “Healthy Food Made Easy” which provided training for community-based tutors, upgrade grants for community kitchens and a combination of in-person and online Healthy Food Made Easy courses.
- “Get Galway Walking” which finalised trails development in Ballinasloe and created a range of activity programmes to suit all ages and abilities.
- “Sexual Health Education Programme” which developed videos, tutorials, RAPID HIV Testing Campaigns and community education programmes to over 500 participants.
- “Milltown RIAI Toolkit” which applied an architectural approach to walkability issues by completing an audit, designing a pedestrian/cycle bridge, and funding an outdoor classroom in Milltown N.S to mitigate its isolation from the village.
- The Community Mental Health Fund and Grants which funded a range of wellbeing programmes, social farming placements, mental health webinars and Nature for Health programmes.
- The Community Engagement and Keep Well Funds which enabled many outreach initiatives during COVID-19 lockdowns and the development of a needs-based Healthy Ireland Plan to underpin Round 4 of the Healthy Ireland Fund.

N. Thomas thanked A McBride for his presentation and joined with the Members in praising the range and extent of the initiatives under Round 3 of the Fund.

4. Iosiodáil an nuashonru ar an bproiseas LECP

Update on LECP Process

A Farrell confirmed that the LECP Guidelines from the Department had been circulated to the members and these outlined the establishment of the Advisory Steering Group (ASG). He confirmed that P. Gohery has been nominated as the PPN representative on the ASG and Máirín Ni Chonghaile as substitute representative when and if required. He stated that the Department are continuing to provide Webinars on the community and economic elements and confirmed that the emphasis will be on a smaller number of key strategic objectives. He outlined that work is ongoing on reviewing the current LECP and development of a socio-economic analysis. Once these desktop processes are completed, we will have a clearer picture of how we will progress and will convene a meeting of the ASG at that stage.

N. Thomas asked if there will be much community engagement and if we are restricted in what we can put forward for the LECP. A. Farrell confirmed that we will refer to key national, regional and local policies, as well as key local priorities identified by Municipal Districts and other representative fora. In relation to community engagement, A. Farrell stated that many existing community consultation processes will be feeding into the LECP in due course, and there are specific public consultation processes built into the stages of development of an LECP. In relation to flexibility to respond to changing needs, he advised that while the high-level objectives will cover a 6-year period, the LECP will be implemented through 2-year Implementation Plans which will adapt the objectives to current needs and priorities.

J. Cullen stated that it is important to see a review of the existing LECP to highlight additional programmes and policies across the thematic areas that were not envisaged when the previous plan was developed. He stated it was important to build on the previous plan while having a realistic level of ambition in terms of achievable outcomes.

5. Suirbhe ar dhaoine faoi mhíchumas

Survey of People with Disabilities

M. McGann informed the members that there was a total of 129 responses to the survey and the survey responses created a good barometer of what was required for People with Disabilities. Social isolation was an issue that came across in the survey, and the types of activities requested would feed into the priorities for the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund in due course. The Survey results also highlighted the importance of easy access to information and facilities which would also underpin priorities going forward.

G. Cronnelly stated that Galway County Council is the first Council to have done this survey. He informed the members that across the country between 11% and 14% of people have some form of disability and would envisage after the latest census this will increase to 20%. He complemented M. McGann and the PPN staff on the great work they have done on this and stated that it is now a template for other counties. P. Gohery also added his thanks for their work and stated that a lot of work was put into translating the forms into Irish and it was disappointing there was no subsequent responses through the Irish language. P. Gohery

stressed that Disabled Parking spaces need to be upgraded to meet required standards, including appropriate colour-coding,

6. Dáta on chéad chruinnithe eile
Date of next meeting

Date for next meeting was agreed for Wednesday, 20th July, at 10.30am

7. Aon ghnó eile
Any other business

No items were raised.

The meeting then concluded.



Terry Keenan

Date: 20/7/22



K. Coyne, Chief Officer

Date: 20/7/22