

**Miontuairiscí ó Chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil na Gaillimhe a tionóladh ar De Céadaoin 11ú Meán Fómhair 2019 ag 10.30 a.m.**

**Minutes of Galway County Local Community Development Committee held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at 10.30 a.m.**

**Present:**

Tom Turley, IFA (Chairperson)	Community
Dan Dowling, PPN Community (Vice-Chairperson)	Community
Terry Keenan, FORUM Connemara Ltd	Community
Seán Ó Coistealbha, PPN Community	Community
Margaret Sheehan, PPN Environment	Community
Kathleen Aspel Mortimer, PPN Social Inclusion	Community
Enda Conneely, Comhar na nOileán Teo	Community
Delia Colahan, Galway Rural Development	Community
Breda Fox, Head of Local Enterprise	Public
Kevin Kelly, Interim Chief Executive	Public
Donal Walsh, GRETB	Public

**Apologies:**

Martin Ward, PPN Social Inclusion	Community
Mícheál O hÉanaigh, Údarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Michael Keady, HSE West	Public
Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag, LA Member	Public
Cllr. Pdraig Mac An Iomaire, LA Member	Public
Cllr. Noel Thomas, LA Member	Public

**Also in Attendance:**

Alan Farrell, Chief Officer.  
Kieran Coyne, Mary McGann, Rita Tansey, Galway County Council

**1. Miontuairiscí ó chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil (LCDC) a tionóladh an 11ú Meán Fómhair 2019**

Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

T. Turley welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

D. Colohan confirmed that the update on LEADER funding by Galway Rural Development was forwarded to the Council and circulated to the Members with the Agenda. She advised that since that update, close to €800,000 was allocated to additional projects.

D. Colohan also referred to the Maam Valley consultation event and advised that it had been widely advertised and a large number of community groups were notified, in addition to publicising the event in Parish Newsletters.

On the **PROPOSAL** of D. Dowling, **SECONDED** by S. O'Coistealbha, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July were **APPROVED**.

## **2. Coimhlint Leasa a Fhógairt**

### Declarations regarding Conflict of Interest

T. Turley reminded the Members of the importance of declaring conflicts of interest regarding items for discussion as they arose. No Conflicts of Interest were declared regarding any agenda items.

## **3. Tionscnamh Éire Fholláin 2019-2021**

### Healthy Ireland Fund 2019-2021

M. McGann circulated the Programme of Works which had been agreed at the Sub-Committee meeting held on the afternoon of 10<sup>th</sup> September and advised that Round 3 Funding comprised 5 elements:

- \* An allocation for the staffing position of Healthy Ireland Fund Co-Ordinator which had been advertised this week, and which was also being supported financially by the HSE and Galway County Council.
- \* An allocation for a local authority small grants scheme which would be advertised in Year 2 of the Programme and would incorporate funding for wellbeing activities and other programmes arising from the learning in delivering the Community Mental Health Fund Action
- \* An allocation for 5 Healthy Ireland Fund Actions to be delivered over the 2 years of the Programme. M. McGann advised that 4 applications had been removed for consideration as they were unsuitable for inclusion in the Programme, all Mental Health activities had been moved to that specific allocation, and this left the 5 Actions which were being put forward for approval which covered the priority themes of Nutrition (2 actions), Physical Activity, Sexual Health, and Spaces & Places for Health & Wellbeing.
- \* An allocation for 1 Community Mental Health Action which had been notified to the LCDC at a later date than the original programme, however, as we were over-subscribed with applications for the Mental Health theme, all these applications were re-allocated for consideration under this allocation and there was no requirement to re-advertise. The Sub-Committee had agreed to incorporate 4 of these proposals into an overall action for Community Mental Health.

T. Turley thanked M. McGann for the report on funding and welcomed the funding from Galway County Council and the Health Service Executive towards the Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator post to enable the post to be placed at an appropriate grade and full-time status.

In relation to a query from S. O'Coistealbha, M. McGann queried that applications were not sought for the community engagement element of the Programme of Works as this would be designed in detail by the Sub-Committee and Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator in due course and quotations sought for delivering the various elements of the agreed Programme.

In relation to a query from K. Kelly, M. McGann clarified that the LCDC was precluded from involving Schools in any aspect of the Healthy Ireland Programme of Works. A. Mallaghan advised that while there were programmes in place for schools, in many cases they were not being delivered due to lack of suitable expertise. T. Turley stated that it was an anomaly to omit schools from the Programme due to the importance of teaching valuable life-skills at this point.

K. Kelly also queried if there were procedures in place to measure outcomes and learning from the earlier rounds of Healthy Ireland Funding, and M. McGann advised that this issue had been raised at the Sub-Committee and the HSE were requested to bring this feedback to national level.

In response to a query from M. Sheehan, M. McGann confirmed that the re-useable water bottles to be purchased under the merchandising budget will be metal.

In response to a query from S. O'Coistealbha regarding translating materials and the Healthy County Galway Strategy, M. McGann confirmed that the Council have a contract in place for translation services to achieve value for money.

T. Keenan queried the locations for the Taking Control Workshops and D. Colohan stated that these areas were selected based on the Deprivation Index and consultations with the HSE.

In response to a query from K. Aspel-Mortimer, A. Mallaghan confirmed that some actions were targeted at specific areas whereas others, including community engagement, would be delivered on a county-wide basis.

D. Dowling queried why actions regarding misuse of drugs were not included in the Programme of Works since it is a problem throughout the County, and in response, M. McGann quoted the Guidelines which stated that the HIF Programme was concentrated on alcohol and tobacco misuse, whereas drugs were targeted under the National Drugs Strategy.

A. Farrell stated that the Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee, which was chaired by the HSE, worked very well and included a wide range of agencies and local interests, and ensured that all proposals were additional to existing programmes and in line with guidelines.

On the **PROPOSAL** of D. Colohan, **SECONDED** by M. Sheehan, the Programme of Works for Healthy Ireland Fund 2019-2021 was **APPROVED**.

#### **4 Deireadh Seachtaine Náisiúnta an Phobail 2019 – final approvals** National Community Weekend 2019 – final approvals

M. McGann referred to the final allocations under the National Community Weekend taking into account under-spends and over-spends, and requested approval of the LCDC to enable the final payments to be made.

On the **PROPOSAL** of D. Dowling, **SECONDED** by D. Walsh, the final allocations for the National Community Weekend 2019 were **APPROVED**.

#### **5 SICAP – Eolas Nuashonraithe** SICAP – Update

A Mallaghan advised that Pobal will conduct their annual Site Visit on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and the Members of the Sub-Committee would attend same. This would include analysis and data from Pobal on the operation of SICAP, and an opportunity for the Sub-Committee to put forward priorities for the future, including target groups, needs analysis and training initiatives. She advised that a full update on the Site Visit would be presented to the LCDC at the next meeting.

A Mallaghan referred to the Survey on the pilot of the Distance Travelled Tool (DTT) which was circulated to the Members and explained that it was a mechanism to measure the improvement in soft skills such as confidence and resilience, rather than the increase in hard skills such as qualifications. The

pilot was in the early stages but had been widely welcomed as an alternative to measuring success based on Labour Market Activation. D. Dowling re-iterated the importance of measuring mental health benefits of all programmes, especially in relation to individuals taking part in Community Employment Schemes.

## **6 LCDC – Ballraíocht – Eolas nuashonraithe** LCDC Membership – Update

A Farrell confirmed that the LCDC are awaiting a nominee from the Department of Social Protection and Galway Chamber of Commerce, and these vacancies have both arisen due to change in job roles of the original nominees. A Farrell also advised that Udaras na Gaeltachta has submitted a replacement nomination for Mícheál O hEanaigh and this is being processed. In relation to the review of the Membership, A. Farrell advised the Members that the Chairperson and Chief Officer would meet to review the LCDC Membership and submit a report to the Corporate Policy Group for ratification by the Council.

S. O’Coistealbha stated that any vacancies arising should be filled as soon as possible, and all existing members should endeavour to attend all meetings, so that there were no ongoing issues with meeting the requirements for a quorum. In response to queries from the Members, A. Farrell confirmed that any changes in the composition of the Committee must have regard to the private/public balance and the nominating rights of National Bodies set out in the Guidelines.

## **7. Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile** Date for next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

## **8. Aon ghnó eile** Any other business

A Farrell confirmed that the that the Departmental Review of Local Community Development Committees which had commenced in October 2017 had been published. The Review had been based on a process of engagement through surveys, workshops, and documentary evidence regarding best practice, and had highlighted a range of challenges for LCDC’s under 4 key themes; Governance and Structure, Strategic Effectiveness, Participation and Engagement, and Administrative Support and Development. He advised that a link to the Report would be circulated to all LCDC Members and a separate briefing on the Report would be given to the Members at a later date.

A Farrell advised the Members that the Council was currently preparing a Corporate Plan and the LCDC would be formally consulted on this process, prior to the adoption of the Report by year-end.

A Farrell referred to the notification of a national LCDC Networking Event to be held on Saturday, 9th November, in The Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, and for which 10 nominations, in addition to the Chief Officer, were being sought from each LCDC. The following members agreed to attend, and M. McGann will consult with the remaining Members of the LCDC prior to submitting the final nominations and will revert to all the attendees regarding further arrangements and confirmation of attendance.

*Tom Turley, Dan Dowling, Sean O'Coistealbha, Margaret. Sheehan, Enda Conneely, Kathleen Aspel-Mortimer*

The Chief Officer and all the Members expressed their appreciation and thanks to Ann Mallaghan as this was her last meeting of the LCDC prior to retiring from Galway County Council, and recognised the huge wealth of knowledge, networks and information which would be sorely missed both by the Council and by communities.

D. Dowling also wished Eoin Brown best wishes in his new role with the Department of Social Welfare and expressed appreciation for the contribution he had made to the LCDC.

*Dan Dowling*  
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**T. Turley, Chairperson**  
VICE CHAIRMAN

Date: 12/11/2019

PP. *A. Farrell*  
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**A. Farrell, Chief Officer**

Date: 12/11/19