

Minutes of North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Monday 20th March 2017 @ 14.00 The Board Room, Cork County Council, Annabella, Mallow, Cork.

PRESENT: Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cork County Council (Chairperson)

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Cork County Council Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Cork County Council Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Cork County Council Mr. James Fogarty, Cork County Council Mr. Kevin Curran, North Cork LEO

Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondhu Blackwater Dev. Partnership

Ms. Brid Coakley, Cork County PPN Mr. Sean Kelly, Cork County PPN

Ms. Geraldine Canning, Cork Education & Training Board

Ms. Marie O'Flynn, Dept of Social Protection

Mr. Julian O'Keefe, IFA (ICMSA)

APOLOGIES: Ms. Margaret Fenton, Respond! Housing

Mr. Declan O'Leary, Foróige Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow Mr. Michael Doyle, Environment Pillar

Mr. Padraig Casey, Ballyhoura Development Group

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Sharon Corcoran, Director Of Service

Ms. Kay Keegan, LCDC Chief Officer Ms. Fiona Hayes, LCDC Support Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 20th February 2017 and Matters arising

On the proposal of Cllr. John Paul O'Shea and seconded by Mr. Sean Kelly the minutes of the North Cork LCDC meeting of 20th February 2017 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

2. SICAP Presentation

Ms. Mary Creedon IRD Duhallow gave a powerpoint presentation to the LCDC on the SICAP programme as operated by IRD Duhallow. Please see attached.

The following points were raised during discussion following the presentation;

- Levels of qualifications for different training provided (minimum level 4)
- Mental Health
- Linkages with relevant agencies and organisations eg. Cork ETB
- Budget cuts to programme and challenges
- Employment Activation
- The referrals system
- Compliments from members on what is achieved for the funding available
- Experience and self confidence gained by participants
- SICAP goals and targets need to be reviewed for the next programme
- Rural transport issues



- Links with the Department of Social Protection
- Supports for Employers are just as important as those for employees

The Cork ETB offered to connect with the local SICAP Programme implementers to explore the courses on offer and to help fulfil the needs locally for training e.g. Retail and Catering. Ms. Canning explained that there have been recent changes in the skills needed in North Cork including the engineering and hospitality sector. The ETB offered available resources and members of the LCDC thanked Ms. Canning and agreed that this would be of great benefit locally.

3. End of Year Report North Cork LCDC 2016

The End of Year Report for the North Cork LCDC had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed by all and proposed by Cllr. John Paul O' Shea and seconded by Mr. Kevin Curran.

4. Any other business

Ms. Margaret Felon from RESPOND has tendered her resignation to the Chief Officer due to work promotion. The LCDC members wished Ms. Fenlon every success and thanked her for her work on the LCDC and on the SICAP sub group.

5. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th April 2017 at 14:00.

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Date of meeting:
Signed:CHAIRPERSON
Dated: