

**Miontuairiscí ó Chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil na Gaillimhe
a tionóladh ar 20ú Iúil 2022, ag 10.30 a.m.**

Minutes of Galway County Local Community Development Committee held on
20th July, 2022, at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Cllr. Pdraig Mac An Iomaire, LA Member	Public
Cllr. Gabe Cronnelly, LA Member	Public
Donal Walsh, GRETB	Public
Michael Keady, HSE West	Public
Regina Higgins, Department of Social Protection	Public
Steve Dolan, Galway Rural Development	Community
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
Kevin Gavin, PPN Social Inclusion	Community
Anne Mitchell IFA	Community

Apologies:

Cllr. Noel Thomas, LA Member (Chairperson)	Public
Jim Cullen, Interim Chief Executive	Public
Breda Fox, Head of Local Enterprise	Public
Máire Uí Mhaoláin, Comhar na nOileán Teo	Community
Sean O'Coisdealbha, Udaras na Gaeltachta	Community
Kenny Deery, Galway Chamber	Community

Also in Attendance:

Kieran Coyne, Mary McGann, Linda Potter, Rita Tansey, Galway County Council
A Cassidy, GRD.

T. Keenan welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies received.

**1. Miontuairiscí ó chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil (LCDC) a tionóladh ar
an 17ú Bealtaine 2022**

Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held on 17th May, 2022

T. Keenan asked if there were any matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting and none were declared. On the **PROPOSAL** of M. Ni Chonghaile, **SECONDED** by S. Dolan, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th May, 2022, were **APPROVED**.

2. Athbhriethniú Lártearma SICAP

SICAP Mid-Year Review

M. McGann advised the members that A. Cassidy would go through the items that needed to be approved and the progress and budgets on each action across Goals 1 & 2. She said that the SICAP committee has already gone through each item and that it needs to be submitted for approval before 29th July, 2022. M. McGann informed the members that there was an additional amount of €165,376.00 allocated for actions to support the Ukrainian refugees and that the allocations were different for each County.

M. McGann added that the committee also needed to approve a specific case study for 2022 which could be agreed at the end of the meeting.

A Cassidy presented the SICAP mid-year review 2022 to the members and stated that it was on target with spending under each Action.

Action 1 provided a range of supports to community groups to promote their capacity to engage with the community and other organisation. She stated that the focus under this action was on the reactivation element of community funding and long term loans for equipment and grants.

Action 2 offered a range of training and other supports to increase capacity within community groups to address the needs of each group. The focus was providing grants to local enterprises and focusing on newer groups, getting equipment out into the community.

Action 3 provides a range of supports to increase access to essential information within the community and in particular target groups. A Cassidy stated that there was a lot of training taking place later in the year focusing on organisations committed to health & wellbeing events and that there are a lot of payments still outstanding for this action which will be paid out over the next few months.

Action 4 addresses mental health issues and social isolation. A Cassidy pointed out that there is only a budget of €2,200.00 available to spend on this as the rest of the monies are put into projects.

Action 5 provides a range of training and other supports for social enterprises which contribute to the SICAP outcome and 26 social enterprises have been supported to date in 2022. A. Cassidy stated that the budget for this action was committed and spent.

Action 6 provides for holistic support to individuals to promote personal development, mental health and wellbeing. A. Cassidy said that they have worked with over 500 individuals to date and that there is a lot of this money already committed.

Action 7 offers a range of information and training and to date over 30 people have received grants for training. A Cassidy added that a number of courses are also done in conjunction with GRETB.

Action 8 provides a range of preventative, educational and employment supports to children and young people and A Cassidy stated that over 75 young people have been supported to date.

Action 9 offers a range of supports and training to prepare people for employment and to help them to remain in work. A Cassidy again informed the members that under this action the monies are already allocated.

Action 10 provides support for people with disabilities and members of new communities to improve access to information, services and educational and employment opportunities. A Cassidy informed the members that there was a delay in the spend under this area as there was a new Disabilities Officer appointed but progress is being made since the new officer started.

Action 11 provides a range of supports and training to facilitate the self-employed and social enterprises. A Cassidy stated that most of the monies under this action has been allocated.

Action 12 works with a range of organisations to advocate for improvements in educational, employment and service provision for SICAP eligible individuals.

T. Keenan thanked A Cassidy for her report and complemented GRD on all the work done to date.

A Cassidy presented the proposed actions on Ukraine refugees under Goals 1 & 2 (already circulated to the members). She stated that there was an additional amount of €165,376.00 for actions to support the Ukrainian crisis and it was intended to employ someone to work with Ukrainian refugees and maybe take on part time staff to assist in the administration work. Funding under Goal 1 would be working with community groups and building capacity among Ukrainians to help themselves and funding in Goal 2 would be to assist in working with individuals. She stated that approval would be required to carry over funding for "contract work".

K. Gavin complemented all the work done and gave an example of local groups in his area that host both local children and Ukrainian children. He thanked GRD for all the efforts and their quick response to the Ukrainian crisis.

On the **PROPOSAL** of D. Walsh, **SECONDED** by K. Gavin, the carry-over of funding was **APPROVED**.

On the **PROPOSAL** of D. Walsh, **SECONDED** by P Mac An Iomaire, action plans 1 & 2 were **APPROVED**.

M. McGann stated that a case study theme needed to be agreed on for POBAL under SICAP. There were 3 themes:

- Engagement with disadvantaged groups
- Collaboration – Interagencies/groups/individual persons
- Special project under Goals 1 & 2

It was agreed to go with Theme 1 – Engagement strategies.

G. Cronnelly stated that he felt that the feedback to POBAL should have more emphasis on disabilities. A Cassidy said that there is a large focus on people with disabilities and added that a lot more work will be achieved with the new Disability Officer which has just been appointed.

T. Keenan asked if there can be a specific action assigned to the area of disability. A Cassidy stated that a lot of work under existing actions are focused on people with disabilities and invited both G Cronnelly and P. Gohery to meet and discuss any ideas/suggestions they might have. A Cassidy added that the area of disability is well highlighted in their plans, that it's a complex area and that it would be impossible to cover all spectrums of disabilities as its very broad but that any suggestions are very welcome.

3. Aon ghnó eile

Any other business

The date for the next meeting was agreed for Tuesday, 6th September, 2022, at 6.30pm.

The meeting then concluded.

N Thomas
Cllr. N. Thomas, Chairperson

Kiern Coyne
K. Coyne, A/Chief Officer

Date: 22/11/2022

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