

Kildare Local Community Development Committee

Minutes – RDP Section

Held at 10:00 am on Wednesday 25th November 2015

At Áras Chill Dara, Naas

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
Local Government Elected Members Cllr. Fintan Brett Cllr. Mark Wall Cllr. Suzanne Doyle	Local Community Interests Dermot O'Donnell, Vice-Chairperson, C&VF Mary Waters, IFA David Walsh, An Taisce Pat Doyle, CEO, Peter McVerry Trust Sarah Shakespeare, Manager, Teach Dara Allan Shine, CEO, North Kildare Chamber Lisa Baggott (Co-ordinator SWRDATF) Anthony Egan (Chairperson, C&VF)
Local Government Officials Peter Carey, LCDC Chairperson & Chief Executive KCC)	
State Agencies David Walsh, Chief Officer, HSE Sean Ashe, Chief Executive, KWETB Trish Finlay, Area Manager, Tusla Donal Spellman, Dept. of Social Protection	

Also in Attendance: Peter Minnock (Chief Officer LCDC); Susan Bookle (Co-ordinator LCDC); Marie Kane (Administrator LCDC); Lorcan Griffin (KCC);

Apologies: Mary Foley, A/Head Local Enterprise Office, Christy Lynch (CEO KARE); Patricia O'Brien (Chair, CKLP)

1. Introduction

Peter Carey opened the meeting and welcomed new LCDC member Donal Spellman from the Department of Social Protection to the meeting. It was acknowledged that the DSP will be integral to all elements of the LCDC's work-plan into the future.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising from the Minutes

A. Minutes

- The minutes of 30th September 2015 were approved and adopted. They were proposed by Allan Shine and seconded by Sean Ashe.

B. Matters Arising from Minutes 30th September 2015

Item	Update	Action
Meeting with National Office for Suicide Prevention	A meeting was held with Gerry Raleigh NOSP, David Walsh (HSE) and Susan Bookle. It was agreed at the meeting that a LCDC Suicide Prevention Subgroup would be set up and chaired by the HSE as recommended in Connecting for Life – the subgroup will be the first of its kind in the country and NOSP is committed to providing a resource to support the subgroup. Susan is scheduled to meet with David Walsh and Ann O’Shea (GM Mental Health HSE) and there is a strong interest to work in LCDC multi-agency structures.	<i>Subgroup plan to meet early in 2016.</i>
Meeting with Gordon Jeyes, CEO, Tusla, Child & Family Agency	The LCDC are keen to ensure that a meeting takes place with Gordon Jeyes. Trish Finlay has taken on to organise it and this will remain on the agenda.	<i>Trish Finlay to follow up to arrange meeting</i>
Meeting with Tony Bates, Headstrong	Trish Finlay gave an update from her recent very positive meeting with Tony Bates from Headstrong in relation to the allocation of Jigsaw into Kildare (Peter Minnock, Susan Bookle, Carol Cuffe HSE, Emma Berney CYPSC also attended). Trish said Tony Bates acknowledged the need for Jigsaw in Kildare. David Walsh said the key to the success of Jigsaw is strong local collaborative work. Trish agreed and said engagement with the community is vital also.	<i>Trish Finlay said next step is to draft a letter to HSE to try to access funds for Jigsaw.</i>
Mojo	Sarah Shakespeare said the Mojo programme has been very successful and demand for places has been very high. Niamh Keaveney, Mojo Manager plans to meet the Chamber and CKLP in relation to funding for next year’s programme which is due to start in January. It was also agreed that the Manager will present at the next LCDC meeting.	<i>Sarah invited LCDC members to Mojo end of Programme 1 celebration on 3rd December in Teach Dara.</i>
Pobal	Susan requested a meeting with Pobal in relation to the Trutz-Haase poverty/deprivation indicators	<i>Pobal confirmed that they will meet representatives from the LCDC in early 2016 to discuss poverty indicators.</i>

3. Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Update

Pat Doyle, Chairperson of LCDC SICAP Subgroup gave an overview of SICAP. Pat said the mid-term review went well and the subgroup are working closely with CKLP to ensure that the Annual Plan for 2016 incorporates the priorities for Kildare highlighted by the LCDC members and included in the LCEP.

Discussion following SICAP Update	Action
<p>Update from DECLG: Peter Minnock gave an update on a meeting that was held for LCDC in Dublin on 20th Nov to outline the review and planning process for SICAP. It was acknowledged by the Dept. that not all SICAP providers will meet the targets 2015. As an open tender process determined this contract, there are legal considerations in relation to this. However, the Dept. recognised the practical issues that are emerging for LCDC and will issue practical guidance to LCDC where this occurs. The mid-term review highlighted, that it is probable that Kildare may not reach all of its targets. Therefore, the subgroup is keen to get clarity from the Dept as soon as possible.</p> <p>The meeting highlighted that SICAP can play an increasing role in supporting migrants, particularly in the area of language supports. In addition, the issue of increasing the focus on community development given the change in the economy and increased DSP programmes was suggested.</p> <p>The budget for SICAP nationally is not yet known, but it is indicated that the indicative allocation is the same as 2015 €37.1m. The budget and targets will be communicated to all LCDCs as soon as they are known. Indications are that there are unlikely to be any significant changes from 2015.</p> <p>DSP Protocol: The protocol with DSP to refer clients to SICAP is now in place nationally. Donal Spellman said DSP have worked closely with CKLP in the absence of referrals but it is a positive step that protocols are now in place. It's important to DSP that SICAP reaches those in the most deprived areas and that there is no duplication of service provision on the ground (i.e. CKLP/ETB)</p> <p>SICAP Timelines: The end of year finance & monitoring report must be completed by Jan 14th 2016 by CKLP and uploaded onto the IRIS system. This report will provide information on progress in implementing SICAP in 2015.</p> <p>The annual plan for 2016 must be submitted onto IRIS by 18th Dec 2015. There is scope to develop new actions from those implemented in 2015 and close alignment with the LECP must be taken into account. The draft LECP has been forwarded to Pat League.</p> <p>A meeting of the subgroup with CKLP is scheduled for 14th Dec. This will provide an opportunity to discuss SICAP plans 2016 - how it fits with the LECP, possibilities for developing work from 2015 and new areas of working. The LCDC must review the plan and agree it by 15th February 2015.</p>	<p><i>DECLG to issue guidelines to LCDC in relation to end of year review and annual planning process for 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Peter Minnock to inform LCDC members when confirmation is received from Dept. in relation to budget and targets for 2016.</i></p> <p><i>In order to facilitate funding, one month's payment is being forwarded by the Department to the LCDC in January to enable CKLP to continue their work. It was raised at the meeting with Dept. that a further month's payment should be made given the timeline.</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that time is allocated at the January LCDC meeting to fully discuss the end of year review and SICAP plan 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Peter Carey acknowledged the good work carried out by Pat Doyle, Trish Finlay and the SICAP subgroup in 2015.</i></p>

4. Rural Development Programme Update

David Walsh, Chairperson of the LCDC RDP Subgroup gave an update on the current status of the Rural Development Leader Programme to the LCDC members.

Update from David Walsh

- A number of meetings have been held with CKLP since the last LCDC meeting in September specifically focusing on the development and delivery of a draft Local Development Strategy. A number of agreed timelines on the delivery of the draft LDS of the quality required from CKLP have not been met since then. A final draft was sent from CKLP to the LCDC subgroup to review on 13th November.
- The Local Development Strategy is not of the quality that is expected by the Department and the LCDC. In addition to the guidelines received from the Department at the beginning of the process, a further guidance document was received last week from Pobal based on their review of the Local Development Strategy's submitted to them to date. This guidance document confirmed that the expectations of the Department are very high in terms of the quality of the LDS.
- It was agreed at the last meeting with CKLP that they would submit the draft LDS to Pobal (on 20th Nov) for their constructive guidance and feedback
- The Department's direction is that the LCDC should be the LAG. This wasn't raised as a potential issue when Kildare signed an MOU with CKLP and submitted a joint MOU in May. However, this is the clear preference of the Department.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that:

- 1. The implications of not submitting a high quality LDS could be serious for the county. LCDC members were asked to consider the funding implications.**
- 2. The timeframe to complete the plan is now very urgent.**
- 3. External support is required to support CKLP to develop the draft plan. There was full agreement from LCDC members that the remainder of the RDP Preparatory Support Fund would be used to procure a consultant to finalise the LDS.**

5. Local Economic and Community Plan

Susan said the feedback on the draft Kildare LECP has been very positive from the Advisory Steering Group, the SPC and the Regional Assembly. She thanked LCDC members for their feedback on the draft and said further input, in particular on the community and joint actions section, would be welcomed today (see overview Appendix 1). Lorcan Griffin joined the meeting at this stage.

Feedback on draft LECP	Notes/Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KWETB – Traineeships: ETB developing centres of excellent in major Kildare Towns. An education campaign is needed working with parents, employers and schools. • Cllr. Brett agreed with Sean Ashe and said the model needs to be changed in relation to training and education and non-academic options for young people 	Sean Ashe will put details together and submit to LECP team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly skilled unemployed cohort in Kildare need to be re-trained – working closely with employers including multi-nationals. 	Sean Ashe will submit details to LECP team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re. 5.6.1 – major delivery issue with pre-school / supporting private sector • Anthony Egan agreed – all the extra demands on the private sector to provide pre-school has depleted the availability and made them no longer economically viable to run 	Sean Ashe will submit details to LECP team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEIS – ETB no longer have responsibility, with DCYA now. Redistribution necessary – take out DEIS and include social inclusion measures, school completion input etc. • Trish Finlay – CYPSC report that issue of school leaving in non-DEIS schools is very high in Kildare 	Sean Ashe will submit details to LECP team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Brett – Bridges are a big issue in Kildare (not fit for use). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Doyle – LECP can only work with buy in from agencies. Pobal need to be challenged re. constraints. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Waters – lack of visibility of Gardaí in rural communities a major issue. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Walsh (An Taisce) – Goal 11 is inadequate. 	It was agreed that a follow up meeting with David Walsh would be held. Susan and Lorcan to arrange.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Doyle said he was satisfied with housing actions – strategic location of social housing is key 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Shine – North Kildare Chamber have received funding for resources to follow through on their LECP actions 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Walsh – Healthy Ireland agenda cuts through a lot of headings. Re. disability: one point of entry 	

for parents – HSE having difficulty with parents engaging. Big gap in HSE is cross care.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. Wall – text alert system in rural areas needs to be included. NRA to be referenced. Population moving from north to south to be referenced. 	Text Alert NRA to be referenced Population movement within county
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donal Spellman – first meeting today so will review separately with LECP team and will check unemployment data/sources. 	

It was agreed that any changes would be sent to Susan and Lorcan within the next three days.

The draft LECP was approved by LCDC members. The approval was proposed by Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Wall. Peter Carey thanked all LCDC members for their significant input into the LECP and he looked forward to the roll out of the plan in 2016. Peter Minnock outlined that the LCDC will be looking for participation from its members on an LECP monitoring committee which will be set up in early 2016.

6. Peter McVerry Trust – Pat Doyle

Pat Doyle provided an overview of the Peter McVerry Trust. The Trust was set up by Fr. McVerry thirty five years ago to reduce homelessness and the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage. Pat joined the Trust eleven years ago as CEO and said the organisation has grown significantly within those years. Their budget this year is €14 million, €4 million of which comes from public fundraising. The Peter McVerry Trust provides support for individuals from the age of 12 upwards. However, the majority of those who access their services are young, homeless males aged from 18 to 35. Services include:

- Prevention Services
- Housing First Services
- Housing Services
- Homeless Services
- Drug Treatment Services
- Under 18s Residential Services.

Pat outlined their recent involvement in Kildare, and in particular:

- They are in discussions with Tusla in relation to opening homes for their after care service (they want to make a provision to have 10% of children supported from after care)
- Taking on Chair of SWRDATF to add value and link in with Peter McVerry drugs services
- Providing services in Newbridge (so far 34 people in total). There have been 14 progressions in Kildare out of homelessness (9 back to home)
- CAS (capital assistance scheme) with Kildare County Council
- Out of hours Freephone support in conjunction with KCC since September (36 calls made so far)

Peter Carey thanked Pat Doyle for his presentation. He said it is very fortunate that the McVerry Trust are working in Kildare and acknowledged Pat's very approachable, can do approach to this difficult work.

7. Next Steps and Meeting Dates for 2016

Peter Carey thanked all LCDC members for the high level of attendance in 2015 and shared proposed meeting dates for 2016 asking if the meeting arrangements suited members generally. The meeting dates were shared with members as follows – all meetings from 10.00am – 12.00pm:

Wed 27th Jan

Wed 2nd March

Wed 25th May

Wed 6th July

Wed 28th September

Wed 23rd November

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

LCDC Attendance2014/2015

Name	Organisation	May	June	July	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar	May	July	Sept	Nov
Local Govt. Members														
Cllr. Mark Wall	Public Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Cllr. Suzanne Doyle	Public Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	X	AP	X	✓	✓
Cllr. Padraig McEvoy	Public Rep.	✓	Resigned											
Cllr. Fintan Brett	Public Rep.		X	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local Government Officials														
Eamon O'Sullivan	KCC	✓	✓	✓	Resigned									
Peter Carey	KCC				✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	AP	✓
Mary Fitzpatrick/Mary Foley	LEO	AP	✓	✓	AP	X	✓	AP	AP	X	✓	AP	✓	AP
State Agencies														
David Walsh	HSE	AP	AP	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓
Patricia Finlay	Tusla	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	✓	✓
Sean Ashe	KWETB	✓	✓	AP	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Donal Spellman (Nov 2015)	DSP													✓
Partnership Company														
Chris Byrne	CKLP	AP	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	AP	X	Resigned	Resigned
Patricia O'Brien	CKLP												✓	AP
Local Community Interests														
Allan Shine	NthK Chamber	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓
Anthony Egan	C&VF	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	AP	✓
Christy Lynch	KARE	AP	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	X	AP	AP
David Walsh	An Taisce	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dermot O'Donnell	C&VF	✓	✓	✓	AP	AP	AP	✓	AP	X	X	AP	✓	✓
Mary Waters	IFA	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pat Doyle	McVerry Trust	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	✓	✓
Sarah Shakespeare	Teach Dara	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lisa Baggott	SWRDTF				✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	✓
Chief Officer														
Peter Minnock	KCC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LCDC Staff														
Susan Bookle	LCDC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marie Kane	LCDC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

