

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

DATE: 13th September 2016

TIME: 2.45 – 5.00

VENUE: HR Training Room, 4th Floor, Swords

PRESENT	CATEGORY		ORGANISATION
Tony Murphy	Local authority member , Councillor (Swords/Balbriggan)	TM	Fingal County Council
Brian McDonagh	Local Authority member , Councillor (Howth/Malahide)	BMCD	Fingal County Council
Natalie Treacy	Local Authority member , Councillor (Castleknock/Mulhuddart)	NT	Fingal County Council
Ed Hearne	Local Authority Official Chief Executive's Nominee	EH	Fingal County Council
Dr.Pat O'Connor (Chairperson)	State agency, Higher Education Institute	PO'C	Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
Siobhan Lawlor	State agency, Dept. of Social Protection	SL	Dept. of Social Protection
Anthony Brennan	Community & Voluntary Interest	AB	Fingal Public Participation Network
Maire O'Brien	Environmental Interest	MO'B	Fingal Public Participation Network
Alice Davis	Social Inclusion Interest	AD	Fingal Public Participation Network
Jeff Murphy	Community & Voluntary Interest	JM	Fingal Public Participation Network
Terry McCabe	Local Development	TMcC	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
Mary McKenna	Local Development	MMcK	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Padraic McMahon	Farming & Agriculture	PMcM	The Irish Farmers Association

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

IN ATTENDANCE: Breffni O'Rourke Chief Officer Fingal LCDC, Paul Smyth SEO FCC, Fearghal McSweeney FCC, Fran Creed FCC, Janet Ivers, FCC.

	ITEM	
1.0	Apologies: Oisin Geoghegan, Brid Walsh, Adaku Ezeudo, Tony Lambert, Des O'Sullivan, Peter Foran.	
2.0 2.1	Minutes accepted: Proposed: Cllr Tony Murphy, Seconded: Terry McCabe Matters arising: SL gave a brief account of meeting she organised with the three PI's in North	

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<p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p>	<p>Dublin area including Blanchardstown Area Partnership, which focused on closer co-operation and local working relationships including referrals. Specifically discussion had taken place regards the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, training sample courses and language support programmes in North County Fingal.</p> <p>TMcC said from a PI point of view the meeting was very satisfactory that referrals had been coming from Baldoyle and that they would continue to work closely with the DSP, local groups and networks.</p> <p>PO'C & BO'R reported that an implementation group for the LECP has not been progressed. Action: Invite FCC Community Section representative to give a progress report on elements of the plan they are responsible at next meeting.</p>	<p>BO'R</p>
<p>3.00</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>Correspondence & Chairs Report</p> <p>PO'C reported that a meeting had taken place on the 7th September between the Chair of the Fingal LEADER Partnership, himself and the Chief Officer relating to the matter of referrals to SICAP from TUS participants in the North County under FLP guidance. The Chair in response to correspondence on the matter from the PI requested the meeting, the matter was clarified, no barrier exists for referrals to SICAP.</p> <p>PO'C read from a prepared activity report, key points of which: Considerable level of engagement and activity regarding the Dublin Rural Leader – Local Development Strategy Plan. The plan was approved by the Independent Selection appointed by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and Pobal on 16 August last, subject to a number of small recommendations.</p> <p>Met with the Pobal Liaison Officer Aileen O'Connor, along with BW and BO'R on 1st July regards SIACP Mid-Year Review. Following A Mid-Year review of SICAP performance I met with the CEO and Chair of the Programme Implementer along with PS, Senior Executive Officer, FCC and BW, Chair LCDC SICAPO Oversight Committee to discuss the progress of SICAP so far this year.</p> <p>Attended the inaugural meeting of the Network of Chairs of LCDCs in the Customs House on 16th August last. The meeting was attended by Chairs representing 17 of the 33 LCDCs. The meeting, hosted by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community, and Local Government was an opportunity to meet with other LCDCS and discuss challenges and opportunities nationally.</p> <p>Met with PPN support worker in the Community department of Fingal County Council to explore ways in which the work of the PPN, specifically its LCDC members can be supported into the future.</p> <p>Met with a delegation from the Fujian Province who visited Fingal as part of an inward trade mission to Ireland on 9th August last.</p> <p>The official launch of LECP's is happening at the Ploughing Championships in Tullamore on September 20th by Minister Coveney. It was noted that while all were invited, no tickets were made available by the Department.</p>	

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3.8	Chair wanted to note the work and effort by FCC staff into the Leader Strategy and congratulate them on same.	
4.00	<p>Public Participation Network Discussion regarding resource worker for PPN took place. Members of PPN expressed some reservation on process. EH said rules and procedure are the same public service wide and selection was wrapped up in this process. Action: PO'C agreed to to convey the main points made on the discussion to Margaret Geraghty, Director of Services, Housing & Community Department.</p>	PO'C
5.00	<p>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme BW report was circulated, noted that some points were already covered in the Chair report. Following circulation a general discussion took place, including:</p>	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Headline Indicators short at the mid-year stage. TMcC outlined the programme of works for the remaining part of the year and expressed confidence that Targets and spend would be met. 	
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMcC pointed out that there was no requirement to have representatives from North Fingal on the Board, that in spite of this her Board were looking at changing their constitution, further she related board membership is a matter for the company. 	
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some members opined the use of the company name Blanchardstown Area Partnership may provide a barrier to rolling out SICAP county wide, TMcC disagreed. 	
6.00	<p>Promoting Community Interest MO'B highlighted the issue of Climate Change and that consultation had started on "A DRAFT STRATEGY TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS FOR THE DUBLIN LOCAL AUTHORITIES" Action: Circulate document/link to all</p>	BO'R
6.1	<p>AB said that 470 community groups were registered with the Fingal PPN, approx. 50 attended the last Plenary and that this caused problems getting a quorum and getting decisions passed. Janet Ivers said all the groups had been written to and the database was being updated at present. AB asked about the progress of the LECP.</p>	
7.00	<p>LEADER A website with basic information for likely project promoters can be access at www.dublinruralleader.ie Action: Circulate link</p>	BO'R
8.00	<p>Towns & Village Renewal Scheme Paul Smyth gave a report on the scheme, that a short turn-around existed, applications to be completed by 30th September and resources spent by 31st December. BMcD commented on the large number of steps involved. Action: Feedback at next meeting</p>	PS
9.00	<p>LCDC Member Profile JM Fingal PPN gave a talk on his role and the role of community radio generally. A short discussion ensued and it was agreed community radio</p>	

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	should be part of any communications going forward.	
10.	Any other business Next Meeting: 6 th December 3 - 5 pm tbc	



Signed:
Dr. Pat O'Connor, Chairperson.



Signed:
Breffni O'Rourke, Chief Officer.

Date: 7th December 2016