

Report from LAG and LCDC Meetings 13/02/19

Leader

An Annual Progress Report for 2018 together with an Implementation Plan for 2019 was presented to the meeting by Gabriel O Connell

37 Projects approved up to 31st Dec2018

41% of budget approved.

€3,334,647 remaining to be committed

Paul Clifford gave a breakdown of Leader Themes and Sub-Themes where there was an under spend due to a poor or zero take up from groups or potential partners. He offered the help of council staff to facilitate application for these strands

Rural Tourism €130000 Support for county tourism network Rural Tourism €80000 Support the development of festivals

Enterprise Development €165000 Provide support for clusters of artisan food/handcrafts

Rural Tourism €300000 Heritage town initiative in 2 towns €175000

Development of arts and community infrastructure in towns.

Broadband €90000 Upgrade of new community ICT training €60000 Awareness raising training and upskilling

Rural Youth €350000 for infrastructure/facilities/equipment/training /leadership

Rural Environment

Water Resources €200000 New innovative projects that support sustain water resources

Biodiversity €225000

Renewable Energy €100000

For further information or help with any of the above contact Gabriel O Connell or Marie Ann Mc Eaney in MID Castleblayney

Our new Environmental Rep. Alan Mc Cabe has offered to help groups with Rural Environment queries.

The LAG approved two projects for Leader Funding, and amendments to two other projects previously agreed.

We were also circulated with changes to the draft contract template for groups in relation to insurance and indemnity.

The minutes of the LCDC January meeting were read and adapted.

We were made aware of a National Community Weekend to take place in May. Communities would be encouraged to run events such as Get to Know your neighbour. Funding in the region of €250/300 per community could be sourced through the council.

The main business of the meeting was the SICAP 2018 Annual Performance Review and the formal approval of SICAP 2019 Plan. Packie Kelly pointed out that everyone knew his feelings on the SICAP Programme Plans and that there were other people who had reservations about some of what was included in the plan and more specifically some of what was not included. Be that as it may the 2019 plan was now ready and that the PPN had now turned it's attention to the preparation of the 2020 plan. We had all learned from mistakes of the past and he looked forward to a more inclusive approach going forward.

Cathal Hand on behalf of the HSE pointed out the major challenges now presented by the influx of migrant families to south Monaghan. This was a possible target group for SICAP, but he accepted that the 2019 plan was already complete before this became an issue.

The SICAP 2019 Plan was formally approved.

Under AOB Seamus Conlon proposed that the agenda for all LCDC meetings include a report from the PPN so that there would be more interaction between the committees and a better input mechanism. This proposal was not accepted, and it was pointed out that there were already 5 PPN Reps. on the LCDC and that they should be reporting to and from the meetings. It was agreed however to send out the minutes of LCDC meetings to Leona for circulating to PPN or any member of PPN who requested same.

Paul Clifford informed the meeting that it was his last as the Statutory Rep from the council. He had been on the LCDC since it started, and he could safely say that it was one of the better LCDC's in the country. Tributes were paid to him for his valuable contribution.

The next meeting was fixed for 12th March at 3pm

Seamus Conlon

PPN Community and Voluntary Rep.

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