

PPN Reps report from Monaghan LCDC 2020

The following is some of the areas covered by the LCDC IN 2020

Integration Strategy

The Monaghan Integration strategy was presented to the LCDC and adopted by them a very good piece of research and comprehensive Action Plan with huge input from PPN and associated groups.

The successful applications to the following funding streams were brought to the LCDC for ratification.

Healthy Monaghan fund

The criteria and decisions made on the allocation of this Grant scheme was brought to the committee the information brought to the LCDC on this funding allocation very clearly outlined the reasons for applicants being successful and also those that were unsuccessful. The applicants who did not receive funding had information sent to them around other possible funding opportunities.

Community Enhancement programme part one

The criteria for awarding these Grants was also very clear and also the rationale for applicants who were not successful. Again the applicants who were not awarded funding were signposted to other opportunities or the Round 2 grants which were announced.

Part two of this fund was announced at November LCDC Meeting with a closing date of Feb 1st ring fenced for Community Centres and facilities and will be brought to the February meeting for ratification..

SICAP

There is a report on the programme given at every LCDC Meeting which outlines how it is meeting its targets and a detailed outline of the work being undertaken in each Action area.

The SICAP sub group met three times and a proposal to include Packie Kelly on this group was proposed by the PPN and adopted at a full LCDC Meeting.

1. To hear the review of the programme from the Pobal officer
2. To look at the Targets in light of restrictions under covid 19
3. To agree the plan of work and Targets for 2021 and the emerging need which was agreed as Health and well being.

The work of the sub group was brought to December meeting and was adopted.

Election of new chairperson and two new reps

Packie Kelly finished his term on the LCDC and as assistant chairperson and was replaced by Mr Alan McCabe the new Chairperson for this term is Mr Alan Johnson.

Noeline O'Neill became the new Social Inclusion Rep and Eileen Gordon Lonergan is the new Community sector rep on the LAG/LCDC.

There was a detailed update from the COVID Response Team at every LCDC Meeting and also the Community response Team/Food Hubs and issues of food poverty in the County were highlighted

Direct provision and Emergency Accommodation.

There were Inputs and discussions on direct provision centres and emergency accommodation at LCDC throughout the year with many issues being brought up and discussed.

PPN Reps have asked to keep this as an agenda point going forward in light of things happening in other counties in response to the Doras Report and white paper to end direct provision and also in light of our Integration Strategy and the numbers seeking protection and migrants living in our County .

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