



## **LOUTH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2008 at 3pm in  
County Hall, Dundalk

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**ATTENDANCE:**      **Chairperson:**      Cllr. Declan Breathnach

Mr. Liz Dullaghan	Mr. Pat McGuinness
Mr. Eugene Matthews	Ms. Breeda Tuite
Mr. Liam Woods	Mr. Paul Dolan
Cllr. Martin Bellew	Cllr. Seamus Byrne
Cllr. Finnan McCoy	Ms. Ann Lawlor
Mr. Ronan Denny	Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott
Cllr. Tommy Murphy	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Mr. Conn Murray	Cllr. Anthony Donohoe
Mr. Donncadha MacRaignaill	

**OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Michael Curran	Ms. Therese McArdle
Mr. David Jones	Mr. Paddy Donnelly
Ms. Catherine McDonnell	Mr. Noel Redmond
Ms. Maria Mullen	Ms. Edel O'Mahony

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Ms. Marie McGinn	Mr. Denis Cummins
Mr. Seamus McQuaid	Super. Jim Sheridan
Mr. Pat Shields	Mr. Denis Cahalane
Ms. Rosemary Sexton	Mr. Peter Kierans
Ms. Maureen Ward	

The Chairperson, Declan Breathnach, welcomed David Jones Administrative Officer and Paddy Donnelly, Senior Executive Officer, who have taken up new positions in the Office of Community & Enterprise to the meeting and wished them success in their new posts.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 were agreed. They were proposed by Liam Woods and seconded by Donncadha Mac Raignaill.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE – LETTER FROM DISABILITY FEDERATION OF IRELAND, DISABILITY ISSUES**

Therese McArdle referred to a letter which was received from DFI in relation to a formal request for representation on the SIM Group. This letter had been issued directly to members in advance of the meeting by DFI. This request was agreed by members present.

In relation to SIM it was noted that Cllr. Martin Bellew had resigned from this committee. Declan Breathnach thanked Cllr. Martin Bellew for all his work on SIM and welcomed his replacement Cllr. Kevin Meenan to the committee.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

David Jones stated that he has spoken with Fr. Edmond Grace in relation to Dialogue on Democracy and the establishment of a local jury as per Fr. Grace's presentation at the last meeting. Discussions are ongoing.

Declan Breathnach asked what the position was in relation to the new Cohesion process. It was agreed that this item would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **5. PROGRESS FROM IMPLEMENTATION GROUPS**

Progress reports were presented from the following implementation groups. These reports included priority actions for 2008.

<b><i>Louth County Childcare Committee</i></b>	Sadie Ward McDermott
<b><i>Enterprise &amp; Investment, Infrastructure and Planning</i></b>	Ronan Denny
<b><i>Tourism</i></b>	David Jones
<b><i>Agriculture &amp; Rural Development</i></b>	Pat McGuinness
<b><i>SIM</i></b>	Therese McArdle
<b><i>Quality of Life</i></b>	Martin Bellew

In relation to Louth County Childcare Committee, a general discussion took place around the supports available to home childcare providers. It was noted that the role of the support workers in LCCC is to provide information and advice on the best practice to all childcare providers. It was stated that a grant of €650 per child care provider is available for the improvement of facilities/purchase of equipment. Ms. Ward McDermott provided the members with a copy of LCCC Strategic Plan 2007-2010 "***Steps to Success***".

Commenting on the Enterprise & Investment, Infrastructure and Planning update, the position in relation to Gateway Innovation Fund was queried. In reply the County Manager said that a decision is expected within the next three weeks.

It was queried in relation to the Tourism update if there was collaboration between the various Agencies. David Jones replied that it was the aim of the CDB to promote collaboration across the workings of the various sub-

groups. Edel O'Mahony also emphasised that good collaboration existed within the Local Authority in respect to tourism actions.

Pat McGuinness welcomed David Jones to the Agriculture and Rural Development Sub-group and thanked Therese for all her hard work with the group over the past few months. The sub-group was asked to consider a possible action around indoor markets. An example of Middleton was cited.

Following discussion around the Traveller Toybox project, Cllr. Tommy Murphy asked when a Halting Site was going to be provided in the County. In response it was noted that this was not the appropriate forum for this discussion.

The Quality of Life sub-group were asked to explore the possibility of providing a general support helpline for those who have concerns around the issue of suicide.

#### **6. UPDATE FROM LOUTH SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

Noel Redmond, County Sports and Recreation Officer, updated the members on the current position. Louth County Council received €19,000 in December, 2007 being the first phase of the funding. The position of Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator has been advertised and it is hoped to hold interviews at end of January. Work is ongoing with DkIT in preparing a logo and branding. It is hoped to recruit a Sports Inclusion Development Officer who will become involved with clubs. Nominee to be appointed by end of next month.

An Information session will be held in DkIT on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January on the recently opened Sports Capital Programme for 2008. Cllr. Tommy Murphy asked why a similar information session could not be held in Drogheda. Noel Redmond replied that due to the restrictive time constraints, this would not be possible. Declan Breathnach suggested that next year the information session could be held in Drogheda. Noel Redmond undertook to give any assistance necessary with the application forms.

#### **7. PROPOSAL FOR MONITORING OF ACTIONS OF LOUTH CDB**

Michael Curran advised the meeting that a review of Actions will take place later this year. He stated that it is intended to introduce Project Vision in order to assist in the monitoring of actions of the CDB. Therese McArdle and David Jones are currently in discussions with Cora Systems to develop an appropriate package for same.

#### **8. PEACE III PROGRAMME**

Edel O'Mahony briefed members on the new round of funding. €1.449m has been received over the last 4 years. We are now required to establish a Peace III Peace & Reconciliation Partnership (formerly Task Force) which will be a sub-group of the CDB. The Board agreed the structure presented and the relevant Board Members/Agencies will be contacted to nominate their representative to the new Partnership Company, the process of establishing this will commence shortly. Five members from the Community & Voluntary sector are required to sit on this new group. Therese McArdle suggested that Peace III be put on the agenda for the next C & V meeting to progress this. Meeting will take place next Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. This was agreed. The Manager stressed that all monies under this fund must be committed and spent by end of 2009.

**9/10 CDB ANNUAL REPORT AND ACTION PLAN 2009-2012**

CDB Annual Report will be undertaken in conjunction with the sub-groups, focusing on what has been achieved in 2007. The Chairperson noted that it was important that the work of the CDB is documented and publicised.

Michael Curran stated that it will be necessary for sub-groups to plan ahead post 2008 with regard to new Actions.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Date of next meeting – Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 at 3.00p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk.