



## **LOUTH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 at 3pm in County Hall, Dundalk

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

Ms. Maureen Ward	Ms. Mary Ann McGlynn
Mr. Denis Cahalane	Mr. Pat Shields
Supt. Jim Sheridan	Mr. Eugene Matthews
Ms. Breeda Tuite	Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott
Mr. Sean Roche	Cllr. Martin Bellew
Mr. Ronan Denny	Mr. Peter Kierans
Ms. Rosemary Sexton	Mr. Pat Doherty
Mr. Seamus McQuaid	Cllr. Terry Brennan
Mr. Eugene Winters	Ms. Marie McGinn

**OFFICIALS:**      Mr. Michael Curran      Ms. Therese McArdle  
                         Mr. David Jones      Mr. Paddy Donnelly  
                         Ms. Paula Gribben

1.      **APOLOGIES**

Mr. Pat McGuinness	Mr. Liam Woods
Ms. Valerie Artherton	

2.      **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2008 were adopted.

There were no matters arising.

3.      **INDECON REVIEW OF COUNTY/CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD STRATEGIC REVIEWS AND PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPING THE BOARDS**

Mr. Michael Curran gave a presentation on the above. Members were asked for their input during the presentation. A copy of the report was distributed to members present. A discussion ensued with the following points noted: Denis Cahalane stated that the CDB needs to be focused, and deliver on a number of specific actions. Reference was made to the Rural Transport Initiative currently being undertaken by Louth Leader Partnership.

Mary Ann McGlynn stated that SIM has been effective to a degree. Success is dependent on buy-in from all the key agencies. Structures of sub-groups and meeting agendas need to be reviewed.

Eugene Matthews stated that it is important that we focus on public service delivery. The role of the Community Fora is important. However, it is important that there are realistic expectations on what the Community Fora can deliver on.

Breeda Tuite made reference to the election process for community directors to the Louth Leader Partnership. She expressed the view that the Community Forum should have had a more significant role in that process.

Sean Roche highlighted the number of external agencies that FAS in the North East region nominate a representative to. While the aim of the CDB is centred on interagency work, it does not capture all interagency workings that is happening outside of the CDB structure.

The Chairperson stated that the achievements of the CDB are not being publicised.

Sadie Ward McDermott stated that deficits have to be looked at but also the positives. She cited the Childcare Committee as an example of same. She noted that in County Louth, there has been a history of good interagency working.

Maureen Ward queried who was consulted in the preparation of the report. She expressed the view that certain working groups of the CDB are working. She suggested that perhaps less time be devoted to presentations and more time for discussion.

#### **4. CDB ENDORSEMENT** **Sports Capital Programme RAPID Endorsement**

The role of the CDB and the endorsement of Sports Capital applications was outlined by David Jones. The following applications were put forward for endorsement:

- Lourdes Stadium
- Boyne Rugby Club
- Boyne Rovers
- Drogheda Youth Development
- New Town Blues
- Dundalk Schoolboy's League

The above applications were endorsed. Proposed by Maureen Ward, seconded by Pat Shields.

### **Endorsement of Local Development Plans**

A report on the endorsement of the Local Development Agency Plans was presented by David Jones. A copy of same was distributed to members present.

With respect to the Southside CDP Plan, Mary Ann McGlynn outlined the projects that were currently funded via the Drogheda Partnership.

The following plans were endorsed:

- Dundalk Employment Partnership
- Ait na nDaoine CDP
- Le Cheile CDP
- Southside CDP

Proposed by Maureen Ward, seconded by Ronan Denny.

### **5. UPDATE ON COHESION PROCESS – LOUTH LEADER PARTNERSHIP**

An update on the cohesion process was provided by Maureen Ward. It was noted that the first meeting of the full Board of the Louth Leader Partnership is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. The staff of Community & Enterprise were thanked for their input with respect to the election process for the community directors. The appointment of designate Chief Executive and Programme Managers was referred to. The Chairpersons of the existing companies, Mr Denis Cahalane, Mr Pat Shields and Mr Seamus McQuaid were thanked for their continued work in moving the process forward.

### **6. ANTI RACISM & DIVERSITY PLAN**

An update on the implementation of the Anti Racism & Diversity Plan was provided by David Jones. The membership of the Implementation Team was outlined, as was the priority actions for 2008. CDB members were asked for their co-operation in the implementation of same. Sadie Ward McDermott outlined current provision with respect to English classes. Reference was made to the development of a 'welcome pack' in conjunction with Citizen Information Centre.

### **7. PEACE III PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

A presentation on the above was provided by Paddy Donnelly. The chairperson noted that the Peace III funding may be difficult to spend within the timeframes provided. He commended the staff who were involved in developing the Peace Partnership Plan, within a very tight timeframe.

8. **PROGRESS FROM IMPLEMENTATION GROUPS & DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

The following updates were provided:

Childcare Committee	Sadie Ward McDermott
Enterprise & Investment	Rosemary Sexton
SIM	David Jones
Quality of Life	David Jones

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A Broadband Survey for County Louth, completed by the Discover ICT (E-Region Project) was distributed to members present. Paul Smith was complimented on his work on this project.

Members were encouraged to input into the current review of the County Louth Development Plan.

It was noted that a review of the CDB strategy will be completed towards the end of 2008. CDB Annual Report for 2007 to be completed.

Next Meeting to take place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 3.00pm, County Hall.