



## **LOUTH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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Minutes of meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 at 3pm in  
County Hall, Dundalk

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

Ms. Breeda Tuite	Mr. Eugene Matthews
Mr. Liam Woods	Cllr. Finnan McCoy
Cllr. Martin Bellew	Ms. Maureen Ward
Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott	Mr. Paul Dolan
Mr. Peter Kierans	Ms. Ina McCrumlish
Mr. Ronan Dennedy	Mr. Kevin Traynor
Ms. Patricia Rooney	Cllr. Seamus Byrne
Mr. Donncadha MacRaighnaill	Mr. Denis Calahane
Mr. Conn Murray	Cllr. Seamus Keelan
Ms. Rosemary Sexton	

**OFFICIALS:** Mr. Michael Curran      Ms. Ellen O'Hanlon  
Ms. Mary Deery      Ms. Paula Gribben  
Ms. Catherine McDonnell      Ms. Taucher McDonald

### 1.      **APOLOGIES**

Mr. Dennis Cummins	Mr. Pat McGuinness
Ms. Valerie Artherton	Mr. Seamus McQuaid

The Chairperson welcomed Ms. Patricia Rooney, Drogheda Chamber of Commerce to the meeting.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 were proposed by Martin Bellew and seconded by Sadie Ward McDermott.

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### 3.      **PRESENTATION – IT TRAINING PROGRAMME (JOINT LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL AND LOUTH LEADER PARTNERSHIP)**

Ina McCrumlish, Drogheda Partnership Company gave a presentation on the above to the meeting, where she outlined this innovative approach to target people's skills on email, internet to youth, the elderly and those disadvantaged. Declan Breathnach thanked Ina for her presentation.

**4. LOUTH AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE**

The Chairperson complimented all those involved in the recent seminar in Fairways Hotel and said it was a great success. Conn Murray said that the level of participation sparked interest at national level and there were now 6 Departments on board. He also asked for the support of CDB members in going forward, developing a framework for future strategy and preparing the groundwork for the next seminar in March.

**5. REVIEW OF CDB – ESTABLISH SUB-GROUPS TO FRAME THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE NEW STRUCTURE**

Michael Curran gave a presentation on the new structure process and outlined the timeframe for completion of same. It is hoped to hold a workshop in December, followed by the establishment of an executive committee before year end. Draft review sent to Board members with review and action plan by March, 2009. Chairperson to sign off report in April, 2009 and plan to be sent to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government by May, 2009.

Dennis Cahalane, while agreeing with the strategy asked when the chairs of all the groups are brought together, who will represent these groups in the "Pillars". Michael Curran responded that this will be decided in early December, before the workshop. In response to a question from Patricia Rooney, the Chairperson stated that the breakdown of who is on each sub-group is available on the website.

**6. RURAL TRANSPORT UPDATE – KEVIN TRAYNOR**

Kevin Traynor, Louth Leader Partnership, gave a presentation to the members on the rural Transport Project, where he outlined the number of projects, aims and the way forward for this project. A general discussion ensued and in response to a question raised by Seamus Byrne, Kevin Traynor explained that this service will be a daytime service only as it's not allowed to operate in the evenings. Conn Murray raised a question in relation to costs and services and asked had discussions taken place on a cross border basis and with neighbouring counties. Kevin Traynor replied that he was already in discussion with Meath. The Chairperson welcomed this initiative and thanked Kevin for his presentation.

7. **CHALLENGE OF CHANGE PRESENTATION**

Taucher McDonald, Challenge of Change Project Officer, gave an overview to the members on this project. Patricia Rooney asked if the database of translators could be made available to business. Taucher to forward same to Patricia. Michael Curran said we should reinforce the Challenge of Change in the CDB strategy and it is one of the projects that everyone can work together on.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Michael Curran wanted to draw members attention to new committee – Childrens Service Committee, which is a high level strategic committee.

The dates for the 2009 meetings are as follows: 16<sup>th</sup> February; 18<sup>th</sup> May; 21<sup>st</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall. Michael Curran stated that it is hoped to arrange a workshop before year end between the 3 Pillars and the 8 Chairpersons, followed by dinner for all board members.

Maureen Ward, at her last meeting, said that Frank O'Brien will be the representative from Louth Leader Partnership on the board of the CDB. The Chairperson offered Maureen, Denis and Mary Ann best wishes for the future and thanked them for all their sterling work on the County Development Board.

This concluded the business of the meeting.