

**Draft Minutes of South Tipperary County Development Board Meeting
held in Fire Headquarters, Heywood Clonmel on 1st December, 2009**

Present:

Members:-

Local Government

Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien
Cllr. Michael Murphy
Cllr. Denis Landy
Cllr. Joe Donovan
Cllr. P.J. Quinlan
Edmond O'Connor

**Local Development
Sector**

Phil Shanahan (for John
Devane)
Ita Horan (for Toss Hayes)

State Agency Sector

Clodagh Whelan
Supt. Eunan Dolan
Donal Mullane
Fionuala Mc Geever
Jarlath Fallon
Margaret Lovatt
Mary O'Halloran

Social Partners

Kevin Collins
Sr. Patricia Wall

Apologies Received

Cllr. Liam Ahearne
Cllr. Jack Crowe
Ciaran Lynch
Maureen Mc Namara
Olive Fogarty
Seamus Moore
Siobhan Mc Evoy
J.J. Killian
Martin Quinn

In Attendance

Sinéad Carr
Anthony Fitzgerald
Eileen Horgan
Ann Ryan
Pat Holland
Jim O'Mahony
Jimmy Cass
Cliona Tobin
Breda O'Connor

Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien, in the absence of Cllr. Liam Ahearn , chaired the meeting.

1. Approval of Draft Agenda

The draft agenda was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy and seconded by Edmond O'Connor.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the County Development Board meeting held on 16th June, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Donal Mullane and seconded by Cllr. Joe Donovan.

3. Report of the Director of Services

Sinéad Carr, Director of Services briefly outlined the issues addressed in the Director's Report. S. Carr indicated to the Members that this meeting would set and agree the 2010 priorities for Economic Programme Management Group and the Social Inclusion Measures Group.

4. Presentation by Comhairle na nÓg

It was agreed to defer this item to the County Development Board meeting in March 2010 as the Comhairle na nÓg representative was unable able to attend this meeting. Sinéad Carr requested that all Agencies would consider where relevant to consult with Comhairle na nOg on appropriate policy areas.

5. Update on EPMG 2009 Work Programme and Proposed Work Plan 2010

EPMG Priorities - 2010

Edmond O'Connor, Chair of the Economic Programme Management Group circulated a detailed report on the EPMG activity for 2009 and outlined the proposed Work Programme for 2010 as follows:-

- **Broadband:** monitor and encourage greater access to better broadband services countywide
- Support and develop **Business Parks** and their tenants throughout the county
 - Create opportunities through linkages and sub supply for smaller businesses
 - Develop networks where this would add value from an up skilling perspective, market perspective and information perspective
- **Railways:** Continue to monitor services and work with Irish Rail and the community to better market services and develop commuter services
- **Roadways:** press for continued progress on Tipperary and Carrick-on-Suir by passes
- **Childcare:** continue support for childcare programme and for its development
- **Engineering and Food Networks:** continued support for their development and action plans
- **Slieve Ardagh Group:** Work to support the group through a change in emphasis and tactics and so continue the development of the area
- **Tourism:** continue the actions as outlined in action plan.
- Continue support and encourage the roll out of **Entrepreneurial Activities** including local events in Spirit of Enterprise week and
- Draw up an implementation programme arising from the **Interagency Innovation and Enterprise Strategy** and implement accordingly

- **Renewable Energy Initiative:** Continue to seek and develop job and other opportunities from this area

Following discussion on the 2010 priorities the Board Members agreed to the Work Programme.

The Chair thanked Edmond O'Connor for the details of the 2009 and the EPMG priorities for 2010.

Update on Social Inclusion Measures Group

Jimmy Cass, Chair of Social Inclusion Measures Group gave a presentation on the SIM activities for 2009. The details of the presentation were circulated and the key points for 2009 highlighted as follows:-

- Funding and cutbacks and embargo having significant impacts on services
- Significant progress in Traveller Interagency Plan
- Local Authority Access Audit complete and important session coming up for other agencies – which will demonstrate how it was done - HSE update on progress re accessibility and audit required
- Priority regarding vulnerable families – Establishment of Children's Committees: SIM have asked the Director of Community & Enterprise to work with Local Health Officer to make case for South Tipperary to be included in 2010 Programme
- RAPID Programme was included under the Community and Social Economy section of the Programme for Government

Jimmy Cass, Chair then outlined the SIM Priorities for 2010:-

- Elderly services
- Disability
- Traveller interagency Committee
- Safety and security
- Disconnected youth
- Vulnerable families
- Unemployment

The Board Members agreed to the SIM action plan for 2010 as outlined by Jimmy Cass.

Jimmy Cass informed the Board that a number of HSE issues were raised at a recent meeting of SIM, particularly around the implementation of the Disability Action Plan and their plans to complete an Access Audit. He advised that the relevant stakeholders are anxious to assist the HSE in moving forward with these plans. J. Cass requested that the CDB write to the HSE seeking an update on these plans. He acknowledged the tremendous work undertaken by HSE on the disability area in South Tipperary, would like to congratulate the HSE on leading the development of

Cashel as a Gold Star Accessible Town and welcomed the decision to develop Tipperary as the next Gold Star Town. Jimmy Cass informed the Board that he was stepping down as Chair of SIM Group and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and the staff of Community & Enterprise for their contribution and assistance. He informed the meeting that Jarlath Fallon was taking over the Chairmanship of SIM in 2010.

The Chair thanked Jimmy Cass for his update on SIM programme.

6. Update on County Data Unit

Sinéad Carr referred to the County Data Unit report that was circulated; with the agreement of the members she proposed that a Steering Group would be set up in such a way as to cover the broad areas of Education, Health, Social and the Economic/Enterprise areas. Sinéad Carr also proposed that the CDB be agreeable to the Steering Group being serviced by Community & Enterprise Office and that the Steering Group will then work with the terms of reference including how it will report into the CDU membership and report into EPMG/CDB.

On the proposal of Jimmy Cass and seconded by Margaret Lovatt, the Director's proposal as outlined above was agreed.

7. Presentation on the Draft Inter-agency County Innovation and Enterprise Strategy

Jim O'Mahony, Senior Planner, South Tipperary County Council outlined to the Members the draft "South Tipperary Interagency Innovation and Enterprise", which was prepared by Jim O'Mahoney on behalf of the County Development Board. The Innovation Strategy document was prepared through intensive meetings and consultation with the public bodies and through the County Development Board Workshop held on 16th June and also through desktop research and analysis of all relevant background documentation.

The draft document was also presented to the Economic Programme Management Group Members at their meeting in October, 2009 and endorsed by the EPMG. Mr. O'Mahoney presented to the Board Members the actions, outlined the implementation bodies and the timeframes involved in delivering these actions. Mr. O'Mahoney informed the members that the delivery of these actions will be monitored through the EPMG. Following discussion the strategy document was adopted by the Board.

The Chair thanked Jim O'Mahoney for his comprehensive presentation. It was noted that Margaret Lovatt agreed to progress benchmarking action (number 1.2) in the Innovation Strategy by the end of 2009.

8. Review of CDB Programme Management Groups

Ann Ryan made a presentation on the recommendations from Cultural Programme Management Group, Social Inclusions Measures Group, Local Agenda 21 Programme Management Group and the Economic Programme Management Group regarding their restructuring. Details of the presentation was circulated at the meeting. The Board approved the recommendations in respect of each Programme Management Group. It was also agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Joe Donovan and seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy that the Environmental Sector would be included on the Local Agenda 21 Programme Management Group.

9. Update on Third Level Education Sector Review

Sinéad Carr informed the members that a copy of South Tipperary County Development Board submission to Higher Education Authority on the consultation re the National Strategy for Higher Education was attached for their information.

10. Update on the Renewable Project

Sinéad Carr referred to the “Tipperary Renewable Energy Area” document which was submitted to the Oireachtas sub-committee on the Job Creation (copy of submission was circulated with the agenda). S. Carr informed the members that she was awaiting a response in this regard.

11. Training for new CDB Members

Sinéad Carr recommended that the new members would avail of the training programme due to be arranged in early 2010.

12. “Indebtedness Initiative” –

It was agreed by the members that the Executive of the CDB together with Kathleen Prendergast, RAPID Coordinator would work together to see if they could arrange a Conference on “**Indebtedness Initiative**” in 2010.

13. Date for 2010 meetings

The following meeting dates were agreed:-

2nd March, 2010 - 1st June, 2010 - 7th December, 2010

14. Any other Business

It was agreed by the Members that Circular Letter LG 24/09 –“*Traveller Interagency Groups*” would be circulated to the Social Inclusion Measures Group so as to consider the implementation of the Plan

Signed: _____

Date: _____