

Meeting notes of South Tipperary Social Inclusion Measures Group held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Clonmel on 12th September 2011@ 2.15pm

Present: Mark Ryan, Cora Horgan, Phil Shanahan, Ruairi O’Caislain, Fionuala Mcgeever, Clare Curley, Carmel McKenna, Sean McSweeney, Grainne de Stafford, Clare Cashman, Lisa Kavanagh, Eugene o’Donnell, Terry O’Connor, Donal O’Hallorhan

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair, Gerry Hickey welcomed everybody in particular the new members.

2. Adoption of Draft Agenda and AOB to be raised

Draft Agenda agreed and following agreed as AOB

1. Social Inclusion Week
2. Jigsaw
3. Biannual CDB report

3. Adoption of Minutes and Matters arising

The minutes were agreed by the SIM group. Proposed by Patricia Wall and Seconded by Mark Ryan.

Matters Arising:

- 3.1 Ruairi pointed out that the inaugural meeting of the South Tipperary Childrens service Committee was happening in September and he gave an outline of the role of the Childrens Services Committee and its membership in South Tipperary.
- 3.2 Economic Group established in Fethard

4. Social Inclusion Employment Strategy - Phil Shanahan

Phil Shanahan gave an overview of the of the STDC Social Inclusion Employment Strategy. It was agreed that a County Social Inclusion Employment Strategy/Action Plan was needed in which all the players fed in their actions. Ann and Phil to circulate a template so that all the members could feed in their actions – this to form basis of County Social Inclusion Employment Strategy. It was agreed that the draft document with the input from all the players would be focus of next meeting. The absence of significant statutory players at SIM was noted and it was hoped that more information would be available on Solas before Chirstmas . It was noted that all the changes nationally were causing difficulties on the ground in relation to delivery of services.

5. TUS Update – Phil Shanahan gave an outline of the TUS programme operating in South Tipperary and outlined that there were 35 TUS placements made in South Tipperary to date. It was noted that the different rates for TUS, Rural Social Scheme and CE schemes could cause difficulties. This issues need to be feed back to government departments as a policy issue.

6. Progress of Work Programme – subgroup updates - updates attached
Donal O’Hallorhan gave a verbal update on work of Disability forum – representatives of parents of children with disabilities had joined forum and the forums plan for 2012 – 2013 was now ready and would be sent to Ann for circulation.

7. AOB

1. Social Inclusion Week – Ann noted that many groups had organised activities for positive ageing week and were involved in the STAN mental health conference – it was agreed that Social Inclusion week would be transferred to May 2012 as there was a feeling that groups were saturated with all the activities happening and it would be hard to get engagement for Social inclusion week for same time as mental health week and positive ageing week.
2. Jigsaw – Ruairi gave an update on Jigsaw and pointed out that South Tipperary was short listed but not successful for this round. He informed the group that the South Tipperary Jigsaw steering group had joined Headstrong network (national organisation for Jigsaw) and that hopefully being linked to Headstrong would significantly improve South Tipperary's chances in the next round. On behalf of the Jigsaw group he expressed his thanks for the huge level of support from all the groups in putting the application together.
3. Biannual CDB report- It was noted that a biannual CDB report was being completed and if anyone wanted to include details of any project they should submit details to Mark Ryan.

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed – next meeting 14th November