

South Tipperary Social Inclusion Group
Meeting notes of 9th June 2008
Held at Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

RAPID plans were endorsed Impact of changing economic climate discussed Social Inclusion Audit welcomed

Present: Patricia Wall, Community and Voluntary Forum, Cora Horgan TRYSS, Sinead Carr, Director of Service, Mark Ryan, RAPID, Margo Hayes, RAPID, Gráinne de Stafford, Spafield FRC, Maria Power, Community Consultants, Josephine Kielthy, Community Consultants, Anne Bradshaw, HSE Disability Services, Fionuala McGeever CEO, VEC, Carmel McKenna, Suir CDP, Antje Hogan Co. Tipperary CIS, Angela Joy, HSE Community Development, Chris Monahan HSE, Sean McSweeney, Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Eileen Horgan Community and Enterprise, Marie Boland, Tipperary Libraries, Gerry Hickey County Childcare Committee, Jimmy Cass, Disability Groups Forum, Clare Cashman MFRC, Bridget O’Keeffe, Resource Centre Carrick-on-Suir, Julia Tarrant, DSFA, Breda Corr POBAL, Jarlath Fallon, Dept Ed and Science, Tina Kavanagh SCP, Liam O’Brien FÁS

Apologies: Billy Doyle Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council, Ger. Walsh, Housing Section, South Tipperary County Council, Clare Curley Director of Service, South Tipperary County Council, Declan Rice BNS LEADER, Kathleen Prendergast RAPID,

Chairperson: Dan Fox.

Agenda items 1: The meeting report of the last meeting was adopted (proposed Jimmy Cass, seconded Antje Hogan) and the Agenda agreed.

2: Any Other Business: It was noted that the Disability Plan and the implementation of the actions therein, would be reviewed by SIM in September. However it was also noted that commitments made in the Plan were made in the context of the then economic situation and that all actions would be subject to the restrictions of available resources.

The meeting then discussed the need to be aware of possible cutbacks in social inclusion services and it was agreed that concerns about this would be communicated to the CDB.

2(a): RAPID plans were endorsed.

2(b): A summary of the Indecon Report was circulated by P. Holland and the following comments were made by members:

- The role of the National Committee should be emphasised.
- An apparent inability to affect national policy or to feed concerns upwards was a drawback.
- Lack of funding at SIM’s discretion for joint actions was a hindrance.

2(c): The nomination of Stuart Moloney TRYSS as Drugs Task Force nominee was agreed – proposed Angela Joy, seconded Bridget O’ Keefe.

2(d): The Chairman Dan Fox spoke of the new Rural Funding Programme which might amount to €491 million.

3): Community Consultants Ltd made a presentation (attached) re the Social Inclusion Audit for South Tipperary. The members welcomed the presentation and made the following comments:

1. RAPID had made a huge impact.
2. However, we are still over the national averages (unemployment etc.)
3. As always, data collection is an issue.
4. Retention rates in education are improving.
5. Adult education places in the county are restricted.
6. There are areas of clear inter – generational disadvantage.
7. RAPID areas need to be reaffirmed.
8. We need to plan for a rural county as well as RAPIDs.
9. There are areas of severe disadvantage in towns, % figures can be misleading.

Date of next meeting:

3): Monday 1st Sept.2.00 pm, Agenda and Venue to be circulated later.