

Social Inclusion Measures Working Group
Meeting notes of 16th April, 2007
Held at Minella Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Summary

1. RAPID, VEC ESOL and Knockanrawley reports/plans were endorsed
2. Cohesion: SIM agree that all three companies should be involved in the process of setting up a new company and board.

Present: Sinead Carr, Director of Service, Sonja Reidy, Planning Section, South Tipperary County Council, Sean McSweeney Knockanrawley, Dan Fox Farming Pillar, Julia Tarrant, DSFA, Clare Cashman, Millennium FRC, Bridget O’Keeffe Community Resource Centre, CoS, Mary Egan Spafield FRC, Eileen Condon Adult Education VEC, Tom Duggan, Inspector, AGS, Clonmel, John Devane, Tipperary Leader, Antje Hogan, CIS, Eileen Horgan C+E, Ann Ryan C+E, Phyllis Naughton, South Tipperary Disability Forum, Kathleen Blake Disability Forum, Donal O Halloran Disability Forum, Jimmy Cass, Chair, Disability Forum, P.J. Cleere, Disability Federation of Ireland, Jarlath Fallon Dept. of Education and Science, Frank Farrell, Irish Wheelchair Association, Alan Price HSE, Ger. Walsh Housing Section, South Tipperary County Council.

Apologies: Declan Rice BNS, Phil Shanahan CCP, Cora Horgan TRYS, Billy Doyle, Clonmel Borough Council, Ruth Smith, Tipperary Women’s Network, Carmel McKenna Suir CDP, Margo Hayes RAPID, Clare Curley Director of Service, South Tipperary County Council, Tina Kennedy SCP.

Chairperson: Fionuala McGeever (Tipperary S.R. VEC),

Agenda items 1: The meeting report of the last meeting was adopted (proposed Eileen Condon, Mary Sarsfield seconded) and the Agenda agreed.

2 Presentation on the review of the County Development Plan 2009-2015 by Sonia Reidy, SEP, Planning Section, South Tipperary County Council.

Presentation as per attached issues paper outlining many issues which will need to be considered in the context of drafting the new County Development Plan. Please also note the document giving details of the timescales and consultation meetings.

3 Progress of 2007 Work Programme:

Disability Report: The Disability Groups Forum of the Community Forum presented a draft action plan to SIM. The meeting noted that it was important for the county to get its fair share of national-level funding for disability actions. It was agreed that the Director of C+E would seek to have a meeting of agency reps. and disability forum reps. within the next two weeks to further advance the draft action plan. The Community Forum and Philly Ryan were thanked for their work in this regard and several agencies (including FAS and HSE) welcomed this move.

4 New Collaborative Actions:

Traveller Interagency Plan/Project

The second Draft of the Traveller Interagency Plan was presented to SIM by Claire Curley, Director of Service. Some agencies were still absent from the process and would be contacted again. FAS noted that in their case it was a resource issue and had asked that a letter would be forwarded to the relevant authority to identify this issue on behalf of

SIM. It was agreed to bring the Plan back to the Board to finalise endorsement process once all of the agencies considered their inclusion and commitment to specific actions.

VEC ESOL Proposal

An application by South Tipperary VEC for funding to increase the number of migrants receiving an English language teaching service was accepted and endorsed.

4 Stakeholder presentation: Breeda Corr, Pobal (copy attached)

Issues raised included

- The need for prompt consideration of applications for summer programmes (see below)
- Concerns about the level of bureaucracy in the application process
- The need for any buses involved in a night time service to be accessible to those with a disability

5 New Plans:

A presentation to SIM on the Tipperary Rural Traveller Project and their plan was deferred to the next meeting.

The Knockanrawley Resource Centre Three Year Plan 2007-9 was presented, discussed and endorsed.

6. Discussion re NDP priorities re: county.

The main point raised in the discussion following presentation of a report on the NDP priorities in the county was the need for programme and staffing cost supports. One of the effects of the public staff embargo was a squeeze on the amount of disability related employment. There was funding now for capital projects but not for staff to work in the projects. Revenue funds are needed.

7 A.O.B

Cohesion: The organization of social inclusion and local development bodies throughout the country has been the subject of the cohesion process for several months. Recently it has been confirmed that the Ministers for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and Environment, Heritage and Local Government have secured Government approval for measures that provide for revised arrangements in relation to the board membership and mandate of integrated companies and urban-based partnerships and the appointment by Government of the chairs. South Tipperary is to develop one Integrated Local Development Body. An integrated company is a company formed through the integration of LEADER company(s) and Partnership company(s).

DCRGA has requested that those bodies directly involved in the creation of the new Integrated Local Development Body review their proposed arrangements in the light of the Department's Guidelines on the Governance of Integrated Local Development Companies and Urban-Based Partnerships (already circulated). They have also been requested to outline the process proposed for the election of community directors within the context of the community and voluntary fora and to report on both soon. When these

proposals have been approved by the Minister, the process to appoint the Board will commence.

The meeting discuss these developments and there were concerns about the make-up of the Board and the community representation thereon. The meeting recommended that all three agencies within the cohesion process be involved in the creation of the new body so as to ensure a county-wide consultation and organizational brief. Consideration and discussion of the resulting organizational structure will be an item on the next SIM agenda, on June 11th.

Chairs of SIM: It was agreed that the selection of agency and other organization reps to act as chairs of SIM on a revolving basis with a term of three meetings would be discussed at the next meeting.

RAPID report to National Monitoring Committee was endorsed.

News

- A report on the 'Information Needs of Migrants' has been published by the Citizens Information Service.
- John Murphy has retired from the Probation Service and the Chairmanship of the CDB's Safety and Security Partnership
- Mary Egan has resigned from her post as project co-ordinator at Spafield FRC and is now working for Respond as Community Employment Co-ordinator.
- Spafield Family Resource Centre email is now spafieldfrc@yahoo.ie From Monday the 19th of February sfrc@iolfree.ie email address, will no longer be in use and will not be checked.
- The following sports clubs have received approval for funding under the Disadvantaged Youth heading of Dormant Accounts:

Cashel: FAI kick start	€2,000
Churchview/Clonoulty Tennis Clubs	€1,000
Clonmel Celtic	€2,660
Clonmel Scouts	€2,000
Clonmel Skittle club	€2,500
Mountain Skills Programme	€7,100
Spafield FRC GAA coaching	€4,993
St Mary's Hurling Club	€9,775
Tipperary Community Games	€2,750
Tipperary Ladies Football	€4,000
TOTAL / IOMLÁN	€38,778

Date of next meeting: Monday 11th June (**Please note that this is not the first Monday of the month**) at 2.15pm in Minella Hotel, Clonmel.