

**Social Inclusion Measures Working Group**  
**Meeting notes of 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. , 2006**  
**Held at Minella Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary**

**Summary**

1. Social Inclusion Watch, 2005 presented and discussed
2. SIM priorities for 2006 to include Rural Isolation and Vulnerable Children
3. SIM working methods agreed
4. County RAPID report, sporting club proposals and other projects endorsed or noted

**Present:** Breda Corr, Pobal, Mark Ryan, RAPID, Bridget O'Keeffe Eileen Horgan, Community and Enterprise, Antje Hogan, Citizens Information Service, Carmel McKenna, CDP/FRC Network, Margo Hayes RAPID, Martin Maher, Co. Libraries, Tina Kennedy SCP, Eileen Condon VEC, Phil Shanahan CCP, Dan Fox, Farming Pillar, Mary Egan Community and Vol. Forum, Kathleen Prendergast, Deirdre Hennessy Tipperary Regional Youth Service, Phyllis Naughton Disability Forum, Ann Ryan Community and Enterprise, Tracy Costello County Childcare Committee, Mick Cummins, Dept of Social and Family Affairs, Declan Rice, BNS, Ger. Walsh, Housing Section South Tipperary County Council, Oliver Clancy FAS, Ruth Smith, Knockanrawley

**Apologies:** Ronan Mulhall (Dept. of Ed and Science), Billy Doyle, Clonmel Borough Council, Alan Price, HSE-SE, Liam Kilbride, Carrick Education Network, John Devane, Tipperary LEADER,

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

**1 and 2** The meeting report of the last meeting was adopted (proposed Oliver Clancy and seconded Brigid O'Keeffe). Agenda agreed.

**3 'Cohesion Process'**

(A) John Quinn reported on the current state of the 'cohesion process' whereby the Minister and Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs was seeking a combined LEADER and social inclusion company in each county with an overall social inclusion coverage. The two LEADER companies and Clonmel Community Partnership were in discussions with a view to presenting their jointly preferred option to the SIM and CDB in April for endorsement. Cohesion funding would not become available until the end target for the process was clearly identified. There might be interim funding for the LEADER groups until the process was completed. The South Tipperary Local Development companies' discussion process would continue.

**4 Social Inclusion Watch 2005:**

This report, as circulated, was discussed (request a copy if you did not get one)  
Issues/Ideas/Comments

- Economic update: Guidant were to employ 1000 in the future but there had been smaller job losses (eg Sram in Carrick on Suir, 53 jobs lost).
- Trying to access services for vulnerable children was a major issue
- Trying to get sites for Traveller accommodation was also a major issue
- The Early Retirement Scheme for Farmers was not being renewed

- A high support service for the long – term unemployed was being introduced in Carrick-on-Suir and Tipperary town and the live register should show the results of this action
- In picking priorities we need to have measurable and practicable actions; we can also group some issues.
- There are existing groups dealing with various issues, the Barcelona Committee for disability issues, Unemployment and Safety and Security Partnerships etc.
- HSE would now be involved with Ferryhouse and the VEC would deal with educational matters there.
- VEC would soon be involved with youth matters and would be given a youthwork development officer post
- Obesity should be a concern for the Sports Partnership for which there was hope of funding
- Performance indicators and agency plan endorsements were also to be considered

The following priorities for SIM were agreed:

1. Rural Isolation (Dan Fox, Declan Rice)
2. Vulnerable Children (Alan Price, Ruth Smith, Tracy Costello, Mick Cummins (or rep.), Eileen Condon)

In both cases, those persons listed above would be asked to come up with issues for the SIM to focus on in the Issue Watch

## **5 SIM working methods**

The following working methods for SIM were agreed.

1. Meetings would be held on the afternoons of the CDB meeting day
2. Meetings would continue to be held in the Minella
3. Two notices only would be circulated, Notification message with the meeting report only after the meeting and a second, the Agenda, three days before the meeting with all attachments
4. All documents, proposals for the Agenda to be sent in not later than five working days before the meeting to allow for inclusion in the Agenda and Attachments notice. This closing date to be included in the Notification message
5. Documents to be put before the SIM to be one page summaries only
6. Email attachments to be in Adobe (free copies of programme available on download when you open up files, please do so before next meeting so you can read attachments).
7. Photocopying for meeting to be done on both sides
8. It was agreed that all CDP/FRC's should be represented at the meeting.
9. If possible attendees should represent more than one organisation so that the total number is kept lower.

## **6 Endorsements.**

The following proposals were endorsed

1. RAPID County Report (with the addition of recommendation re Arts Council funds to RAPID areas)

2. Clonmel RAPID AIT Sports Project recommendations (Clonmel Celtic Soccer Club, South Tipperary GAA Board, Clonmel Rowing Club, Clonmel Boxing Club, Clonmel Olympic Swimming Club), Tipperary town AIT (St. Ailbe's School/Community Partnership, St. Michael's FC), Carrick-on-Suir AIT, (Carrick-on-Suir Rugby Club).
3. Back to Education Initiative Application, Knockanrawley RC.
4. Cahir Youth Resource Centre.
5. Pathways-type Project in South Tipperary: This was an excellent project in Waterford but the two youth services concerned should discuss the applications with FAS before submitting them.

A report from Spafield FRC, Cashel on their work and plans was noted **The Citizens Information Centres** questionnaire re the information needs of migrant workers and a **Disability Forum update** were circulated.

#### **7 Dormant Accounts: Briefing by Breda Corr, Pobal**

The funding categories in the next round of Dormant Accounts were outlined. The need for clarity regarding funding intentions was noted in the discussion afterwards which also dealt with the funding for non-RAPID areas.

#### **8 Date of next meeting**

**3rd of April 2006, 2.00 –4.45pm, Minella Hotel**