

North Connacht Community Forum

Minutes of Meeting 11 on the 29th of May at 7pm via Zoom

Attending:

Tommie Killeen (Conn Rangers FC), **Philip Durkin** (Swinford Amenities Development CLG), **Kieran Gallagher** (Swinford Amenities Development CLG and Athletic Club), **Lorna Dennehy** (Mayo County Council), **Pat Towey and Tom** (Ballaghaderreen Mens Shed)

Also in attendance –

Bobby McCormack (Development Perspectives and Chairperson of the Forum) / **Iain Flattery Eoghan O Sullivan and Avril Wilson** from EirGrid. **Katie Kearns** and **Nuala O Connell** from SECAD

Apologies: **Patricia Cassidy** (Charlestown Bellaghy and District Recreational Centre), **John O Hara** (Mayo County Council),

Bobby started the meeting at 7.06 and acknowledged the technical difficulties that some had with entering the call.

Minutes: Proposed by Tommie K and seconded by Kieran G.

Matters arising.

Agenda:

Bobby presented the agenda and running order of the evening.

Community Benefit Strategy

In advance of the meeting, SECAD distributed the Community Benefit fund strategy. Invitation to provide feedback by mail by extended. No feedback was received by SECAD. Katie Kearns proceeded to go through the highlights of the document. Kieran G asked about the potential underspend in some areas and Tom asked about the split of the fund into the 3 categories. Katie explained that an underspend in one area can be brought into the next round and addressed with local entities. Avril explained how and why the fund was split into 3 areas. Lorna D acknowledged the importance of the fund and its coverage in relation to funds available locally through the council.

Bobby highlighted the importance and extend of the secondary data sources and complimented SECAD on the appendices.

Tom complimented the team on the process and transparency involved.

There was agreement from those that attended the meeting to adopt the strategy as is. It was agreed to extend the invitation to those forum members that couldn't attend (because of the technical difficulties experienced by others) to extend the window of accepting

written feedback up to close of business on the 6th of June. After that, SECAD and EirGrid will proceed on the basis of agreement to adopt the strategy.

Project Update – Eoghan O S highlighted that there was nothing to present currently, however promised to provide an update to the forum in 2-3 weeks time.. Avril W and Iain F had nothing to add

Philip D asked a question regarding contracts and timing. Avril W highlighted that the Eoghan O S would update in 2-3 weeks time.

Next steps and meeting

It was agreed to extend the window of accepting written feedback until Friday the 6th of June at 5pm. This would sent to SECAD directly. The next meeting will take place after the fund opens later in the year. Bobby will communicate this to the forum directly

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No AOB.

Bobby thanked people for attending and the meeting was ended at 8.10pm