

Regional Drugs Task Force

CCF need to consider co-opting people. Any co-opted people would need to attend Community Forum meetings.

RDTF: there are serious repercussions in relation to the cuts in funding for community based projects, particularly the cuts in the education budgets as the funding is focussing on treatment response. Citywide is organising a campaign. It would be good to support this.

Transport

The Social Inclusion Measures team are preparing an audit of the rural transport schemes in Cavan.

There needs to be stronger promotion of rural transport initiatives and we need to look at the possible alternative options of rural transport – other than buses. Look at developing the 'Hitch a Lift' initiative... developing a volunteer lift scheme.

Peace III Partnership

Round One

First half of PIII completed. The budget was €2.8m. Second half will begin in 2011 – 2013. CCF need to shape the plan so that the community can better access the money and resources than in the first phase.

Round Two

In the second round of Peace III CCF would like to see:

- to see more money in small grants
- more support given to groups making applications
- look and adapt the criteria used in Leitrim and Monaghan
- focus on community development and community projects
- Simplified application forms and process

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CCF Policy Guides

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Policy Advice and Guidance for CCF Representatives

As part of its 'effective representation' work, Cavan Community Forum appoints representatives to a wide range of county wide bodies. These representatives, as CCF members, will try to reflect the concerns at local level and will bring the voice of the commu-

nity as represented by the Cavan Community Forum. In order to provide its representatives with the policy guidelines they need to be effective, Cavan Community Forum held a policy discussion day to discuss the priorities and issues raised at all the county wide bodies on

which they sit. Different principles and outline policy positions were agreed. This report provides guidance to CCF representatives, although there will be on-going discussion at Forum meetings during reps feedback sessions.



CCF Values and Priorities

1. Building strong resilient communities and supporting volunteer work by empowering and supporting local community activity and coherence

welfare, buildings, new technologies)

- Developing new enterprises and energy initiatives
- Treating everyone equally

exclusion, anti social behaviour, drugs and alcohol with community supports and develop effective initiatives to deal with poverty as a result of unemployment and recession.

2. Ensuring a better quality of life for local communities through

- Integration
- Training for local people
- Strengthening access to services (education, transport, employment, social

3. Ensuring clear, simple, effective information and communication methods by all agencies and bodies working with communities

4. Tackling social isolation, social

5. Training of volunteers in personal development, effective representation, negotiation, team and group work.

6. Avoiding the 'tokenism' of county wide strategies which are not implemented.

Breffni Integrated

Budget Reductions in All Programmes

Social Inclusion Programme

Provision of one to one supports – enterprise advice, social welfare, farmers using expertise of staff

Rural Development Programme

Despite funded 55% by EU, Govt have reduced RDP
 With budget cuts, assets are staff – to assist groups in project activity

Centralised Direction

New centralised approach with the Government Departments providing strong direction. Difficult to influence work programme

Community Development Programme

CDPs being incorporated into Breffni which adds further complication. However this could be positive move CDP work is autonomous and Government guidelines agree the role of the local volunteer management committees.

Forum Values and Priorities

Breffni reps to be aware of the values and priorities of the Forum when considering work programme and funding potential.

Agreed that BIL reps should be positive about community applications.

Regular Reports through Forum Publicity

Agreed that regular report to go into Forum News as to what is happening in BIL and events.

Roads and Infrastructure SPC

Road Safety

- Pedestrian crossing at library
- Hedge cutting needs enforcement and seasonal cutting brought back to august
- Clarity needed re responsibility clearing paths in front of property

Public Transport

More park and ride stops on N3 which are accessible and well lit

Rural transport – address needs though different provision. Better promotion of rural transport initiatives.

Car parking

- Car parking cost will threaten businesses in smaller towns
- happy with 2hr parking but could be phased in
- all day parking provision is needed

- need clear rational car parking policy for county.

Traffic Management

Road signs – signage needs to be improved.
CCF members to inform representative in relation to tourist signs that are needed.
Local ideas re traffic flow to be given to Kate Ennals
Need for cats eyes and reflective markers on corners

Economic, Rural Development, and Planning SPC

Planning

- Need clear consistent guidelines written in clear simple language that are implemented.
- Communities should be consulted before Guidelines are adopted
- Approve one off housing for local rural dwellers
- Agree size restrictions on

new houses

- Ensure new buildings are environmentally supportive

Development levy

- Not to be increased in towns
- To be reduced to country dwellers as the access to services (roads, water, lighting, footpaths etc) is less

Consultation

Future infrastructure development should be carried out with local consultation and agreement first.

Housing Development, Disadvantage and Culture SPC

Affordable housing

CCF rep to explore using empty houses under the 'affordable' housing scheme to house waiting list people.

Estate management

Need to establish structures for estate management associations to ensure ownership by all residents as opposed to a vocal few

Community Facilities

All estates need community facilities and supports to run and manage them.

Arts Policy

Cavan arts policy needs a county wide approach rather than the focus on Cavan Town.

Library

Need more local branches, a mobile library to attend community facilities when events are on, develop use of community and voluntary groups to support their users.

Museum

Develop use of mobile exhibitions across the county

Environment and Water SPC

Waste management

- explore alternatives options for Cavan
- importance of waste waivers for people on low incomes
- more recycling centres
- more information and promotion

Lakes/Water

- water quality in our lakes is important
- lakes are important part of our tourism attraction

Farm Inspections

- Inspections should only be carried out by Dept of Agriculture – not councils

Dumping

- Provide skips in villages every quarter
- Name and shame
- Enforce fines
- Better, more creative signage – eyes on trees...you are being watched

Waste Water Treatment Systems (septic tanks)

- Council should provide list of registered inspectors
- Council should provide recommended lists of potential new systems
- Council should encourage rain harvesting by providing (for purchase) water tanks
- Education in Water Harvesting

Water Metering

- Approve in principle.

Community and Social SPC

Community grant scheme lobby for more money

Social Inclusion Policy SPC needs to be informed/ approve policies of SIU and SIM work.

- Transport audit
- Education and training

- Local Anti Poverty Social Inclusion Strategy

Targeted Goals and Actions

Would like to see targeted goals and actions that can be implemented coming to SPC

Sports Partnership

Interested 'gym programme' for older people in local facilities and organised around the whole of the county.

Tai-chi was identified

Propose that Sports Partnership go to meet groups around the county.

Heritage Forum

Review of 2009, plan for 2010, work on the geo park, launch of wildlife and biodiversity pack, Golden Mile.

Need to fight for retention of town land names in postal addresses. Carry out research on town lands.

County Development Board

More Work Less Talk

Need to see the CDB develop from being a talking shop

Sub Group Development

Need to see clear objectives and work initiatives being brought from the three sub groups.

Sub Group Issues

- Social Inclusion (integration, rural transport, young people, education, drugs and alcohol, health)
- Agriculture (energy/slurry/ farmers market, nitrates)
- Economic. Need to ensure that there isn't duplication between these committees and other council work.

CCF to look for representation on Economic Sub Group