Minutes of Special Meeting of Carrick on Shannon Municipal District
Held in Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim
On Monday 27th November, 2017 at 3.30 pm (Held immediately following the Budget Meeting of Leitrim County Council)

Members Present: Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire
Councillor Des Guckian
Councillor Sinead Guckian
Councillor Séadhna Logan
Councillor Sean McGowan
Councillor Enda Stenson

Officials Present: Ms. Kathyne Bohan, Meetings Administrator
Mr. Shane Tiernan, A/Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment & Transportation
Ms. Suzanne Duffy, Administrative Officer, Community Development

CMD 17/165 RAPID Programme – Funding Proposal
27/11/17

A copy of Report dated 27th November, 2017 from the Director of Services, Housing, Corporate, Community & Emergency Services was presented to the members by Ms. Suzanne Duffy, Administrative Officer, Community Development. (Report appears at Appendix No. 1 to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book).

Ms. Duffy outlined that Funding of €64,500 was notified to Leitrim County Council on 6th November, 2017 and that Funding under this Programme is focused on supporting projects which would impact positively on residents in disadvantaged urban areas including provincial towns. Ms. Duffy further outlined that there are 7 towns in total eligible for funding in the 3 Municipal Districts – Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton, Ballinamore, Kinlough, Drumshanbo, Mohill and Dromahair. The relevant towns in the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District are Carrick on Shannon and Mohill.

Ms. Duffy outlined the details of the report to the members. The LCDC in conjunction with the Municipal Districts are responsible for targeting and allocating funding. All applications received and considered eligible were reviewed in the first instance by the LCDC having regard to the considerations and criteria set out in the attached Report. Ms. Duffy outlined that Leitrim County
Council received 35 eligible applications of which 12 were deemed eligible for the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District, and the details of these 12 Applications are set out in Appendix No. 1 of the attached Report. Ms. Duffy outlined that one project in each of the 7 towns in the County were selected for funding in accordance with the criteria outlined. Therefore, 2 towns were selected in the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District, 3 towns in the Manorhamilton Municipal District and 2 towns in the Ballinamore Municipal District.

The 2 Projects reviewed and endorsed by the LCDC under this Programme in the Carrick on Shannon MD are as follows:-

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<td>Breffni Youth Cafe</td>
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Councillor Sinead Guckian expressed disappointment that the allocation for the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District (MD) was only €17,000 given the overall allocation to the County of €64,500. Councillor Guckian outlined that the proposed allocation for Leitrim Association of People with Disabilities (LAPWD) was too small for the project proposed and would possibly not facilitate the purchase of the required bus to go ahead as the bus is estimated to cost over €40,000. LAPWD had been seeking funding of €15,000 under this Programme with the balance of funding for this Project to come from the HSE, Voluntary Funding and Fundraising. Councillor Guckian highlighted the excellent work and service provided by LAPWD but stated that this is a county wide service and not just a service for the Carrick on Shannon MD. Councillor Guckian asked if there was funding in the other 2 Municipal District’s for this Project as this is a service for the whole county and this project should receive funding from all 3 Municipal District’s. Councillor Guckian stated that the approval of funding under this Programme should really have been brought before the full Council for approval.

Ms. Suzanne Duffy confirmed that there was no funding from the other Municipal District’s for the LAPWD Project and outlined the short time frame for approval of this funding.

Councillor Enda Stenson concurred with Councillor Sinead Guckian that the service provided by LAPWD is a county wide service and that the Carrick on Shannon MD are subsidising the rest of the County.

Councillor Sean McGowan agreed with Councillor Sinead Guckian and Councillor Enda Stenson but also said that given the importance of the service provided by LAPWD and their proposed project he would like to have seen more funding being allocated to this Project in order to ensure that it could proceed.

Councillor Des Guckian concurred with the above comments and agreed that LAPWD needed a larger allocation than is proposed in order to allow their proposed project to proceed.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire said that she was disappointed with the split of funding between the 3 Municipal District’s and the fact that the other 2 Municipal District’s got a larger allocation than the Carrick on Shannon MD.
Cathaoirleach Councillor Seadna Logan also concurred with all of the above comments and was concerned whether the proposed funding of €7,000 would allow this project to go ahead. Councillor Logan said that if the project could not go ahead, the re-allocation of this funding would have to go back to the LCDC and then back to the Carrick on Shannon MD for approval and this would delay the matter.

The members discussed the proposed funding between the 2 proposed projects and asked whether it would be possible to alter the split of funding proposed between the 2 projects – i.e. Funding of €10,000 allocated to LAPWD and funding of €7,000 allocated to Breffni Youth Cafe.

Ms. Suzanne Duffy advised that the application from Breffni Youth Cafe comprised of a number of different elements and some of these would be able to proceed with funding of €7,000.

It was agreed that the members of Carrick on Shannon MD had the power to alter the division of funding between the 2 proposed projects. The members agreed that this would be a satisfactory compromise whereby LAPWD would be allocated funding of €10,000 and Breffni Youth Cafe would be allocated funding of €7,000 as this would facilitate both projects to proceed.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, Seconded by Cathaoirleach Councillor Seadna Logan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

“That Funding of €10,000 for Leitrim Association of People with Disabilities and Funding of €7,000 for Breffni Youth Cafe under the RAPID Programme be approved”

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: ___________________________ ___________________________

Councillor Séadhna Logan Ms. Kathyne Bohan
Cathaoirleach Meetings Administrator

Date: ___________________________