

Laois Sports Partnership
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 13th of June 2022 @ The Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise

Attendance: E. Smith, C. Armitage, G. Luttrell, D. Hainsworth, M. O'Boyle, N. Tully

Apologies: C. Reilly, K. Phelan, M. Condron, W. Wilkinson, N. Iqbal

Chair: E. Smith Staff: C. Myers,

Ms. Smith opened the AGM and welcomed the board to the annual general meeting of Laois Sports Partnership.

Chairpersons Address:

The members of the Board of Directors have always taken their role very seriously and at every opportunity supported the development and continuation of sport, recreation and physical activity in Laois. Tasked with increasing this participation we are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated hardworking and committed Board and team, who have continued to be creative and unrelenting in these past few years particularly during the many challenges faced during COVID-19. As Chairperson of Laois Sports Partnership it has been very satisfying and rewarding for all of us to watch the position of the Sports Partnership in Laois move from a direct delivery role to a more focused leadership role, encouraging many more sports, clubs, communities, agencies and organisations to open up the possibilities for participation and engagement. This is the main activity which we will continue to develop and grow with your help and support, making Laois an even more vibrant hub for sport and physical activity. As my term of Chairperson ends it was my privilege to lead and support the Board and staff of LSP in developing a Governance framework and supporting the delivery of the Strategic Plan 2017-2021 during which we delivered over 689 programmes to 90,816 people participating and 190 training courses with 3,172 participants. We also increased our income from €352,530 in 2017 to in excess of €1million in 2021.

I am delighted to report that interagency and stakeholder collaboration is a major factor in the successful delivery of many participation opportunities for all and this year was no different. This report gives a snapshot of these interventions and the many resources created across new LSP social media channels.

With additional support of COVID-19, Dormant Accounts, Healthy Ireland Funding etc Laois Sports Partnership has been able to increase the provision of services to reach wider into communities; working to remove barriers to participation and continuing to showcase the positive impact that sport can have on people's lives. The Partnership has made significant advances and has particularly increased the number of locally delivered programmes through our SVT Community Sports Hub, Rathdowney Erill Activity Hub and newly established Bloom HQ Activity & Wellness Hub.

In excess of 19,350 people engaged with our activities online and face to face during 2021.

- **148 programmes delivered with 19,350 participants**
- **22 Women in Sport programmes delivered to 1023 participants**
- **44 programmes for people with disabilities delivered with 3,828 participants**
- **45 training courses delivered with 590 participants**
- **76 Clubs received funding through COVID19 Community Support Grant, Women in Sport and the LSP Sport & Physical Activity Small Grant Scheme**
- **3rd Community Sports Hub established in Bloom HQ, Mountrath**

- **Received funding in excess of €1,000,000, €730,151 funding from Sport Ireland was received by Laois Sports Partnership to deliver on initiatives and COVID-19 supports**

Target groups focused on during 2021 included children and young people, families, teenage girls/women, disadvantaged communities, men over 45, older adults with integration initiatives, lifestyle intervention programmes and programmes for people with a disability.

Laois Sports Partnership will be steadfast in its efforts in achieving the full vision of new strategic plan 2022-2026 “Everybody Active in Laois”, working together to keep Laois active underpinned by our values of inclusion, collaboration, facilitation and partnership.

We now in Laois Sports Partnership, want all persons even those who do not take part in sports, easy access to both established and new sports as well as recreation and physical activity. It is also important that we continue to invest and develop our ranges of activities as there are ever increasing lifestyle health issues in Ireland. We work together with our local communities to create an environment that improves activity, health and wellbeing. With the population growth of the county it is key that Laois Sports Partnership continues to grow its strategic capacity and is supported as the lead agency for sports participation in County Laois.

Finally I would like to thank the staff of the LSP for their hard work, innovation and creativity in keeping Laois active. To all the Board members for their contribution and support throughout the year. To Sport Ireland, our partner agencies, volunteers, clubs and community voluntary organisations for their ongoing support and commitment to Laois Sports Partnership. I am confident that while the new Strategic plan 2022-2026 provides significant challenges Laois Sports Partnership will remain to continue on in a positive and productive manner to ensure this implementation of the visions and goals of LSP and I wish them every success for the future.

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1. Apologies

C. Reilly, K. Phelan, M. Condrón, W. Wilkinson, N. Iqbal

2. Minutes of AGM on 24/06/19

Proposer: D. Hainsworth

Seconder: G. Luttrell

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising

4. Correspondence

Requested several quotations with only two received Quotations from auditors for Audit & Preparation of Financial Statements 2022 to 2026. Board agreed to postpone appointment until a third quotation is sourced. Agreed Ms. Myers to forward to Board via email for appointment and approval.

No other correspondence

5.a Approval of Accounts

Circulated to the Executive Committee and reviewed on 13/06/22

Presented to the Executive by Kieran Burns, Burns Shanahan Chartered Accountants.

No issues arising from audit. Full auditors report outlined on pages 5 & 6 of financial statements.

Proposer: N. Tully

Secunder: D. Hainsworth

5.b Appointment of Auditors

Board agreed unanimously that a 3rd quotation be sought and email to the Board for approval and appointment of auditors for 2022-2026.

5. c Retirement / (Re) Appointment of Directors

E. Smith, M. Condren, K. Phelan & M. O'Boyle retired in line with governance framework and constitution.

Ms. Myers had formally communicated with Mr. Dan Bergin, Laois Public Participation Network (Laois PPN), whom will appoint in September to the Board.

On behalf of the Board Ms. Smith thanked retiring Directors for their many years of excellent service to the Board and wished them well. Ms. Myers thanked Ms. Smith for her time and support during her time as Chairperson and as part of the Board succession planning will sit on the Finance Audit & Risk Committee for a term of 1 year.

Election of Officers

In light of no nominations for Chairperson it was agreed to postpone position until September meeting with an EGM in October to ratify new Chair. The Board felt that it wasn't appropriate at this time to advertise for a Chair through the Federation of Irish Sport service. In the interim it was agreed that Mr. Reilly will act as Chairperson until September meeting and return to his role as Treasurer and Mr. Iqbal will over see the Treasurer role in the interim.

- Mr. Reilly acting Chairperson
- Mr. Luttrell to remain as Company Secretary
- Mr. Iqbal acting Company Treasurer

Agreed by Board unaminously. Mr. Reilly proposed Mr. Luttrell and Ms. O'Boyle seconded for secretary. Ms. Smith proposed Mr. Reilly as acting Chair and Mr. Luttrell seconded as well as Mr. Iqbal for acting Treasurer.

Ms. Myers to advertise vacant positions for appointment in September to the Board.

6. Discussion Items.

Health & Safety: As per preceding General Board Meeting on 22nd June 2019 (no further discussion deemed necessary)

7. Information Items.

LSP Annual Report 2021 to be circulated

8. AOB

Ms. Smith thanked the Board & Staff for their participation, time, and work over the year. As there was no further business arising, Ms. Smith closed the AGM.

Proposed: G. Luttrell

Seconded: D. Hainsworth

Naeem Iqbal

Signed:

Date: 6/7/23

Chairperson