

**Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting
Monday, 27th March, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. – Block A, Wexford County Council, County
Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Town.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor Tony Dempsey

LCDC Members:

Councillor Michael Sheehan
Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan
Councillor Anthony Donohoe
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE
Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, Business Sector
Ms. Karin Dubsky, Environmental Sector
Mr. Brian Toomey, Social Inclusion Sector
Ms. Bridget Neville, Wexford Council of Trade Unions

Also in attendance:

Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer
Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman, Wexford County Council
Mr. Michael Sweeney, LCDC Support Officer
Mr. Seán Kavanagh, Wexford County Council
Ms. Ann Marie Laffan, Wexford County Council
Ms. Alice Doyle, LECP Support Officer
Ms. Angie Laffan, Borough District of Wexford
Mr. John Carley, Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Mr. Tom Enright, Wexford County Council
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms. Mary Hamilton, Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr. Pat Rath, Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms. Anne Shannon, Social Inclusion Sector

Presentation on ASK – mental health initiative

Cllr. Frank Staples (Mayor of Borough District of Wexford) and Ms. Sharon Pettit gave a presentation on 'Ask', a new mental health initiative, and answered any questions the members had on same. Cllr. Staples invited all those attending the meeting to the official launch of the 'Ask' initiative on 29/03/2017 in County Hall, Wexford Town. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Staples and Ms. Pettit for their interesting and brave presentation, and wished them every success with their new initiative. This sentiment was echoed by various other members of the LCDC.

Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of the 30th January, 2017, were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Brian Kehoe

Seconded: Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan

Matters Arising

None.

Presentation by Dr. Derval Howley, HSE

Dr. Howley gave a presentation on 'Health and Wellbeing & Healthy Ireland within Community Health Organisation 5', and answered any questions the members had on same. The Chairman thanked Dr. Howley for her interesting and comprehensive presentation, and asked Dr. Howley about autism services within County Wexford. Dr. Howley undertook to provide further details on these services at the next LCDC meeting.

Correspondence

The members noted the contents of the presented correspondence, as listed under;

1. Letter from CCMA dated 02/08/2017, re: Tourism Seminar 29th & 30th March, 2017
2. Email from The DHPC&LG dated 23/03/2017, re: The Public Sector Duty – Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 and SICAP.

Wexford LCDC Annual Report 2015-2016;

Mr. Mackey presented the Wexford LCDC Annual Report 2015-2016 and answered any questions the members had on same. Mr. Mackey advised the members that the report would be presented to Wexford County Council for formal approval.

It was agreed to approve the Wexford LCDC Annual Report 2015-2016.

Proposed: Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan

Seconded: Derval Howley.

Community Facilities Scheme Capital Scheme 2017

Mr. Mackey gave an overview of the operation and guidelines of the Community Facilities Scheme Capital Scheme 2017. The LCDC in conjunction with the relevant Municipal Districts will need to approve all applications under this scheme. Mr. Mackey advised the members that a query had been raised with the parent Department regarding the absence of a data consent declaration within the current application form. Mr. Mackey advised that the scheme would be rolled out by the Community Development Department of Wexford County Council over the coming months.

Connecting For Life – Wexford County Suicide & Self-Harm Prevention Plan 2016-2020

Mr. Mackey gave the members an overview of The Connecting For Life – Wexford County Suicide & Self-Harm Prevention Plan 2016-2020. Mr. Mackey drew the members attention to Section 9 of the plan ‘Structures for the Wexford County Suicide Prevention Strategy’ and advised the members that Wexford LCDC were a of the member of the Strategy Implementation Group. Mr. Mackey also advised the meeting that the coordination of the Strategy will be undertaken by Wexford LCDC. Mr. Mackey suggested that the coordination of all mental health initiatives within County Wexford was required and that a meeting with all the strategy implementing partners should be arranged.

Chief Officers Report;

Mr. Mackey advised the members that all relevant issues had been covered in the body of the meeting and as such a separate Chief Officers report was not required.

SICAP update;

The SICAP Headline Indicator report dated 23/03/2017 was discussed by the members. Ms. Howley queried the poor level of performance to date evident in the majority of Headline Indicators and reminded the members of financial remedies for non achievement of headline indicator targets. Mr. Kehoe advised that the presented report could not be relied upon as a basis for assessing SICAP performance to date in 2017, as IRIS had not been fully populated with all relevant information. Mr. Kehoe suggested that the mid-year review of SICAP would give a more informed picture of SICAP performance in 2017.

Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 update;

Ms. Doyle distributed a document giving an update on the LECP, and drew the member’s attention to an application to Science Foundation Ireland, made on behalf of Wexford LCDC, in conjunction with Wexford Library Services, under the “Science Week Call 2017”. Ms. Doyle informed the members that the purpose of the Call is to support festivals and events that encourage people of all ages and from all walks of life to be informed, inspired and involved in STEAM (Science, Technology, the Arts, Engineering and Mathematics). The application is designed to support the achievement of a number of the Higher Level Goals contained with the LECP. Ms. Doyle also gave details of other potential Science Foundation Ireland funding opportunities to stakeholders involved in STEAM activities.

Mr. Banville distributed a leaflet promoting the economic goals and objectives of the LECP. Mr. Banville informed the members that the leaflet had been produced at the request of Cllr. Michael Sheehan, Chairperson of the Economic SPC, and it is intended to distribute the leaflet widely among the business community within County Wexford.

Any Other Business

Ms. Dubsky advised the members of a forthcoming environmental event. Ms. Dubsky undertook to forward further details to Mr. Sweeney for distribution to all LCDC members.

Date for Next Meeting:

Mr. Mackey advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for Monday 29th May, 2017.