

**Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting  
Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 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 Kathleen Codd Nolan  
Councillor Anthony Donohoe  
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE  
Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection  
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, Business Sector  
Ms. Karin Dubsy, Environmental Sector  
Mr. Brian Toomey, Social Inclusion Sector  
Ms. Bridget Neville, Wexford Council of Trade Unions  
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector  
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Pat Rath, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Ms. Anne Shannon, Social Inclusion Sector

**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. Alice Doyle, LECP Support Officer  
Mr. John Carley, Wexford County Council

**Apologies:**

Mr. Tom Enright, Wexford County Council  
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB  
Ms. Mary Hamilton, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Councillor Michael Sheehan

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, were adopted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

**Seconded:** Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan

### **Matters Arising**

Ms. Howley gave an update on autism services within County Wexford, as requested by Cllr. Dempsey at the LCDC meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

Mr. Mackey advised the members that there was an issue with The Connecting for Life – Wexford County Suicide & Self Harm Prevention Plan 2016-2020, in that it was not fully compliant with the National strategy. As the LCDC had an overall co-ordination role in the role out of this Plan, Mr. Mackey informed the members that he was seeking clarification on this matter and would report back to the LCDC on same. Ms. Howley informed the meeting that as far as she was aware that the non-compliance issues relate to a timing issue due to the Wexford's strategy being published in advance of the finalised National strategy, and that the issues were relatively insignificant in nature, requiring only minor amendments to the existing plan.

### **Presentation on Ferns Diocesan Youth Services (FDYS)**

Mr. Kieran Donohoe, CEO, FDYS gave a presentation on FDYS services throughout County Wexford, and answered all questions the members had on same. Mr. Michael O'Brien from the WWETB joined the meeting for Mr. Donohoe's presentation. Ms. Dubsy offered to assist FDYS with the environmental aspect of their Traveller Programme. Mr. Donohoe accepted Ms. Dubsy offer and thanked her for same. Mr. Carley complimented FDYS on their services and offered to meet with Mr. Donohoe to discuss how Wexford County Council could continue to work with FDYS on initiatives of mutually interest. Cllr. Dempsey thanked Mr. Donohoe for his interesting and comprehensive presentation. Mr. Donohoe and Mr. O'Brien left the meeting at this point.

### **Correspondence**

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

1. Letter from Department of Children & Youth Affairs dated 27/03/2017, re: the need for the involvement of Comhairle na nÓg in the relevant local authority structures, in particular the LCDC, PPN and the LECP.
2. Letter from Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government dated 12/04/2017, re: the need for the involvement of Comhairle na nÓg in the relevant local authority structures, in particular the LCDC, with particular focus on the implementation of actions, affecting children and young people, identified in the LECP.

3. Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government dated 17/05/2017, re: public procurement process that will apply to selecting the Programme Implementers for the next iteration of SICAP, due to be rolled out on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, under Directive 14/2014.

### **Chief Officers Report:**

Mr. Mackey presented the Chief Officers report and answered any questions the members had on same. Items covered included;

1. Review and rotation of LCDC membership 2017
2. DIT Postgraduate Certificate in Local Economic and Community Planning
3. DEIS school status for Riverchapel National School

### **SICAP update:**

The SICAP Headline Indicator report dated 26/05/2017 was presented to the members. Mr. Kehoe gave a brief overview of the SICAP 2017 performance to date and advised the members that Wexford Local Development were on target to achieve their Mid-Year SICAP targets.

Mr. Mackey drew the members' attention to the SICAP Programme 2017 Calendar Alerts documents, which outlined the key SICAP dates in 2017, including the relevant Mid-Year review dates.

Mr. Mackey also advised the members of the need for the LCDC to review and compare the 2016 SICAP Total Action Costs percentages as specified in the 2016 Schedule D with the actual Total Action Costs percentage reported for 2016 by WLD in the End of Year Financial and Monitoring report.

The presented revised SICAP Total Action Costs percentage for 2016 was approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

**Seconded:** Ms. Derval Howley

### **Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 update:**

Ms. Doyle informed the members of additional funding opportunities under the Science Foundation Ireland Discover Programme Call 2017 which is designed to support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Such funding should also serve to support a number of High Level Goals contained within the LECP.

### **Any Other Business**

Mr. Banville informed the members of a free Local Enterprise Office Networking event on the 21<sup>st</sup> June at the National Opera House in Dublin.

Ms. Shannon asked Mr. Mackey for an update on the proposed Bridgetown Community Hub. Mr. Mackey advised the members that Wexford County Council had acquired a premises at Bridgetown for this purpose which would hopefully be opened within the coming month, however he suggested that some community capacity building would be required in advance of its operation. Mr. Mackey further suggested that in keeping with Government Policy, that a 'Whole of Government' approach should be considered towards addressing the social issues affecting a number of key villages in County Wexford, including Bridgetown and Riverchapel.

Ms. Dubsky thanked Wexford County Council for its recent support of an environmental project at Hook Head, and advised the members that this initiative had been recognised in an official European report.

Ms. Dubsky also brought the members attention to the recently launched 'Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Wicklow Town' and suggested that a similar plan should be considered for County Wexford.

**Date for Next Meeting:**

Mr. Mackey advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.