

**Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting**

Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 10.00 am
Wexford County Council, Council Chamber, County Hall, Carriglawn, Wexford

Attendance:

In the Chair:

Councillor Lisa McDonald - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Councillor Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Social Inclusion Rep
Ms. Bridget Neville - Wexford Council of Trade Unions
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector
Mr. Liam Daly - Department of Social Protection (Public Sector)
Ms. Lucy Medlycott - PPN Community & Voluntary Rep
Mr. Pat Rath - PPN Community & Voluntary Rep
Mr. Peter O'Connor - PPN Community & Voluntary Sector
Councillor Leonard Kelly - (Public Sector)
Councillor Aidan Browne – (Public Sector)
Mr. Tom Enright - CE Wexford County Council (Public Sector)

Also in attendance:

Ms. Alice O’Gorman, Wexford County Council
Ms. Amanda Byrne, Chief Officer
Mr. Seán Kavanagh, Wexford County Council
Mr. John Carley, Wexford County Council
Ms. Lorraine Byrne, Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Mr. Kevin Lewis
Ms. Jeanne Hendrick

1. **Adoption of Minutes 15th October, 2019**

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of 15th October 2019, were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Brian Toomey

Seconded: Ms. Bridget Neville

2. **Matters Arising**

None.

3. **Correspondence**

None.

4. **SICAP**

LCDC SICAP sub-committee report

Ms. Amanda Byrne presented the LCDC SICAP Evaluation sub-committee's report to the members and advised them that the draft 2020 annual plan was approved in principal at the meeting of 27th November 2019. However it was agreed the committee would defer a formal decision on the plan until January when a further update should be available from WLD on actions for the Roma target group which could augment and compliment Roma services delivered through FDYS. It was also planned to meet all Roma agencies in the County and get further information. The sub-committee will also gather further information on early school leavers. The SICAP sub-committee will meet in early January and the plan will come to the LCDC meeting in February.

5. **Healthy Ireland**

Ms. Amanda Byrne informed the members that funding has been received from Healthy Ireland and the programme will be commencing in the New Year. It is proposed to write out and seek nominations for the Healthy Ireland LCDC sub-group committee.

Proposed: Cllr. Leonard Kelly

Seconded: Mr. Brian Toomey

6. Chief Officers Report

Ms. Amanda Byrne presented the Chief Officers report which included updates on Healthy Ireland, Traveller Interagency Group, Age Friendly, Positive Ageing, LCDC Networking Day, The Garda Youth Awards launch and the Pride of Place Awards. Craanford was honoured at the All-Ireland 2019 IPB Pride of Place awards held in Kilkenny on 30th November 2019. The village including Monaseed and Hollyford took top spot in the 300-1000 population category. Cllr. Lisa McDonald and Cllr. Anthony Donohoe congratulated Craanford, Monaseed and Hollyford on their success.

7. Local Economic and Community Plan update

Ms. Amanda Byrne informed the members that Ms. Alice Doyle would be give a comprehensive update at the next meeting. She informed the meeting that the WexSci Science Festival was well received again this year. Cllr. Lisa McDonald congratulated all involved. Cllr. Anthony Donohoe and Ms. Bridget Neville commended Alice Doyle and all involved.

8. AOB

Ms. Lucy Medlycott informed the meeting that she is a member of the Alliance for Insurance Reform. She outlined the huge difficulties involved for Community and Arts groups in getting insurance at the moment. Cllr. Leonard Kelly and Mr. Pat Rath agreed.

Mr. Tom Enright stated it must be sorted out nationally to avoid a loss of our cultural heritage. He felt it would come to a head as preparations for the Galway City of Culture progresses. Mr. Enright will speak to Ms. Michelle Walsh, Chairperson of the Public Managers group to discuss same and will do what he can on the issue.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald proposed writing to Minister Darcy and the issuing of a press release stating that Wexford LCDC calls upon the government to immediately move to secure insurance for the projects it funds. Cllr. Leonard Kelly seconded the proposal. It was unanimously agreed to issue a press release. Following a discussion on the issue of insurance all members agreed it was a huge difficulty.


Mr. Brian Toomey informed the members that the Dementia Awareness pilot project in Bunclody was very well received. Cllr. Lisa McDonald said it was an exceptional project. Ms. Amanda Byrne said it was hoped it could be extended to Wexford town.

Mr. Peter O'Connor informed the meeting that the lack of meeting facilities in the Gorey area was discussed at a recent PPN meeting. Ms. Amanda Byrne agreed there was a lack of meeting facilities in Gorey town and a site would need to be sought to provide same.

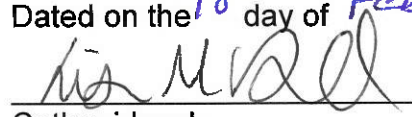
Mr. Tom Enright informed the meeting that Director of Service, Mr. John Carley was retiring and he thanked Mr. Carley for his leadership and dedication over the years. On behalf of the members Ms. Lisa McDonald thanked Mr. Carley for his good work.

9. Date for next meeting

The Chairperson advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 10.00am.


Chief Officer

Dated on the 18th day of Feb, 2020.


Cathaoirleach