

**Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting
Friday, 15th December, 2017 10.00 a.m. – Council Chamber, Wexford County Council,
County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Town.**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Councillor Michael Sheehan (Public Sector)
Councillor Tony Dempsey (Public Sector)
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office (Public Sector)
Mr. Pat Rath, (Community & Voluntary Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)
Mr. Brian Toomey, (Social Inclusion Sector)
Ms. Anne Shannon, (Social Inclusion Sector)
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB (Public Sector)
Ms. Bridget Neville, Wexford Council of Trade Unions
Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection (Public Sector)
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, (Business Sector)
Mr. Tom Enright, Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Ms. Karin Dubsy, (Environmental Sector)

Also in attendance:

Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer
Mr. Seán Kavanagh, Wexford County Council
Ms. Ann Marie Laffan, Wexford County Council
Mr. John Carley, Wexford County Council
Mr. Michael Sweeney, Wexford County Council
Mr. Pdraig O’Gorman, Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Councillor Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector)
Ms. Mary Hamilton, (Community & Voluntary Sector)
Ms. Jeanne Hendrick, HSE (Public Sector)
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector
Ms. Angie Laffan, Borough District of Wexford

Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of 27th October, 2017, were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Pat Rath

Seconded: Ms. Madeline Quirke

The minutes of the Special Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of 7th December were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Tom Enright

Seconded: Mr. Tom Banville

Matters Arising

None.

Correspondence

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

- Letter from Wexford Local Development agreeing to SICAP negotiated procedure

SICAP 2017 update

Mr. Mackey referred to the SICAP Headline Indicator report for 2017 which was circulated to the members. There were 15 annual targets on this report which Mr. Mackey reported had all been met and were performing well. He noted that the key areas are Section 1 (Total number of disadvantaged individuals (15 years upwards) engaged under SICAP on a one to one basis) and (2) Number of local community groups assisted under SICAP.

Mr. Mackey informed the members of the SICAP end of year process which starts with the Programme Implementer submitting their end of year report by 17th January 2018. Pobal then undertake their parallel review by 2nd February 2018 and this is followed by the LCDC completing their review and approval process by 23rd February 2018.

Mr. Mackey informed the members that the existing SICAP contract has been extended by 3 months to 31st March 2018.

RAPID

Mr. Mackey explained that approval in principle had been agreed at the LCDC meeting held on 15th November 2017 for the setting up of a FAB Lab in Enniscorthy with RAPID funding. He noted that this initiative will have a strong enterprise community and STEM focus as well as working with disadvantaged young people. Mr. Carley stated that he had visited the Fab Lab in Belfast and was very impressed with it. In response to a question from Mr. Banville, Mr. Mackey stated that there are FAB Labs in Cloughjordan, Limerick and Belfast. Ms. Neville suggested a visit by the LCDC to an existing FAB Lab and Mr. Mackey agreed to arrange this for LCDC members. Mr. Lewis stated that the ETB would be delighted to work on this initiative.

Chief Officer's Report

Mr. Mackey presented the Chief Officers report which included the following:

- RAPID Funding 2017 – already covered
- Healthy Ireland
- LCDC Education Sub Committee
- SICAP End of Year Process – already covered

Mr. Mackey gave an update on the WexSci showcase event on Friday 17th November 2017 which was very successful. With the €8,000 grant funded it is estimated that €30,000 was leveraged. Science Foundation Ireland attended the event and Mr. Mackey stated that they are open to an application for funding for Science Festival 2018. Mr. Mackey thanked Waterford IT for their assistance with the event and noted that the partnership with Wexford Libraries was very successful. Mr. Carley suggested that the LCDC open discussions with local businesses and the provost from Trinity College, who is a resident of Wexford, for the 2018 event. Mr. Lewis noted that the feedback from schools was excellent and it has generated a new level of interest in schools in STEM subjects.

Ms. Dubsy joined the meeting at this point at 10.37am.

On Healthy Ireland Mr. Mackey informed the members that Wexford LCDC had received €100,000 under the Healthy Ireland Fund and the LCDC will have overall responsibility for the management of this programme. He noted that this will be done through the establishment of a Healthy Ireland Sub-group of Wexford LCDC which will oversee financial management, reporting/performance monitoring and performance review, meeting with action implementers and reporting to the LCDC biannually. The Sub-group will have a maximum of 15 members to include 4 LCDC members. Other members will include the Wexford Sports Partnership, Local Health Promotion Unit of the HSE, Comhairle na nÓg, and up to 3 other local groups that are leading out on actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan. The Chairperson asked for nominations from those present to join the existing group and the following were agreed:

Ms. Bridget Neville

Proposed: Ms. Bridget Neville

Seconded: Councillor Michael Sheehan

Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan

Proposed: Councillor Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Ms. Madeline Quirke

Mr. Brian Toomey

Proposed: Ms. Bridget Neville

Seconded: Mr. Tom Enright

Ms. Madeleine Quirke

Proposed: Councillor Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Mr. Tom Banville

Mr. Enright noted that the Healthy Ireland initiative will link in with libraries and GP's will be able to direct patients to books in their local libraries to gain accurate and key health information.

Mr. Mackey stated that the LCDC currently has an Education Sub Committee with the following members of the LCDC sitting on that Committee – Cllr. Tony Dempsey, Cllr. Michael Sheehan, Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan, Fran Kennedy, Anne Shannon, Karin Dubsky and Madeline Quirke. Mr. Mackey recommended that the members of the recently established Further Education and Training Committee (see table below) would sit on the LCDC Education Sub Committee and that this joint committee would be called the LCDC Education and Training Sub Committee.

Name	Organisation Name
Michael O'Brien	WWETB
Patricia Delaney	DEASP
Maeve O'Byrne	WLD
Breege Cosgrave	WCC - LEO
Dr. Karen Hennessy	Carlow IT (Wexford Campus)
Karl Fitzpatrick	Chamber of Commerce
Ger Mackey	WCC
Tony Dempsey	WCC

AOB

Ms. Neville asked if correspondence could be sent out earlier and Mr. Mackey replied that this is not always possible to do so. Mr. Rath asked if tablets could be provided for members to access electronic copies of correspondence. Mr. Mackey replied that he will look into this.

Date for next meeting

Mr. Mackey presented a proposed schedule of meetings in 2018 as listed in the table below. Mr. Mackey noted that these dates are subject to change depending on deadlines during the year. He advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for 29th January 2018 at 10.00am.

<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	<u>Proposed Date</u>
January	29/01/2018
March	26/03/2018
May	28/05/2018
July	30/07/2018
September	24/09/2018
November	26/11/2018

