

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

Wednesday, 15th November, 2017 2.00 p.m. – Slaney Room, Maldron Hotel, Wexford

Attendance:

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

LCDC Members:

Councillor Michael Sheehan (Public Sector)
Councillor Tony Dempsey (Public Sector)
Mr. Tom Enright, Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Ms. Bridget Neville, (Wexford Council of Trade Unions)
Mr. Seán Quirke, (PPN Community & Voluntary Sector)
Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection (Public Sector)
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, (Business Sector)
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office (Public Sector)
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector
Ms. Mary Hamilton, (PPN Community & Voluntary Sector)

Also in attendance:

Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer
Ms. Ann Marie Laffan, Wexford County Council
Mr. John Carley, Wexford County Council
Mr. Michael Sweeney, Wexford County Council
Mr. Philip Knight, Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Councillor Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector)
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB
Ms. Anne Shannon, (Social Inclusion Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)
Ms. Karin Dubsky, (Environmental Sector)
Ms. Jeanne Hendrick, HSE (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Toomey, (Social Inclusion Sector)

AOB:

Mr. Mackey informed the meeting that an allocation of €2 million has been made available for the national RAPID programme in 2017 with an allocation of €64,500 being given to County Wexford. Funding relates to capital projects only and is available for projects in disadvantaged urban areas/provincial towns only which includes Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross, Gorey and Bunclody.

Mr. Mackey recommended that the full allocation of funding for Wexford be used to fund a Fab Lab in Enniscorthy. He added that there are many advantages to do so including delivering on high level goal one of the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP), stimulating interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and working in an area with a high level of deprivation. The project would be staffed by the ETB.

Cllr. Michael Sheehan arrived to the meeting at this point at 14.18pm.

Cllr. Tony Dempsey stated that he would propose this option with the caveat that the Fab Lab would be open and staffed outside of normal office hours so it would be accessible to all.

Proposed: Cllr. Tony Dempsey

Seconded: Mr. Seán Quirke

Mr. Quirke queried what the delay in notifications for LEADER grant payments for Community Centres (Refurbs & New Builds) was as notification letters have not been sent out yet. Mr. Mackey will look into this and let Mr. Quirke know.

Consideration of the SICAP 2018 – 2022 Evaluation Group tender review findings

Mr. Mackey presented the SICAP Evaluation Board report to the members which recommended that the tender submitted by Wexford Local Development did not meet the minimum scoring requirement. Mr. Mackey then went through the scoring sheet completed by the Evaluation Board in detail. A discussion took place on the Evaluation Board report and Mr. Mackey answered any queries that the members had.

Mr. Mackey requested that two members on the public side excuse themselves from voting to maintain the required private/public voting balance. Mr. Enright and Mr. Banville excused themselves from voting.

It was agreed by majority vote to approve the recommendation of the Evaluation Board with 6 members voting for the proposal and 3 members abstaining. Mr. Mackey undertook to seek legal advice on the procurement options available to the LCDC regarding SICAP 2018-2022.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Mr. Liam Daly

Date for Next Meeting:

Mr. Mackey confirmed the date for the next meeting would be 13th December at 10.00 a.m. This concluded the business of the meeting.