

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

Monday, 28th January 2019 at 10.00am
Wexford County Council, Council Chamber, County Hall, Carriglawn, Wexford

Attendance:

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

LCDC Members:

Councillor Michael Sheehan - (Public Sector)
Councillor Tony Dempsey - (Public Sector)
Councillor Anthony Donohoe - (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)
Mr. Pat Rath - PPN Community & Voluntary Rep
Ms. Lucy Medlycott - PPN Community & Voluntary Rep
Mr. Tom Enright - CE Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Mr. Tom Banville - Local Enterprise Office (Public Sector)
Mr. Liam Daly - Department of Social Protection (Public Sector)
Mr. Peter O'Connor - PPN Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Social Inclusion Rep
Mr. Kevin Lewis – WWETB (Public Sector)
Ms. Karin Dubsy - PPN Environmental Rep

Also in attendance:

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

Apologies:

Ms. Bridget Neville - Wexford Council of Trade Unions
Ms. Jeanne Hendrick – HSE (Public Sector)
Ms. Anne Shannon - PPN Social Inclusion Rep
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector
Ms. Alice Doyle, Wexford County Council

1. Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of 10th December 2018, were adopted.

Proposed: Cllr. Tony Dempsey

Seconded: Mr. Tom Banville

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

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

- Letter from Dept. of Rural and Community Development – National Community Weekend May 2019
- Letter from An Post 27th November 2018
- Letter from Wexford Local Development 17th December 2018

Mr. Mackey agreed to come back to the next meeting with proposals for the National Community Weekend in May 2019.

It was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands, to accept the presented correspondence.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Ms. Karin Dubsky

4. SICAP

4.1 SICAP 2019 Annual Plan

Mr. Mackey informed members that although the SICAP 2019 Annual Plan is in order that it cannot be approved at this meeting as we are awaiting the results of the parallel review currently being undertaken by Pobal.

4.2 SICAP LCDC sub-committee update

Mr. Mackey noted that the SICAP LCDC sub-committee recently held a productive meeting in New Ross focusing on collaborative working practices.

4.3 Addition to LCDC membership of SICAP LCDC sub-committee

Mr. Mackey informed members that Ms. Suzanne Nolan, HSE Roma Health Lead has agreed to join the SICAP LCDC Sub-Committee. This was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands.

Proposed: Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

Seconded: Mr. Brian Toomey

4.4 LGAS Audit of SICAP

Mr. Kehoe left the room due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Mackey circulated a report in relation to the LGAS Audit on the implementation of SICAP programme by Wexford Local Development for the years 2015 and 2016.

Mr. O'Connor asked if a presentation could be made to the LCDC on SICAP and Mr. Mackey confirmed that he will arrange for the Programme Manager to do so at the next meeting. Mr. O'Connor also queried the role of the LCDC in SICAP. Mr. Mackey replied that the LCDC's role is to have oversight of the programme and ensure that it is delivered in County Wexford in addition to quality monitoring. Mr. Sweeney added that the SICAP sub-committee take a robust approach to monitoring the SICAP programme which included going out to visit areas and groups where SICAP is being delivered on the ground.

It was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands, to accept the Chief Officers report as circulated.

Proposed: Mr. Brian Toomey

Seconded: Mr. Peter O'Connor

Mr. Kehoe returned to the meeting.

5. CEP Smart Villages and Community Centres

Mr. Mackey presented a report on the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2018 - Smart Villages and Community Hubs/Centres.

He advised the members that an Evaluation Committee comprising of the four Municipal District managers had deliberated on applications within their respective Municipal Districts. This committee met on the 24th January, 2019 to consider all applications received under both CEP measures and made the following recommendations for consideration by the LCDC:

1. Measure 1 - Smart Villages Fund = €200,000 = €50,000 per Municipal District.
2. Measure 2 - Community Hubs/Centre Fund = €78,636.16 = €19,659.04 per Municipal District.
3. Total combined fund = €278,636.16.
4. Total combined Fund per Municipal Districts = €69,659.04.
5. Any remaining unallocated amount in any Municipal Districts remains in that Municipal Districts for allocation to either measure.
6. In the interest of equity, no one group should be funded twice, either within either measure or across both measures. Discretion could be applied in exceptional circumstances only.

7. In the interest of equity, where possible, a wide geographical spread of funding within each Municipal Districts was aimed for.
8. The committee aimed for a consistent approach across all MD areas.

Mr. Mackey circulated and presented a summary of detailed recommendations by Municipal District area and suggested that these are voted on by Municipal District area. Mr. Sweeney went through the recommendations in detail and the members voted as follows:

Enniscorthy

The Chairperson, Cllr. Codd Nolan confirmed there were no conflicts of interest. Mr. Sweeney presented the Enniscorthy area CEP 2018 - Smart Villages and Community Hubs/Centres projects and requested approval for the allocations presented. These were unanimously agreed, by a show of hands.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Mr. Brian Toomey

Gorey

Cllr. Donohoe and Mr. O'Connor confirmed a conflict of interest and left the room. Mr. Sweeney presented the Gorey area CEP 2018 - Smart Villages and Community Hubs/Centres projects and requested approval for the allocations presented. These were unanimously agreed, by a show of hands.

Proposed: Mr. Pat Rath

Seconded: Mr. Tom Banville

Cllr. Donohoe and Mr. O'Connor returned to the meeting.

New Ross

The Chairperson, Cllr. Codd Nolan confirmed there were no conflicts of interest. Mr. Sweeney presented the New Ross area CEP 2018 - Smart Villages and Community Hubs/Centres projects and requested approval for the allocations presented. These were unanimously agreed, by a show of hands.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Mr. Peter O'Connor

Wexford

Mr. Enright and Ms. Medlycott confirmed a conflict of interest and left the room. Mr. Sweeney presented the Wexford area CEP 2018 - Smart Villages and Community Hubs/Centres projects and requested approval for the allocations presented. These were unanimously agreed, by a show of hands.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Mr. Tom Banville

Mr. Enright and Ms. Medlycott returned to the meeting.

Cllr. Sheehan expressed concern at the lack of applications from the towns in the county. Mr. Mackey agreed this is a concern and that work needs to be carried out on this. He added that Community Action Plans are being prepared for New Ross and Enniscorthy with work on this due to commence in February. Mr. Enright suggested linking in with the Municipal District Managers on this.

6. Chief Officers Report

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

- LCDC Review
- Healthy County Wexford

The Members noted the contents of the Chief Officers report.

Mr. Mackey circulated copies of the Community Resilience leaflets and explained that these will be sent out to all households in the county shortly.

7. Local Economic and Community Plan Update (LECP)

Mr. Mackey gave an update on the LECP and also noted that there is a process of review being carried out nationally.

Ms. Karin Dubsky presented a report in relation to the Coastwatch Citizen Science project.

8. Basic Income presentation

Mr. Toomey gave a presentation on Basic Income and answered any questions the members had.

9. Disability Tourism presentation

Mr. Rath gave a presentation on Disability Tourism and answered any questions the members had.

10. AOB

None

11. Date for next meeting

Mr. Mackey advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for Monday 25th February 2019 at 10.00am.

Chief Officer

Dated on the day of , 2019.

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