

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

Monday, 29th April 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
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
Ms. Bridget Neville - Wexford Council of Trade Unions
Ms. Jeanne Hendrick – HSE (Public Sector)
Ms. Lucy Medlycott - PPN Community & Voluntary 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. Seán Kavanagh, Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Mr. Tom Enright - CE Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Social Inclusion Rep
Mr. Kevin Lewis – WWETB (Public Sector)
Ms. Karin Dubsky - PPN Environmental Rep
Ms. Alice Doyle, Wexford County Council

1. Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of 25th February 2019, were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Tom Banville

Seconded: Mr. Peter O'Connor

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

None

4. Community Enhancement Programme

Mr. Mackey circulated a report from Wexford Local Development in relation to the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 proposing that Community Enhancement Programme funding be made available for 10 projects at €2,500 each to compliment the SICAP programme. Mr. Mackey informed members that the proposal falls outside the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) Guideline and the LCDCs Statutory Requirement as set out in Section 128 (B) (1) (e) (f) (g) of the Local Government Act 2014.

Mr. Mackey noted that this proposal is linked to the SICAP programme which allows the Programme Implementers (WLD) to allocate grant funding to Community Groups up to a maximum of €1500 per group in any one year and he added that WLD could consider using this proposal as a SICAP measure to leverage additional funding for community groups, by allocating grants funding to those groups. This approach would allow SICAP and the CEP to contribute in a complimentary manner to support community development at local level making the best use of public funding. Mr. Mackey stated that this approach would be in compliance with the Guidelines and would allow for a more bottom up approach at local level and also addressing Section 128(b)(1)(g).

Mr. Mackey circulated a report on the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 and advised the members that the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) has allocated €150,065 to Wexford LCDC as part of the 2019 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) with the closing date for the receipt of applications 30th May 2019. Mr. Mackey made the following recommendations:

Measure 1:

€100,000 to be allocated to community enhancement with €25,000 to each Municipal District. Maximum grant per project of €1,000. Limits may be exceeded in limited and confined circumstances.

Measure 2:

€50,000 to be allocated towards Community Climate Mitigation and Reduction Measures.

He added that it is proposed to advertise a call for Measure 1 on Tuesday 30th April with a closing date of May 30th for receipt of applications and to advertise a call under Measure 2 on Tuesday 7th May with a closing date of May 30th for receipt of applications.

Mr. Kehoe proposed that CEP funding is ring-fenced for applications for groups from the 27 most disadvantaged areas of the county. Mr. Mackey agreed that this was a good idea and suggested allocating €25,000 under Measure 1. Cllr. Sheehan agreed and formally proposed the recommendations made by Mr. Mackey in relation to Measure 1 and Measure 2 as well as ring-fencing €25,000 of CEP funding under Measure 1 for groups from the 27 most disadvantaged areas of the county based on Pobal maps with the funding to be evenly split across the four Municipal Districts.

This was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

5. **National Community Event (The Big Hello)**

Mr. Mackey noted that Wexford LCDC has been allocated €10,000 under the National Community Event (The Big Hello) for 2019 and he circulated a report recommending approval for 57 groups that applied for funding for this event. Mr. Mackey added that Wexford County Council would add additional funding of €1,295 to bring the allocation per group to €200.

It was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands, to accept Mr. Mackey's recommendation.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

6. **SICAP update**

Mr. Kehoe noted the contents of the Lot Summary Report 2019 which had been circulated to the members. Mr. Mackey also drew their attention to the document listing the 'Dates for 2019 Performance Review and 2020 Annual Planning Process'.

7. **Healthy Ireland**

Ms. Hendrick informed members of the Healthy Ireland Awareness Campaign 2019 which is currently being rolled out. She requested that Healthy Ireland is made an agenda item on all future LCDC meetings which the members agreed to.

7 (a) **Fund Addendum to Grant Agreement**

Mr. Mackey referred to the Addendum to Grant Agreement dated 22nd March 2019 which had been circulated to all members and he informed them that LCDC approval is required. It was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands, to accept the Addendum to Grant Agreement presented.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Mr. Brian Kehoe

7 (b) Round 2 Action Budget Submissions

Mr. Mackey referred to the Amendments for Approval in respect of the Woodland Health Programme and Mens Shed talk and walk programme which had been circulated to all members and he informed them that LCDC approval is required. It was unanimously agreed, by a show of hands, to accept the amendments presented.

Proposed: Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

Seconded: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

8. Chief Officers Report

Mr. Mackey advised there was no Chief Officers report for this meeting.

9. Local Economic and Community Plan Update (LECP)

Mr. Mackey informed the members that the national LECP review is at an advanced stage with a report due in June 2019.

10. AOB

Mr. Mackey noted that this would be Cllr. Dempsey's last LCDC meeting as he would not be standing in the upcoming local elections and thanked him for his contribution to the work of the LCDC including his time as Chairperson. He added that he wished all local authority members present the best of luck in the upcoming elections. The Chairperson added her thanks to Cllr. Dempsey for his dedication and commitment to the LCDC.

Date for next meeting

Mr. Mackey advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 2.00pm.

Chief Officer

Dated on the day of , 2019.

Cathaoirleach