

**Minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting  
Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. - Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Block A,  
Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Town.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan

LCDC Members:

Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Karin Dubsky, Environment Sector  
Councillor Anthony Donohoe  
Ms. Mary Hamilton, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Councillor Tony Dempsey  
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office  
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE  
Mr. Pat Rath, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Ms. Fran Kennedy, WWETB  
Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection  
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector

Also in attendance: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, SEO Housing & Community  
Mr. Michael Sweeney, LCDC support  
Ms. Alice Doyle, LCDC Support Officer

Apologies: Mr. Tom Enright, Chief Executive, Wexford County Council  
Councillor Michael Sheehan  
Ms. Susan Murphy, Social Inclusion Sector  
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, Business Sector  
Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer  
Mr. Dave Morris Trade Union Sector

The Chairperson and members of the LCDC extended their sympathies, to the Chief Officer, Mr. Ger Mackey, on the recent bereavement of his mother.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Ms. Fran Kennedy WWETB requested amendment of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 that the WWETB Annual Plan would be circulated to the LCDC when it is finalised. This clarification was agreed by the members.

Mr. Pat Rath PPN requested amendment of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015 that the accessibility of the National Opera House was not in relation to physical access. The access issue was within the context of the wider community. Ms. Liz Hore informed the members that WCC were working closely with the Nation Opera House and had developed a

service level agreement to promote community engagement with the Opera House and support the social inclusion remit of the LCDC. This clarification was agreed by the members.

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, as clarified above were agreed.

**Proposed:** Mr. Sean Quirke    **Seconded:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe.

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) special meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, as clarified above were adopted.

**Proposed:** Ms. Derval Howley    **Seconded:** Mr. Pat Rath.

### **Matters Arising**

Mr. Sean Quirke enquired about the three year term of PPN representatives of the Community and Voluntary Sector, which was raised at the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. Mr. Sean Quirke stated that the preference of the Secretariat was that the term of the PPN representatives follow the term of the full council. It was agreed to defer further discussion of this matter until clarification sought by the next meeting.

### **Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme**

Presentation by Ms. Clare Ryan – (Wexford Local Development) on SICAP:

Ms. Ryan gave a detailed presentation on the delivery and outcomes of SICAP in 2015, and answered any questions the members had on same. This was followed by a presentation on the proposed SICAP plan for 2016.

In relation to work with Travellers Mr. John Carley informed the meeting that a Joint Fire Safety Awareness campaign for the Traveller community had been rolled out by Wexford County Council and Wexford Local Development following the tragic events at Carrickmines in 2015.

Mr. Pat Rath asked if English learning classes for new communities are being provided by Wexford Local Development under SICAP. Ms. Clare Ryan advised that WLD provide such classes in conjunction with WWETB. Ms. Kennedy advised the meeting that the WWETB does provide such classes, but their number and scope were limited by resources. Mr. Pat Rath suggested that a coordinated response was required to the delivery of English language classes for people from new communities. Ms. Karin Dubsy added that people from new communities had a desire to learn the culture of the country in addition to it's language.

Mr. Carley requested that WLD provide a one page summary of the positive effective which SICAP had had across County Wexford, to augment the Headline Indicator report being presented.

Ms. Karin Dubsy suggested it would be useful to get a report on the kind of employment clients engaged in, following their engagement under SICAP.

Ms. Derval Howley advised the meeting that Travellers' engagement in health initiatives and the Roma community's engagement in education programmes, such a safe pass, had showed significant improvement in County Wexford in 2015 due to the effects of SICAP.

Mr. Pat Rath raised his concerns about Department of Social Protection Job Seekers payment being reduced or removed from people who availed of support under SICAP and LEADER. Ms. Ryan advised that the Department of Social Protection dictate these rules. Mr. Liam Daly advised the meeting that job seekers can continue to receive their job seekers payments pending a declaration of income under any new self-employment. Mr. Liam Daly agreed to review any specific details Mr. Rath had on same.

Mr. Carley requested that in addition to the four new areas of Bunclody, Ferns, Campile, Kilmore/Bridgetown identified in the 2016 plan for prioritisation for more intensive community development work, that Wexford County Council had also identified some areas which should be considered in the plan including Clonroche and Riverchapel.

Mr. Tom Banville queried if the targets for the number of self-employed within the 2016 SICAP plan was realistic. Ms. Ryan agreed they were challenging but achievable. Ms. Ryan informed the meeting that WLD had proposed a reduction of 31% in headline indicator number 11 - Number of Individuals (15 years upward) progressing to self-employment up to 6 months after receiving Goal 3 employment supports under SICAP.

Councillor Tony Dempsey joined the meeting late due to pressing commitments and extended his sympathies to Mr. Ger Mackey and his family.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Framework Policy for Local and Community Development in Ireland**

Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Rural Economic Development, Ms. Ann Phelan, T.D., on Friday, 22 January 2016 announced the publication of a Framework Policy for Local and Community Development in Ireland, which was approved recently by Government. A copy of this document was distributed to all members.

#### **Traveller Inter-Agency Correspondence**

Ms. Hore informed the LCDC that ROMA community were included in the consultation on the National Traveller and ROMA Inclusion Strategy 2016 – 2020. The Department of Justice and Equality are holding regional consultation sessions this month. The LCDC can contact the Housing & Community Department for further details.

#### **Chief Officers Report**

Ms. Hore presented the Chief Officers Monthly report. The contents of the report were noted by the members, and all questions were answered.

The proposal that the evaluation of the 2015 End of Year review of SICAP by the initial SICAP evaluation sub-committee was agreed.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe **Seconded:** Ms. Karin Dubsky

It was agreed that the SICAP evaluation sub-committee would review the 2016 SICAP draft annual plan.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe     **Seconded:** Ms. Karin Dubsy

### **Wexford Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)**

Ms. Doyle gave an up-date on the LECP, advising that the Community Development Section was concentrating on identifying actions and objectives under Higher Level Goals numbers 1,2 & 6, and the Economic Section were working on the development of actions and objectives under Higher Level Goals 3,4 & 5 of the draft LECP.

### **LCDC Agency Sectoral Programme Update**

#### **Department Social Protection**

Mr. Liam Daly distributed a report on current programmes within the Department of Social Protection, and answered questions on same. Mr. Daly advised that the performance of Wexford Local Development in the delivery of the Local Employment Service Programme ranked very highly at a national level. A jobs fair is planned for March at Wexford County Council offices. Ms. Karin Dubsy queried the scope for the promotion of environmental oriented jobs initiative under the DSP. Mr. Daly advised such initiatives were currently outside the remit of the DSP.

#### **Local Enterprise Office**

Mr. Tom Banville distributed a report on recent relevant activities and progress within the LEO and answered any questions on same.

#### **Waterford Wexford Education Training Board**

Ms. Fran Kennedy distributed an information pack and report on recent relevant activities and progress within the Waterford Wexford Education Training Board, and answered any questions on same.

### **Any Other Business**

- Mr. Pat Rath and Mr. Sean Quirke raised their concerns on behalf of the PPN Secretariat with regard to the lack of financial reimbursement of expenses to members of the PPN Secretariat for their attendance at official business particularly from marginalised sectors of the community. Mr. John Carley agreed that a policy on expenses was required and would be addressed as a priority. Ms. Liz Hore informed the LCDC that the recruitment of a designated PPN worker would be advertised in the media on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.
- Ms. Liz Hore provided an update on a meeting she attended with the Chief Officer and the authors of the AIRO report on Wexford. It is proposed to establish an on-line data hub where all relevant socio-economic data for the county can be accessed in a user friendly app. The digital hub will be updated on a continuous basis and will be shared by Wexford County Council with other state agencies. Wexford County Council will be the first local authority to host this new data hub platform.

- Ms. Derval Howley informed the meeting that the HSE was currently undergoing organizational change, and that the HSE south east would be renamed CH05. Ms. Howley agreed to provide an input on the revised HSE structure at the next LCDC meeting.

**Date for Next Meeting:**

Ms. Liz Hore explained that due to the requirements of the LECP process in relation to the consultation on the draft plan a meeting would be required in early March. It was agreed the next meeting would be Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, subject to confirmation of same. This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting  
Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. - Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Block A,  
Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Town.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Councillor Tony Dempsey

LCDC Members: Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan  
Councillor Michael Sheehan  
Councillor Anthony Donohoe  
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE  
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB  
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, Business Sector  
Mr. Tom Enright, Chief Executive, Wexford County Council  
Mr. Dave Morris, Trade Union Sector  
Ms. Anne Shannon, Social Inclusion Sector  
Ms. Karin Dubsy, Environment Sector

Also in attendance: Ms. Elizabeth Hore, SEO Wexford County Council  
Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer  
Mr. Michael Sweeney, LCDC support Officer  
Ms. Alice Doyle, LCDC support Officer

Apologies: Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection  
Ms. Mary Hamilton, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Pat Rath, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Ms. Susan Murphy, Social Inclusion Sector

### **Presentation by TUSLA:**

Ms. Sheila Barrett and Ms. Maire Morrissey gave a presentation on 'Youth Health Services in County Wexford' and responded to any questions from the members. The chairman thanked TUSLA for their presentation.

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016, were adopted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Michael Sheehan      **Seconded:** Mr. Seán Quirke

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, were adopted.

**Proposed:** Mr. Tom Banville      **Seconded:** Mr. Brian Kehoe

### **Matters Arising**

None.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Kevin Lewis to the meeting as the new representative of the WWETB on Wexford LCDC.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **WLD (SICAP staffing changes):**

Correspondence from the WLD advising of changes to the SICAP staffing team employed by WLD was brought to the attention of the meeting. The staffing changes outlined in the correspondence were agreed.

**Proposed:** Ms. Madeleine Quirke      **Seconded:** Mr. Dave Morris

#### **DECLG (LEADER):**

Correspondence from the DECLG advising that the LEADER Independent Selection Committee was satisfied that the overall quality of the Wexford Local Development Strategy submitted by the LCDC on the 15/12/2015 met the high quality requisite standard, was brought to the attention of the meeting.

The contents of the correspondence were noted by the members.

#### **POBAL (SICAP Training event):**

Correspondence from POBAL advising of a SICAP training event for Implementers and LCDC members was brought to the attention of the meeting. It was agreed that any member wishing to attend this event would contact Mr. Ger Mackey to advise of same.

Mr. Lewis left the meeting at this point.

### **Chief Officer's Report:**

Mr. Mackey presented the Chief Officers Monthly report. The contents of the report were noted by the members, and all questions were answered.

### **Presentation by Mr. Mackey on the draft LECP:**

Mr. Mackey gave a presentation on the draft Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). The contents of the presentation were noted by the members, and all questions were answered.

Cllr. Sheehan suggested that all future funding in relation to the objectives and actions contained within the draft LECP should be channeled through the LCDC.

Ms. Howley requested that the draft LECP should be amended to include the HSE as a joint lead agency for a number of the objectives and actions contained within the draft LECP. Mr. Mackey advised that any such amendments would need to be submitted within two days, in order to comply with the proposed schedule of events towards adoption of the LECP by Wexford County Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

The objectives and actions of the draft LECP were agreed and adopted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Michael Sheehan      **Seconded:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

Ms. Dubsy and Mr. Enright left the meeting at this point.

### **Presentation by Mr. Kehoe on LEADER 2016 – 2020 update**

Mr. Kehoe gave an update on the LEADER programme 2016 – 2020. The contents of the presentation were noted by the members, and all questions were answered. A discussion took place surrounding the operation of the 'targeted calls' process with regard to funding areas based on socio-economic criteria. It was agreed to place this issue on the agenda for discussion at the next LCDC meeting.

Mr. Kehoe requested that the LCDC formally decide on the percentage of 'targeted calls' under the Wexford LEADER Rural Development Programme (RDP). It was agreed that the targeted calls percentage under the Wexford LEADER RDP 2016 – 2020 would be 85%.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Michael Sheehan      **Seconded:** Mr. Tom Banville

Ms. Howley left the meeting at this point.



### **Presentation by Mr. Kehoe on the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**

Mr. Kehoe gave an update on SICAP, Quarter 1, 2016 and answered any questions that the members had in relation to same.

Mr. Kehoe advised the meeting of a seminar being organised by Wexford Local Development on 'Financing Your Community Organisation', and distributed some information on same.

### **Any Other Business**

None.

### **LCDC members' Sectoral/Programme update**

Due to time constraints, it was agreed to defer this agenda item until the next LCDC meeting.

### **Date for Next Meeting:**

It was agreed the next meeting would be Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting  
Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at 3.00 p.m. - Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Block A,  
Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Town.**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Councillor Tony Dempsey

LCDC Members: Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan  
Councillor Michael Sheehan  
Councillor Anthony Donohoe  
Ms. Mary Hamilton, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Pat Rath, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Susan Murphy, Social Inclusion Sector  
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE  
Ms. Fran Kennedy, WWETB  
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, Business Sector

Also in attendance: Mr. John Carley, Director of Services  
Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer  
Mr. Michael Sweeney, LCDC support Officer

Apologies: Mr. Tom Enright, Chief Executive, Wexford County Council  
Mr. Dave Morris, Trade Union Sector  
Ms. Karin Dubsky, Environment Sector  
Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection  
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector  
Ms. Anne Shannon, Social Inclusion Sector

The chairman advised the meeting that the agenda would be altered to facilitate the consideration of the SICAP 2015 end of year review and 2016 annual plan as the first order of business.

## **LCDC –SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee Report**

Councillor Sheehan reported on the LCDC SICAP Evaluation committee consideration of the 2015 SICAP End of Year Review and the 2016 SICAP draft Annual Plan. Councillor Sheehan thanks the members of the sub-committee and Wexford County Council administration staff for their assistance with the SICAP evaluation process. Councillor Sheehan informed the meeting that following a comprehensive review process, the sub-committee had decided to recommend approval of the 2015 SICAP End of Year Review and the 2016 SICAP draft Annual Plan.

Ms. Hamilton joined the meeting at this point.

### **Report by the LCDC SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee on the 2015 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) End of Year Review:**

It was agreed to approve the 2015 SICAP End of Year Review.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Michael Sheehan    **Seconded:** Ms. Madeleine Quirke

### **Report by the LCDC SICAP Evaluation Sub-Committee on the 2016 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) draft annual plan:**

It was agreed to approve the 2016 SICAP draft annual plan.

**Proposed:** Ms. Madeleine Quirke    **Seconded:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

### **Matters Arising:**

Councillor Sheehan advised the meeting that going forward the evaluation sub-committee wished to meet with the Programme Implementer periodically to receive updates on the delivery of SICAP in the context of examining the qualitative data to ensure programme requirements are being achieved. This was agreed by the LCDC. Mr. Kehoe thanked the members of the SICAP evaluation sub-committee for their vote of confidence in Wexford Local Development's delivery of SICAP.

Ms. Quirke and Councillor Donohoe left the meeting at this point.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **DECLG (SICAP):**

Correspondence from the DECLG in relation to the eligibility of Low Income Workers/Households under SICAP was brought to the attention of the meeting. The contents of the correspondence were noted by the members.

Mr. Kehoe expressed concern which the decreasing unemployment 'live register' figures are having on the delivery of SICAP targets. Mr. Kehoe referenced competition from other state sponsored programmes such as Jobs Path and TUS for potential SICAP clients, and pointed

out that whilst the former initiatives are mandatory, SICAP is a voluntary programme with no social welfare consequences for people who do not engage with the programme, which inherently leads to higher drop-out rates from SICAP comparable to other job activation initiatives.

Mr. Rath expressed concern as to the eligibility of SICAP to assist small farmers, the effect of which was exacerbated by the abolition of the Small Holders farming scheme in recent years.

Councillor Sheehan suggested self-employed people should be considered for assistance under SICAP, and also advocated the careful monitoring of the delivery of SICAP to ensure that clients being assisted under other stage sponsored programmes are not duplicated within SICAP to the exclusion of targeted groups.

Mr. Mackey advised the meeting that he would liaise with Mr. Kehoe and report back to the LCDC with direction on the implication of the inclusion of low income worker within SICAP.

Ms. Howley joined the meeting at this point.

#### **Presentation by Mick D'arcy on 'Three Sisters 2020 – European Capital of Culture' bid**

Mr. Mick D'arcy (bid-team coordinator) joined the meeting and delivered a presentation on the 'Three Sisters 2020 – European Capital of Culture joint bid by Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford. Mr. D'arcy responded to any questions/queries from the members.

The Chairman, Councillor Tony Dempsey thanked Mr. D'arcy for his comprehensive presentation, and suggested a number of local cultural themes for inclusion in the bid, including, Shinty, The Yola language, Morris dancing. Mr. Dempsey wished the bid every success.

Mr. Carley strongly endorsed the application, gave some additional background to the bid and outlined the potential benefits to the region if the application was successful. Mr. Carley requested all members of the LCDC to assist with the bid in order to strengthen it's potential for success. Mr. Quirke advised the meeting that it was also intended to have Mr. D'arcy present to the PPN Secretariat following appointment of the PPN resource worker. Mr. D'arcy left the meeting at this point.

#### **Presentation by Brian Kehoe on LEADER 2015 – 2020 update**

Mr. Kehoe advised the meeting that the Wexford Local Development Strategy was being assessed by POBAL on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, with a decision on same expected by the end of February, 2016. Mr. Kehoe advised the meeting that the LEADER Programme rules were still to be finalised, and that the associated IT monitoring system was not expected to be completed for another 2 months. Mr. Kehoe informed the meeting that no LEADER contracts had been issued to date and tentatively suggested the first contracts may be agreed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. A discussion took place around the importance for the Local Development Strategy (LDS) under LEADER to be compatible with the Local Economic and Community

Plan (LECP) and the need to take a 'Targeted' calls for proposals approach, particularly from disadvantaged communities. Mr. Mackey advised the meeting that there was no conflict between the draft LDS and the draft LECP.

### **Any Other Business**

- Mr. Quirke queried the possibility of introducing a proxy system to facilitate representation of Community and Voluntary members unable to attend LCDC meetings. Mr. Mackey advised the meeting that due to on-going difficulties with ensuring a quorum for LCDC meeting that the possibility of introducing a written proposal procedure, to deal with LCDC decisions, into the LCDC standing orders was being considered. Mr. Mackey advised the meeting that this issue would become even more relevant with the roll out of the LDS, and LCDC decisions on applications associated with same. Mr. Mackey undertook to report back to the LCDC on this matter at the next meeting.
- Ms. Kennedy gave the following update on Mr. Rath's English languages query from the LCDC meeting of the 01/02/2016. WWETB from September to December 2015 provided English Classes (QQI level 1 to 3) to 204 learners in Wexford, Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross. WWETB continue these classes into 2016 with additional classes to be offered in Kennedy Park NS, Scoil Mhuire and Selskar College. Bunclody VTOS provides a 2 year full time programme for non-native speakers at QQI 4 and QQI 5.

### **Date for Next Meeting:**

It was agreed the next meeting would be Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting,  
Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. – The Council Chamber, Wexford County Council,  
County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Town. (Joint meeting with the Economic  
Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)).**

**Attendance:**

In the Chair: Councillor Tony Dempsey

LCDC Members: Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan  
Councillor Michael Sheehan  
Councillor Anthony Donohoe  
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE  
Mr. Pat Rath, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, Business Sector  
Mr. Tony Larkin, Acting CE Wexford County Council

Also in attendance: Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer  
Mr. Michael Sweeney, LCDC support Officer  
Ms. Alice Doyle, LCDC support Officer

Apologies: Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection  
Ms. Mary Hamilton, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB  
Mr. Tom Enright, Chief Executive, Wexford County Council  
Mr. Dave Morris, Trade Union Sector  
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector

### **Presentation by Mr. Ger Mackey:**

Mr. Mackey gave a presentation on the draft Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and answered any questions the members had on same. The chairman thanked Mr. Mackey for his comprehensive presentation, and also commended everyone involved in developing the LECP to date.

Cllr. Codd Nolan congratulated all involved in the preparation of the LECP and emphasised the need to support the plan through the implementation and monitoring phases.

Ms. Howley thanked Ms. Alice Doyle and Mr. Mackey for the level of engagement and assistance afforded the HSE throughout the LECP consultation process.

Cllr. Michael Sheehan thanked all who contributed to the development of the economic elements of the LECP, and suggested that all future funding in relation to the objectives and actions contained within the draft LECP should be channeled through the LCDC, in order to ensure funding is directed towards the areas identified as being most in need.

It was agreed to adopt the final draft of the LECP and forward it to the Wexford County Council meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 for consideration and adoption.

**Proposed:** Ms. Madeline Quirke      **Seconded:** Ms. Derval Howley

### **Any Other Business**

None.

### **Date for Next Meeting:**

It was agreed that the Chief Officer would advise the members of the date of the next meeting.

**Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting  
Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 10.30 a.m. – Block A, Wexford County Council, County  
Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Town.**

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Tony Dempsey

**LCDC Members:**

Councillor Michael Sheehan  
Councillor Kathleen Codd Nolan  
Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection  
Ms. Mary Hamilton, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Tom Banville, Local Enterprise Office  
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development  
Mr. Pat Rath, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Ms. Madeleine Quirke, Business Sector  
Ms. Karin Dusky, Environmental Sector  
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector  
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB

**Also in attendance:**

Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer  
Mr. Michael Sweeney, LCDC Support Officer  
Ms. Alice Doyle, Wexford County Council  
Ms. Elizabeth Hore, Wexford County Council  
Mr. John Carley, Wexford County Council  
Ms. Annette Dupay, Wexford PPN

**Apologies:**

Ms. Derval Howley, HSE  
Mr. Tom Enright, Wexford County Council  
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector  
Ms. Susan Murphy, Social Inclusion Sector  
Ms. Anne Shannon, Social Inclusion Sector  
Councillor Anthony Donohoe



### **Presentation by Wexford Family Life Services:**

Ms. Teresa Hanrahan gave a presentation on Wexford Family Life Services and answered any questions that the members had in relation to same.

Ms. Hanrahan left the meeting at this point.

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, were adopted.

**Proposed:** Mr. Seán Quirke

**Seconded:** Mr. Tom Banville

### **Matters Arising**

None.

### **LCDC representational replacements:**

Mr. Mackey advised the meeting of the following LCDC representational proposed changes;

1. Replacement of HSE representative Ms. Derval Howley with Ms. Jeanne Hendrick
2. Replacement of ICTU representative Mr. David Morris with Mr. Tony Roche

### **Correspondence**

The members noted the contents of the presented correspondence.

### **Chief Officer's report**

The members noted the contents of the Chief Officers report. Mr. Mackey also introduced Ms. Annette Dupay who recently took up the position of Public Participation Network Support Officer in County Wexford.

### **SICAP presentation 2016:**

Ms. Clare Ryan from WLD gave an update on the SICAP 2016. The following matters arose.

Ms. Ryan agreed to Ms. Dubsy's request to provide a detailed breakdown by numbers of all courses completed and not completed under SICAP in 2016.

Ms. Ryan agreed to provide a detailed report in January 2017 on the type of employment and number of young people progressing to full time or part time employment under SICAP.

Cllr. Sheehan queried if it would be possible to get a list of SICAP related training and job activation initiatives undertaken in the New Ross area. Cllr. Sheehan also queried if it would be possible to cross reference SICAP clients and activities with other complimentary programmes offered by agencies such as the ETB and The Department of Social Protection. Mr. Kehoe advised the members that such an exercise would prove problematic due to data protection legislation.

Ms. Ryan agreed to Ms. Dubsy's request to provide a detailed breakdown of the type of courses provided in County Wexford under SICAP in 2016.

Mr. Lewis suggested that it would be very useful to get a picture of the profile of all educational providers in County Wexford in order to bring about a more strategic delivery of services and to avoid duplication.

Ms. Ryan agreed to Cllr. Sheehan's request to provide a breakdown by geographic area of Headline Indicator #6 i.e. 246, number of young people (aged 15 – 24) identified in the presented Headline Indicator report, who were in receipt of a SICAP, ESF and YEI Goal2 educational supports. Cllr. Dempsey commended the exceeding of Headline Indicator 6 from the target of 109, versus an actual total of 246, as at 05/12/2016.

#### **Presentation on the 2017 SICAP draft annual plan:**

Ms. Clare Ryan from WLD gave an update on the SICAP 2017 draft annual plan. The following matters arose.

Ms. Dubsy queried as to what would happen to the clients that may not receive support under SICAP due to the proposed 10% reductions in a number of proposed Headline Indicator targets in 2017. Ms. Ryan advised that the rationale was that due to a constricting client base due to improvements in unemployment rates, that the remaining cohort of clients were at a greater distance from the employment market and therefore would require a greater degree of intensive support under SICAP in 2017. Mr. Daly suggested this approach was a sensible one and gave his approval and endorsement to same.

Cllr. Dempsey noted that the proposed 2017 target for Headline Indicator 6 remained at the same level as the 2016 target i.e. 109, whereas an actual target of 246 had been achieved, as at 05/12/2016. Cllr. Dempsey expressed concern that the proposed 2017 target for Headline Indicator 6 did not reflect the apparent excessive demand for educational support under this target in 2016, and questioned the rationale behind this nationally set target.

Mr. Rath, Ms. Quirke and Cllr. Dempsey acknowledged the significant work achieved in 2016 under SICAP, as reflected in the presented Headline Indicator report and presentation.

Ms. Ryan left the meeting at this point.

### **Consideration of the 2017 SICAP annual plan:**

Cllr. Sheehan, Chairman of the SICAP Evaluation sub-committee advised the members that the sub-committee were recommending approval of the draft 2017 SICAP annual plan subject to adherence to Departmental parameter. Mr. Mackey advised the members that the current draft plan could not be adopted as it contained a proposed reduction of 35% to Headline Indicator 2, and to approve such a reduction would amount to a breach of contract by the LCDC under the SICAP contract, as it was outside the permissible 10% variation on 2016 targets. Cllr. Codd Nolan advised the meeting that having attended a recent joint DPHCLG and Pobal SICAP regional workshop that she concurred with Mr. Mackey regarding the requirement to remain within the 10% flexibility on 2016 targets.

Mr. Mackey requested that the LCDC give him the authority to accept the 2017 SICAP draft annual plan subject to adherence to contractual and Departmental programme requirements vis a vis Headline Indicators and approval of same by the board of WLD and Pobal. It was agreed to give Mr. Mackey the requested authority, and to approve the 2017 draft SICAP annual plan in principle. Mr. Kehoe abstained from this proposal.

**Proposed:** Mr. Pat Rath

**Seconded:** Mr. Seán Quirke.

The LCDC noted the content of the SICAP sub-committee's report. Mr. Kehoe agreed for WLD to meet with the sub-committee to discuss SICAP delivery mechanisms and the rationale for the selection of targeted areas for community development. Mr. Lewis agreed to meet with the sub-committee to discuss the issue of third level Community Leadership courses in County Wexford.

### **Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 update;**

Mr. Mackey distributed a copy of the finalised printed version of the LECP and advised the members that it was proposed to officially launch the LECP in County Wexford in January, 2017. Mr. Mackey thanked Ms. Alice Doyle and Mr. Michael Sweeney for their contribution towards the production of the LECP. Mr. Mackey advised that it is proposed to launch the LECP in Coláiste Abbain (Adamstown) in conjunction with Belfast Fab lab. Mr. Mackey advised the members that it was proposed to hold a number of workshops during 2017 with the LECP implanting partners. Mr. Lewis and Cllr Dempsey commended all involved in the production of the LECP. Cllr. Sheehan thanked the Economic Development Section for their contribution in the development of the LECP. It was agreed to launch the LECP as outlined by Mr. Mackey.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Michael Sheehan

**Seconded:** Mr. Kevin Lewis

### **Any Other Business**

Mr. Mackey advised the members that Ms. Susan Murphy had resigned her position as the Social Inclusion Representative on the LCDC, and a replacement representative would be sought from the Public Participation Network. The LCDC agreed to accepted Ms. Murphy's resignation, and thanked Ms. Murphy for her contribution to the work of the LCDC, to date.

Mr. Mackey advised the members that attendance at LCDC and LAG meeting is of vital importance with regard to achieving quorums and the timely conducting of Committee business. Members were reminded of the relevant Standing Orders relevant to attendance at LCDC meetings.

**Date for Next Meeting:**

It was agreed that the Chief Officer would advise the members of the date of the next meeting.