

**Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting
Monday, 30th January, 2017 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
Councillor Anthony Donohoe
Ms. Anne Shannon, Social Inclusion Sector
Mr. Tom Enright, Wexford County Council
Mr. John Joe Kavanagh, Farming Sector
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 Dubsky, Environmental Sector
Mr. Seán Quirke, Community & Voluntary Sector

Also in attendance:

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

Apologies:

Mr. Liam Daly, Department of Social Protection
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB

Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of the 5th December, 2016, were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Seán Quirke

Seconded: Mr. Tom Banville

Matters Arising

None.

Correspondence

The members noted the contents of the presented correspondence. The members agreed to invite Wexford County Librarian to give a presentation to the LCDC on library services within County Wexford.

Chief Officer's report

The members noted the contents of the Chief Officers report. Mr. Mackey also introduced Mr. Seán Kavanagh and Ms. Ann Marie Laffan, who recently joined the Community Development team within Wexford County Council.

SICAP 2016 End of Year review:

Cllr. Sheehan, Chairman of the SICAP Evaluation sub-committee presented a report from the sub-committee which had met on Wednesday 25th January, 2017 to examine and evaluation the 2016 SICAP End of Year review.

Cllr. Sheehan suggested that the focus of future SICAP programmes may need to be changed to reflect the changing socio-economic profile of County Wexford. He suggested that such a change in focus may require more intensive engagement with a smaller number of clients, in order to bring about more meaningful outcomes i.e. "A deeper rather than wider approach".

Cllr. Sheehan advised the members that the sub-committee were recommending approval of the 2016 SICAP End of Year review subject to adherence to Pobal requirements.

Mr. Mackey requested that the LCDC give him the authority to accept the 2016 SICAP End of Year review, subject to the satisfactory resolution of a number of minor administrative issues highlight in the Pobal parallel review. It was agreed to give Mr. Mackey the requested authority, and to approve the 2016 SICAP End of Year Review. Mr. Kehoe abstained from this proposal.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Ms. Madeline Quirke.

2017 SICAP Annual Plan:

Mr. Mackey informed the members that the 2017 SICAP draft annual plan, which was approved in principle by the LCDC on the 5th of December, 2016, now needed to be fully approved by the LCDC, following approval of the 2016 SICAP End of Year review.

It was agreed to approve the 2017 SICAP annual plan, which was approved in principle by the LCDC on the 5th December, 2016. Mr. Kehoe abstained from this proposal.

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Seconded: Ms. Madeline Quirke.

Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 update:

Mr. Mackey advised the member that the LECP was officially launched by Minister Paul Kehoe in Coláiste Abbain (Adamstown) on the 18th of January, 2017. Mr. Mackey advised the members that it was proposed to hold a number of workshops during 2017 with the LECP implanting partners. Cllr Dempsey commended all involved in the very successful launch of the LECP, and thanked Coláiste Abbain for hosting the event. The members agreed to Cllr. Dempsey's proposal to request a group of students from a local school to undertake a review and study of the LECP, and to report back to the LCDC on their finding and/or comments on same.

Any Other Business

Cllr. Dempsey advised the members that attendance at LCDC and LAG meetings is of vital importance with regard to achieving quorums and the timely conducting of Committee business. Cllr. Dempsey further advised members that any decision taken by the members without the requested quorum are invalid and could potentially result in severe financial penalties under the rules applicable to the various community programmes managed by the LCDC or LAG. Members were reminded of the relevant Standing Orders relevant to attendance at LCDC and LAG meetings.

Date for Next Meeting:

Mr. Mackey advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for Monday 27th March, 2017.