

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

**Tuesday, 12th December at 10.00 am
Council Chamber & MS Teams**

Attendance:

In the Chair:

Cllr. Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

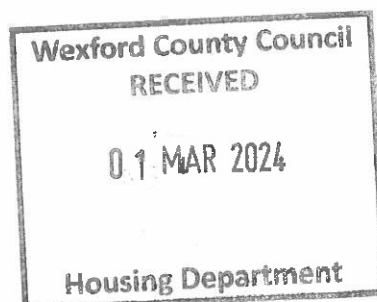
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector)
Cllr. Lisa McDonald (Public Sector)
Ms. Breege Cosgrave, Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Ms. Patricia Delaney, DSP (Public Sector)
Mr. Michael O'Brien, WWETB (Public Sector)
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe – Wexford Local Development
Mr. John V Carr - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Jonathan King – PPN Social Inclusion
Ms. Sharon Kennedy – PPN Social Inclusion
Ms. Mary Browne – Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Seán Joyce – Wexford Council of Trade Unions

Also in attendance:

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Dymphna O'Connor – Chief Officer
Ms. Caroline Creane – Wexford County Council
Ms. Annette Dupuy – Wexford County Council
Mr. Ronan Griffin – Wexford County Council
Mr. Tom Bermingham – Wexford Local Developments
Mr. Liam Mannix – KPMG Future Analytics

Apologies:

Mr. Tom Enright, Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Ms. Aislinn Dunne, PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Ms. Karin Dubsy, PPN Environmental Pillar
Mr. Jer O'Mahoney, IFA



1. Check and verification of those attending by video conference

Ronan Griffin and Caroline Creane verified those present in person and via MS Teams, and noted apologies.

As there were not sufficient private sector members to form a voting quorum at the start of the meeting due to late arrival of members, the agenda was suspended, and the meeting moved straight on to Item 6. Local Economic and Community Plan & Implementation Plan Update.

6. Local Economic and Community Plan – Implementation Plan Update

Mr. Liam Mannix, KPMG Future Analytics gave a presentation on the updated LECP and Implementation Plan.

(Mary Browne entered the meeting)

Derval Howley asked for the National Healthy Ireland Plan to be included in the plans that the LECP refers to. Liam agreed.

Derval also enquired about the whether IPAS applicants and Ukrainian refugees should be mentioned in the piece about adult literacy in actions 2.2.1. and 2.2.2.

Michael O'Brien stated that the classes for these groups were in place, but the PLSS system did not record specific groups apart from Ukrainians, and thus any KPI using this system would not be fully representative. Seán Joyce also noted that point objective 5.3 mentioned specific groups and felt it was strong enough.

Liam Mannix noted that the ecologist would provide a report on the ecological screening by the following Wednesday.

Ronan Griffin advised Liam that Wexford County Council would be in contact with KPMG regarding the next steps in the coming few days.

(Liam Mannix left the meeting)

As there were now sufficient private members to provide a voting quorum, the LCDC moved onto the LAG, following which the original LCDC agenda was resumed.

2. Approval of Minutes 19th October 2023

The minutes of the 19th October 2023 were adopted.

Proposed: John Carr

Seconded: Seán Joyce

Michael O'Brien and Derval Howley abstained from the vote to ensure the appropriate balance of private and public members was maintained.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

(Sharon Kennedy entered the meeting)

4. Correspondence

Caroline Creane noted two items of correspondence:

Correspondence from Brian Toomey regarding the sensory room at Kingspan Breffni Park. Brian Toomey suggested that Wexford LCDC should consider undertaking a similar project, if the need for same is identified.

Correspondence from Cllr. Leonard Kelly, indicating his resignation from the LCDC. Caroline advised that, at the Council meeting which had taken place the previous day, Cllr. Mary Farrell had been nominated as his replacement.

5. LCDC Annual Report

Ronan Griffin presented the 2022 LCDC Annual Report, which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, and advised that the adoption of same required approval from the LCDC.

(Derval Howley left the meeting)

Brian Toomey noted that he had initially presented to the LCDC on apprenticeships in March 2022, as per the Annual Report, and that no event had taken place as yet. Cllr. Aidan Browne advised he would endeavour to push the matter on.

Michael O'Brien and Cllr. Lisa McDonald noted Brian's dedication on this matter and thanked him for same.

(Michael O'Brien left the meeting)

Adoption of the LCDC Annual Report:

Proposed: Seán Joyce

Seconded: John Carr

7. Healthy Wexford Programme Presentation:

Annette Duputy, Healthy Counties Co-Ordinator gave a presentation on the Healthy Counties Programme, with a detailed spotlight on the Healthy Home Environment project.

Approval of additional funding was requested for the following projects:

New Ross Community Activities Hub
Age Friendly – Let's Get Moving
Social Farming

Resilient Communities
Healthy Home Environment
Women's Health Through the Ages.

Proposed: Seán Joyce

Seconded: John Carr

The Committee and Chief Officer thanked Annette for the presentation and work to date on the Healthy Counties programme.

Aidan asked that, should there be sufficient interest, could more than one Healthy Home Environment event be run. Annette advised that more than one could be run, and it was the intention to run two events in 2024 and two in 2025.

Brian Toomey noted the piece about radon work in the Healthy Home Environment and suggested the LCDC should use whatever influence it has to get the Council to introduce a radon remediation programme.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald asked could the 'Happy to Chat' programme be rolled out outside the main towns. Annette advised that it was open to any business or community space to take the project on, and all they had to do was contact her to get the Happy to Chat pack.

8. Chief Officer's Report

Dymphna O'Connor presented the Chief Officer's Report, the contents of which were noted by the LCDC.


9. AOB

None.

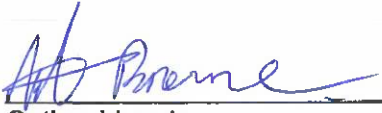
10. Date for next meeting

TBC.

Ronan Griffin noted that an LCDC meeting would likely be required January or February.



Chief Officer



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Dated on the 23rd day of Jan, 2024.

