

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

**Thursday, 19th October at 10.00 am
Council Chamber & MS Teams**

Attendance:

In the Chair:

Cllr. Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector)
Mr. Tom Enright – Wexford County Council (Public sector)
Ms. Patricia Delaney, DSP (Public Sector)
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE (Public Sector)
Mr. Michael O'Brien, WWETB (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe – Wexford Local Development
Mr. John V Carr - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Ms. Karin Dubsky – PPN Environmental Pillar
Mr. Jer O'Mahony - IFA
Mr. Seán Joyce – Wexford Council of Trade Unions

Also in attendance:

Mr. Claude Clancy - Wexford County Council
Ms. Caroline Creane – Wexford County Council
Ms. Tara Farrell - Wexford County Council
Ms. Ann Marie Laffan – Wexford County Council
Ms. Alice O'Gorman – Wexford County Council
Mr. Ronan Griffin – Wexford County Council
Mr. Damine Walshe – ILMI
Ms. Paula Soraghan - ILMI

Apologies:

Cllr. Lisa McDonald (Public Sector)
Cllr. Leonard Kelly (Public Sector)
Ms. Breege Cosgrave, Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Ms. Aislinn Dunne, PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Jonathan King, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Ms. Sharon Kennedy, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Ms. Mary Browne, Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Service
Ms. Dymphna O'Connor, Chief Officer

1. Check and verification of those attending by video conference

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

Cllr. Aidan Browne extended his gratitude on behalf of the LCDC to Bridget Neville, who's LCDC term had completed, for all her work with the LCDC over the past 6 years and welcomed her nominated replacement, Seán Joyce.

2. Approval of Minutes 26th July 2023

The minutes of the 26th July 2023 were adopted.

Proposed: Brian Toomey

Seconded: Tom Enright

3. Matters Arising

Brian Kehoe raised the issue of school packs previously provided by WLD through the SICAP Programme. He advised that WLD were no longer involved in this. However, as the packs were provided by the Department of Social Protection, other organisations could take up the distribution without incurring the costs of the packs themselves.

Cllr. Aidan Browne suggested the LCDC have a role in ensuring the distribution.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. ILMI Update

Damien Walshe and Paula Soraghan gave a presentation on the work being undertaken by the Independent Living Movement Ireland.

(Karin Dubsky left the meeting)

Following the presentation, Damien Walshe requested that the LCDC members forward on information on the ILMI project to community groups in Wexford, or anyone who they think would benefit from the ILMI's work.

Following a question from Cllr. Aidan Browne on the future of the ILMI, Paula Soraghan and Damien Walshe advised that the ILMI had to do further work to make Wexford a more inclusive place and were only scratching the surface as is. They highlighted the importance of disabled persons being involved in community decisions,

suggested that outreach regarding this involvement could be a role for the LCDC going forward and stated that the ILMI were looking to use existing social connections in Wexford.

Claude Clancy thanked the ILMI staff for their presentation and stated that Community Development were looking forward to reaching out to community groups about the ILMI.

(Damien Walshe and Paula Soraghan left the meeting)

6. Sláintecare Presentation:

Ann Marie Laffan gave a presentation on the work undertaken under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. Following same she thanked the Department of Health for their support on Sláintecare.

(Cllr. Anthony Donoghue left the meeting)

(Derval Howley entered the meeting)

Cllr. Aidan Browne praised the work done by Sláintecare in the Enniscorthy district. He asked if the existing areas where Sláintecare worked (Enniscorthy, Wexford, Taghmon & Edermine) were set in stone.

Michael O'Brien stated that he felt Bunclody was in need of Sláintecare intervention. He also advised he would be interested in what data came out of the retrofitting project in Maudlintown. He also highlighted the nZEB fundamentals course provided by the WWETB, which he stated was important for home owners and tenants to manage their property correctly.

Tom Enright agreed with Michael regarding both potentially extending Sláintecare to Bunclody and the importance of occupants to understand how to manage nZEB properties.

Ann Marie Laffan noted that she could not go to Bunclody at current under Sláintecare rules. She would discuss retrofit data and nZEB education with Michael following the meeting.

Derval Howley advised that other areas were being considered for Sláintecare Phase 2, but this would likely be after 2024. In the meantime, other areas could be looked at under the Healthy Counties programme.

Claude Clancy noted the importance of meeting with programme managers for the LCDC. This both offered opportunities for relevant stakeholders to work together, and was more relevant to the role the LCDC would have in the 2023 – 2028 LECP Implementation Plan, once same is adopted.

7. Chief Officer's Report

Claude Clancy presented the Chief Officer's Report, the contents of which were noted by the LCDC.

He highlighted the invitation to the Ministerial opening of the Geodesic Dome and Sensory Garden at the Enniscorthy Community Allotments, which was due to take place on Thursday the 26th of October.

Tom Enright commended Cllr. Aidan Browne's work as part of the committee on the Enniscorthy Community Allotments project.

8. AOB


Cllr. Aidan Browne noted that this was to be Claude Clancy's last LCDC meeting and thanked him for his assistance both with his role of Chairperson, and with LCDC matters generally over the past 3 years.

The committee wished Claude well in his future role in Affordable Housing.


9. Date for next meeting

TBC.

Ronan Griffin noted that an LCDC meeting would likely be required mid-November.



Chief Officer



Cathaoirleach

Dated on the 12th day of December 2023.