

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

**Wednesday, 26th July, 2023 at 10.00 am
MS Teams**

Attendance:

In the Chair:

Cllr. Aidan Browne (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Cllr. Lisa McDonald (Public Sector)
Cllr. Leonard Kelly (Public Sector)
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector)
Ms. Breege Cosgrove - Local Enterprise Office (Public Sector)
Ms. Derval Howley - HSE (Public Sector)
Ms. Aislinn Dunne - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Jonathan King – PPN Social Inclusion Rep
Ms. Karin Dubsy – PPN Environmental
Mr. Jer O'Mahony - IFA
Ms. Mary Browne – Chamber of Commerce

Also in attendance

Mr. Claude Clancy - Wexford County Council
Ms. Tara Farrell – Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Mr. Tom Enright – Wexford County Council(Public sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe – Wexford Local Development
Mr. John V Carr - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar

1. Check and verification of those attending by video conference

Mr. Claude Clancy noted that today's meeting is online only, via MS Teams

2. Approval of Minutes 15th June & 28th June 2023

The minutes of the 15th and 28th June, 2023 were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Jer O'Mahony

Seconded: Ms. Derval Howley

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

Claude Clancy addressed the committee, regarding correspondence recently received from DRCD regarding the approved ILMI, Voice Project to provide a project update – he confirmed that a meeting was held with Mr. Damien Walshe, ILMI CE to discuss the projects position with agreement to provide a presentation to the members in Q3.

5. SICAP

Tara Farrell addressed the committee, confirming that the SICAP programme mid-year review had been recommended for approval by the SICAP sub-committee, who had met the day before, and introduced Ms. Clare Ryan from WLD, who gave a presentation on performance to the end of May 2023.

Derval Howley commended Clare on the work undertaken by WLD, and noted the following:-

- a) In terms of LECP consultation, there was low attendance by the Traveller community
- b) Lovely to see collaboration, but suggested something specific in terms of co-operation
- c) For comment only – the levels of support required by the Ukrainian people speaks to the level of support provided

Clare Ryan confirmed that specific SICAP funding goes into training Traveller Women's groups.

Karin Dubsy congratulated Clare on the work undertaken by WLD, and asked if there were specific numbers available in terms of International Protection applicants in the Direct Provision Centres, who were able to move on, and to where.

Clare noted that International Protection Applicants are a priority group under the current plan. At the start of the plan, there was only 1 Direct Provision centre in Rosslare, but since then additional ones have opened in Courtown, Slaney Manor & Cedar Lodge. She stressed the time it takes to integrate, to achieve the right to work, then where do they move to, which brings up different issues, like housing etc. Clare also stated that SICAP is a voluntary programme, which is entirely dependent on people registering.

Claude asked that the committee now consider the SICAP mid-year review, as a couple of members had to leave to attend other meetings. The committee unanimously approved the SICAP mid-year programme review.

Proposed: Mr. Brian Toomey

Seconded: Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

Cllr. Aidan Browne asked about school packs, as a number of families in Enniscorthy relied heavily on these.

Clare stated that emergency funding for educational supports had to be discontinued by WLD due to the increased costs. The SICAP programme cant provide funding.

Cllr. Browne stressed that the lack of back to school packs would be detrimental to the disadvantaged communities, and that it should be a SICAP priority to provide these.

Brian Toomey asked what was preventing the purchase of Education packs. Clare confirmed that WLD had to opt out of the project, as it couldn't afford the transport costs, but stressed that there are possibly a couple of other agencies that have access to funding.

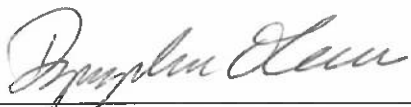
The committee thanked Clare for her presentation, and she left the meeting.

Brian suggested that the LCDC needs to look into this funding further.

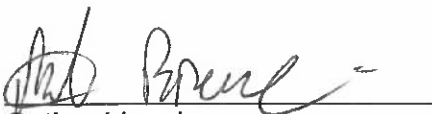
Claude confirmed that the Community section would look into the issue of the Education packs, and ask WLD for the logic as to why they opted out, and revert.

6. Date for next meeting

TBC



Chief Officer



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Dated on the 19th day of Oct 2023.

