

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

Thursday 16th July, 2020 at 10.00 am

This meeting was held via Teleconference.

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:**

Councillor Lisa McDonald - (Public Sector)

**LCDC Members:**

Councillor Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)  
Councillor Anthony Donohoe - (Public Sector)  
Councillor Leonard Kelly - (Public Sector)  
Ms. Bridget Neville - PPN Social Inclusion Rep  
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)  
Mr. Brendan Lawton – Dept. of Social Protection (Public Sector)  
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Social Inclusion Rep  
Mr. Peter O'Connor - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar  
Ms. Liz Hore - Local Enterprise Office (Public Sector)  
Ms. Lucy Medlycott - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar  
Mr. Martin Reading - PPN Environmental Pillar  
Mr. Ger O'Mahoney – Farming Pillar

**Also in attendance:**

Ms. Alice O'Gorman - Wexford County Council  
Ms. Alice Doyle – Wexford County Council  
Mr. Paul L'Estrange – Chief Officer, Wexford County Council  
Mr. Claude Clancy - Wexford County Council  
Mr. Philip Hickey - Wexford County Council  
Ms. Eileen Dake - Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Mary Dunphy - Wexford Local Development  
Mr. Tom Bermingham – Wexford Local Development

**Apologies:**

Mr. Tom Enright - (Public Sector)  
Mr. Kevin Lewis – WWETB  
Ms. Jeanne Hendrick - HSE

1. **Check and verification of attendance via teleconference.**

The Acting Chief Officer, Paul L'Estrange confirmed attendance of each member by teleconference and confirmed their ability of speaking to and being heard by all attendees. The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting by teleconference.

2. **Adoption of Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020, were adopted.

**Proposed:** Mr. Brian Toomey

**Seconded:** Mr. Peter O'Connor

3. **Matters Arising**

LECP update - The A/Chief Officer referred to the LECP update document provided by Ms. Alice Doyle, LECP Support Officer. He advised the members that further guidance in relation to both the LECP review process and new LECPs would issue in due course.

4. **Correspondence**

There were two items of correspondence. The recent DRCD information for Community & Voluntary organisation reopening was outlined by the A/Chief Officer. He also outlined the DRCD letter to LCDC members advising of greater flexibility in mid-year SICAP reporting and also flexibility in percentage spend in SICAP goal one & two.

5. **Healthy Ireland**

The A/Chief Officer updated the members on Healthy Ireland. The Healthy Wexford Plan will launch in the Heritage Park week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September until 5<sup>th</sup> October.

6. **SICAP**

The A/Chief Officer updated members on the current developments in SICAP. There will be a SICAP sub-committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

7. **Chief Officers Report**

The A/Chief Officer presented the Chief Officers report.

8. **AOB**

**Community Enhancement Programme 2020 Proposal**

## Community Enhancement Programme 2020 proposal to LCDC

16/07/2020

Wexford LCDC has been allocated €68,047 under the Community Enhancement Programme for 2020. The Community Enhancement Programme provides small scale capital grants to community groups with the aim of enhancing facilities, especially in disadvantaged areas. The Programme is available to a wide range of organisations, including locally-based community and voluntary groups, together with Not-for-Profit organisations. Only projects of a capital nature may be funded.

I wish to make the following Recommendation to the Committee in relation to this Programme.

1. Priority will be given to groups who incur capital costs in order to comply with COVID-19 re-opening protocols.
2. The maximum grant aid per project to be set at €500.
3. Preference will be given to groups who have **not** availed of funding under the COVID-19 Emergency Fund 2020, to carry out such works.
4. In the interest of fairness and the equitable geographical distribution of funding, an equal allocation of €13,609 to be allocated to each Municipal District.
5. In order to respond in a timely fashion to the immediate community need for COVID-19 re-opening measures, approval is sought to allow the Chief Office to approve relevant applications received under the programme, as they are received. Final approval of all relevant applications to be subsequently brought for LCDC approval at the September, 2020 meeting.

The A/Chief Officer sought approval to divide the budget equally between each Municipal District. A discussion took place on this matter and Cllr. Leonard Kelly suggested it should be weighted to the population in a district. Ms. Liz Hore asked that a decision is held on this until all applications were in before deciding on allocations. The Chairperson was in agreement. The A/Chief Officer requested a decision on breakdown of allocation be made at this meeting. He suggested the LCDC should allocate equally between the five Districts and rebalance if needed in September should the need arise.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

**Seconded:** Ms. Liz Hore

It was agreed to proceed as advised by the A/Chief Officer.

Ms. Liz Hore wished to notify the members that the Town & Village renewal scheme (Covid specific measures strand) was closing this evening ,16<sup>th</sup> July. Mr. Brian Toomey sought information on Courtown Leisure Centre. He had heard it may be closing and queried if there

was any further information on this. Mr. Brian Kehoe advised the LEADER Programme would have allocated them funding for Kayaks. Cllr. Donohoe noted Cllr. Mary Farrell and Cllr. Joe Sullivan are on the board and are working with the CEO to see what can be done to help. Chairperson Lisa McDonald suggested the committee should investigate and see if there is anything can be done.

**9. Date for next meeting**

The Chairperson advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was to be decided at a later date, but it can be expected that there will be a meeting each month until the end of the year.

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Chief Officer

Dated on the    day of    , 2020.

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