

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

17th September 2020 at 10.00 am
By Teleconference

Attendance:

In the Chair: Councillor Lisa McDonald - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Councillor Anthony Donohoe (Public Sector)
Mr. Brendan Lawton, DEASP - (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)
Mr. Brian Toomey, PPN Social Inclusion Rep
Ms. Bridget Neville, Wexford Council of Trade Unions
Mr. Jer O'Mahony, Farming Sector
Mr. Kevin Lewis, WWETB – (Public Sector)
Councillor Leonard Kelly - (Public Sector)
Ms. Lucy Medlycott - PPN Community & Voluntary Rep.
Ms. Liz Hore, LEO – (Public Sector)
Mr. Martin Reading - PPN Environmental Rep
Mr. Peter O'Connor - PPN Community & Voluntary Sector

Also in attendance:

Mr. Paul L'Estrange, Chief Officer
Mr. Claude Clancy, Wexford County Council
Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Wexford County Council
Mr. Michael Sweeney, Wexford County Council
Ms. Ann Marie Laffan, Wexford County Council
Ms. Alice O'Gorman, Wexford County Council
Mr. Ger Mackey, Wexford County Council
Ms. Mary Dunphy, WLD
Ms. Annette Dupuy, Healthy Ireland

Apologies:

Mr. Tom Enright - CE Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Councillor Aidan Browne (Public Sector)
Ms. Jeanne Hendrick, HSE (Public Sector)

1. Check and verification of those attending by 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 16th July 2020

The minutes of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting of 16th July 2020, were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Brian Toomey

Seconded: Ms. Liz Hore

3. Matters Arising

Ms. Lucy Medlycott queried the position regarding Courtown Forest Park and the A/Chief Officer responded by saying there was no further update since the last LAG meeting. He

advised Ms. Medlycott that he will forward on a copy to her of the response previously issued to Mr. Brian Toomey.

Mr. Martin Reading queried if there was an update on the LECP review. The A/Chief Officer responded that there is no update and he is awaiting Departmental guidance.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Healthy Ireland & Healthy Wexford

5.1 - Healthy Ireland Fund Update

Ms. Annette Dupuy gave an update on Healthy Ireland and answered questions members had. She noted that a Regional Positive Ageing Event is taking place during week beginning 28th September and Wexford are involved in this.

5.2 - Healthy Wexford Update

Ms. Annette Dupuy gave an update on Healthy Wexford and noted some difficulties due to Covid-19 and that partners affected were updating their plans. She informed members that the online launch of Healthy Wexford will take place at 3.30 pm on Monday 5th October – link to launch to be sent on.

5.3 – Programme of Work Review Summary

Ms. Annette Dupuy presented a report outlining details of the main budget changes proposed to each of the Actions including budget changes.

6. Chief Officers Report

The A/Chief Officer presented the Chief Officers report which included the following:

- WexSci, Wexford Science Festival
- LECP Review and new LECP
- Age friendly
- Regional Action for Positive Ageing Week
- JPC meeting

The Members noted the contents of the Chief Officers report.

7. SICAP Mid-Year Check

7.1 - LCDC Mid-Year Check Guidance Note 2020

Mr. Michael Sweeney presented the guidance note for LCDC to Completing the Mid-Year Check for 2020.

7.2 - Mid Year check 2020 Action Progress Report

Mr. Michael Sweeney presented the Mid-Year check 2020 Action Progress Report.

7.3 - Report to the LCDC re mid-year check

Mr. Michael Sweeney presented the Report to the LCDC re. Mid-Year check.

7.4 - WLD 2020 Mid-year Lot Cost Charged Report Signed

Mr. Michael Sweeney presented the Mid-Year Lot Cost Charged Report.

7.5 - WLD SICAP Mid-year Update

Mr. Michael Sweeney presented the Mid-Year update for 2020 and noted that this gives an overview of SICAP in Wexford. As Covid is impacting on SICAP delivery he added that targets may need to be revised.

Mr. Sweeney noted that the recommendation from the SICAP sub-committee to approve the mid-year review. The Chairperson added that the report has been approved.

Mr. Brian Kehoe informed members that WLD had been involved in ERSI research, details of which will be published in the Wexford People newspaper.

Cllr. Leonard Kelly requested that WLD present work carried out under SICAP at next LAG meeting which Mr. Kehoe agreed to.

8. SICAP Sub-Committee Meeting - Thursday 20th August 2020

8.1 - SICAP sub-committee replacement

The A/Chief Officer noted that the replacement for Pat Rath on the SICAP sub-committee would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

8.2 - Community Meals Coordination Steering Committee food parcels survey recommendation

Mr. Ger Mackey gave some background to the members on food distribution in the county and noted that 28 groups were involved. Some duplication had been seen and it was agreed to look into a more co-ordinated approach. A survey was sent out to all providers but only 9 replied. In response the LCDC members agreed to formally request that these providers respond to the survey.

Proposed: Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

Seconded: Mr. Brian Toomey

8.3 – Community Allotments recommendation was discussed. The Chief Officer Noted the proposal by Cllr, Leonard Kelly of the Food Forest project and it was Agreed to consider in the future.

Proposed: Cllr. Leonard Kelly

Seconded: Mr. Martin Reading

9 -TIG report was presented to the meeting by Michael Sweeney. The members agreed to the recommendations.

Proposed: Cllr. Leonard Kelly

Seconded: Ms. Liz Hore

10 - Community Enhancement Scheme recommendation - Community Centres and Facilities.

It was agreed to proceed as recommended by the Chief Officer and as follows:

€40K ring-fenced for grants of €1,000 or less, to be distributed countywide.

€125K ring-fenced for grants of €5,000 or less to be distributed equally between the Municipal District areas i.e. 5x€5K per MD.

€25K to support the development of permanent premises for Gorey Mens Shed.

All valid applications to be considered for approval by the LCDC after the 31st Oct, 2020.

Proposed: Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

Seconded: Mr. Peter O'Connor

The Chief Officer also sought approval for Round one of the Community Enhancement Programme.

Proposed: Cllr.Anthony Donohoe

Seconded: Mr.Martin Reading.

11 – LCDC Annual Report was presented by the Chief Officer for approval.

Proposed: Mr.Brian Toomey

Seconded: Cllr.Anthony Donohoe

AOB

Mr.Brian Toomey advised the members of the Positive Ageing Week.He advised the members of the new group set up in Wexford, a community response to Dementia which is being led by the HSE.

Brian also suggested the committee should investigate using MS Teams for meetings.It was agreed to carry out a survey of members.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald congratulated Minister James Browne on his new appointment and proposed writing to the Minister to congratulate him.

9. Date for next meeting

The Chairperson advised the members that the next LCDC meeting was scheduled for 22nd October , 2020 at 10.00am.

Chief Officer

Dated on the day of , 2020.

Cathaoirleach