

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

**Wednesday, 1st February 2023 at 10.00 am
By MS Teams and In Person (Council Chamber)**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe - (Public Sector)
Ms. Patricia Delaney – Dept of Social Protection
Mr. Michael O'Brien – WWETB
Ms. Derval Howley – HSE
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development
Mr. John Carr - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Ms. Aislinn Dunne - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Jer O'Mahony - IFA
Ms. Bridget Neville, Wexford Council of Trade Unions
Mr. Brian Toomey – PPN
Ms. Mary Browne – Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Breege Cosgrave – Wexford County Council (Public Sector)

Also in attendance:

Ms. Dymphna O'Connor, Chief Officer, Wexford County Council
Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services, Wexford County Council
Mr. Claude Clancy - Wexford County Council
Ms. Tara Farrell - Wexford County Council
Mr. Ronan Griffin – Wexford County Council
Ms. Claire Ryan – Wexford Local Development
Mr. Liam Mannix – KPMG Analytics

Apologies:

Mr. Tom Enright – Wexford County Council(Public sector)
Cllr. Leonard Kelly- (Public Sector)
Cllr. Lisa McDonald – (Public Sector)
Mr. Jonathan King – PPN Social Inclusion
Ms. Karin Dubsy – PPN Environmental
Ms. Sharon Kennedy – PPN Social Inclusion

1. **Check and verification of attendance**

Mr. Claude Clancy confirmed attendance of each member, The Chairperson welcomed all members.

2. **Adoption of the Minutes of Meetings of the 21st July, and 23rd November, 2022**

Minutes of Meeting of 7th December 2022

Proposed: John Carr Seconded: Aislinn Dunne

3. **Matters arising**

No matters arising

4. **Correspondence**

Claude Clancy updated the Committee regarding correspondence received from the Department of Rural and Community Development, indicating that Wexford County Council's Expression of Interest to develop the Local Development Strategy for the 2023 – 2027 LEADER Programme had been accepted.

Jer O'Mahony asked for clarification as to what the other successful EOI within the County was. Claude advised the other successful EOI was from Wexford Local Developments.

Jer asked did this mean that WLD & WCC would develop an LDS together. Claude advised that both parties had been given separate approvals and funding from the Dept. to each form their own proposed LDS and that the possibility of co-operation would be investigated.

Aislinn Dunne asked for clarification as to who decided on two separate approvals. Claude confirmed the two approvals came from the Dept.

5. **SICAP**

The Chief Officer presented the 2022 Annual Performance review. The Annual Performance review assesses the Local Development Company's performance on SICAP at the end of the year and was circulated in advance of this meeting as part of the meeting pack.

The Chief Officer advised that the SICAP sub-committee met on the 30th of January 2023, to consider the 2022 SICAP Annual Performance Review, and recommended same for acceptance by the LCDC. Claire Ryan from WLD attended to respond to queries from the Committee regarding this document.

Acceptance of Annual Performance Review

Proposed by: John Carr

Seconded by: Jer O'Mahony

The Chief Officer presented the draft 2023 SICAP Annual Plan. The Local Development Company are required to submit the Annual Plan setting out their proposed SICAP plan for the coming year. The SICAP sub-committee met on 30th January 2023, and recommended that the draft 2023 SICAP Annual Plan be accepted by the LCDC.

Bridget Neville asked it to be noted that she had not received the meeting pack in advance of the meeting as she had been away.

Acceptance of the 2023 SICAP Annual Plan

Proposed by: Mary Browne

Seconded by: John Carr

Brian Kehoe noted on the subject of SICAP that WLD were having difficulty in retaining staff due to financial constraints and were losing staff to the public sector and civil service.

The Chairperson proposed that the LCDC write to the Department of Rural and Community Development about this matter.

Claude Clancy asked Brian Kehoe to send his concerns in writing to him, so he could then forward them to the Department.

6. Stage 1 LECP Preparation – Draft Socio-Economic Statement

The Chief Officer introduced Liam Mannix, KPMG Analytics to make a presentation on the Draft Socio-Economic Statement and High Level Goals (HLGs) for the upcoming 2023 – 2028 Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

She advised that this document had already been presented to the Advisory Steering Group for the LECP, and that this presentation would also be made to the Housing & Community SPC, and the Economic & Enterprise Development SPC.

The LCDC and both SPCs must approve this document to proceed to the consultation stage of the LECP.

Liam Mannix stressed that the Socio-Economic Statement was designed to be a document that drove engagement and discussion, and would not in itself form part of the final LECP document. He noted that lack of access to some 2022 Census figures, such as the Small Area Statistics, had been a constraint on forming the Socio-Economic Statement. These were not expected to be available until August.

Following the presentation, Liam Mannix responded to queries from the Committee regarding the Socio-Economic Statement. In addition, a number of minor changes to the document were suggested by the Committee, which Liam Mannix agreed to adopt.

Adoption in principle of the LECP Socio-Economic Statement & High Level

Goals:

Proposed by: Patricia Delaney

Seconded: John Carr

7. AOB

The Chairperson noted that the Community Support Fund is due to close to new applications on the 28th February 2023, and that members should pass this on to any groups who they believed were eligible for funding under CSF.

Jer O'Mahoney asked could the issue of the Expressions of Interest for the LDS be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Date for next meeting

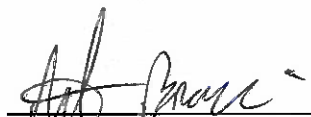
TBC.

Claude Clancy noted the continued LECP progress will dictate dates for LCDC meetings in the first half of the year. It is expected the next meeting will likely take place before the end of March.



Chief Officer

Dated on the 26th day of March 2023.



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