

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

**Thursday, 21st July 2022 at 10.00 am
By MS Teams and In Person (Council Chamber)**

Attendance:

In the Chair:

Cllr. Lisa McDonald - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe - (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. John Carr - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Jer O'Mahoney – Farming
Ms. Breege Cosgrove - Local Enterprise Office(Public Sector)
Mr. Michael O'Brien – Wexford Waterford ETB
Ms. Aislinn Dunne - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Ms. Mary Browne – Business Sector
Mr. Jonathan King – PPN Social Inclusion Rep
Cllr. Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)
Ms. Sharon Kennedy – PPN Social Inclusion

Also in attendance

Mr. Claude Clancy - Wexford County Council
Mr. Michael Sweeney – Wexford County Council
Ms. Dymphna O' Connor – Chief Officer, Wexford County Council
Ms. Alice O'Gorman – Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Ms. Carolyne Godkin – Wexford County Council
Cllr. Leonard Kelly- (Public Sector)
Ms. Derval Howley – HSE (Public Sector)
Mr. Tom Enright – Wexford County Council(Public sector)
Ms. Patricia Delaney – Dept. Of Social Protection (Public Sector)
Ms. Karin Dubsky - PPN Environmental Pillar
Ms. Bridget Neville, Wexford Council of Trade Unions

1. Check and verification of those attending by video conference and phone

Mr. Claude Clancy confirmed attendance of each member attending in person/remotely and confirmed their ability of speaking to and being heard by all attendees. The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of Meeting 23rd June 2022

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 23rd June 2022, were adopted.

Proposed: Mr. Brian Toomey

Seconded: Ms. Breege Cosgrave

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

None

5. SICAP

5.1. SICAP Sub Committee report to LCDC members regarding Mid -Year Review

Michael Sweeney presented the SICAP Sub-Committee mid-year review to the members. The full report was presented to the members and they unanimously agreed to recommend the findings and recommendations of the review.

Proposed : John Carr

Seconded : Cllr. Aidan Browne

The following documents were circulated to the members and Michael Sweeney gave a brief outline of each item.

5.2 SICAP 2018-2023 Mid-Year Review January-May 2022

Mid – Year Review Wexford Pobal Feedback

**5.3 The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme
2018-2023**

2022 Mid -Year Review LCDC Guidance Note

5.4 Action Progress Report

Action Progress Report final mid-term

5.5 Individual Caseload by Target Group Report

Individual Caseload by Target Group report

5.6 Lot Summary Report Mid Term

Lot Summary Report Mid Term

5.7 Lot Cost Charged Report Signed

Signed Lot Cost Charged Report

Proposed:Jonathon King

Seconded:John Carr

The members unanimously approved the above documents.

5.8a Additional €5m Ukranian Support - Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2022

The DRCD have provided additional funding of €187,512 for SICAP in response to people arriving from Ukraine.

Brian Kehoe gave a brief outline of the support and the guidance document was circulated to members.

This matter formed part of discussions between the SICAP sub-committee and the PI on the 30th of June 2022. WLD gave a presentation on a draft proposal for the allocation of this funding. The SICAP sub-committee agreed that further negotiations were required between WLD and the Chief Officer to agree on the allocation of this funding, as allowed for under the issued guidance document. LCDC approval is not required, as per guidance document.

Additional SICAP Funding for displaced Ukrainian people was agreed by the Chief Officer and therefore was noted by the members.

5.8b Carry over of part of the above additional budget of €187,512

Michael Sweeney advised the members that last week Wexford County Council issued the additional allocations for SICAP to help with the local responses to the Ukrainian crisis. We have been asked if there is flexibility to carryover part of these budgets into 2023.

We are aware that there are practical reasons for such an arrangement. For example to support longer term contracts, such as the recruitment of a Ukrainian Support Worker or a translator on a 12-month basis or to secure a 12-month lease for outreach hubs.

We have agreed, along with Pobal, to facilitate this on a case-by-case basis with the following criteria:

- The request for additional carryover into 2023 should be related to contracted elements of the support funding only.
- The LDC must submit a proposal to the LCDC, DRCD and Pobal in advance for approval, providing detail on the contracts including costings for 2022 and 2023, the expected carryover and a timeframe for the spend and the action(s) they are linked to.
- All requests to carryover part of the Ukrainian Support budget into 2023 (within the above criteria) must be submitted to the LCDC and cc'ed to DRCD and Pobal DC by **5th August 2022**.
- The LCDC must confirm the outcome of their decision on the request to Pobal and the Department.

Last week Wexford County Council and WLD discussed a correspondence from the DRCD re: flexibility in the staff contracted element of this budget to be carry forward to 2023. WLD have reworked the proposal to allow for us to offer an employment contract for the 3 additional positions associated with this funding up to March, 2023. This would necessitate carrying forward a total of €29,710 in total ie. 16% of the budget into 2023.

Proposed: John Carr

Seconded: Breege Cosgrave

6. Healthy Ireland

Annette Dupuy outlined to the members the proposed projects for County Wexford under the Healthy Ireland Programme funding. The projects were proposed based on identified need. The members noted the disappointing level of funding for Healthy Ireland but thanked Annette for her work.

Project	Description	Target	Theme	Strategic Priority Area
Playful Spaces for All	Pilot collaborative project at Our Lady's Island extending the delivery to playful spaces for all - intellectual disability, intergenerational, age friendly, adult play etc. Delivered through addition of playful equipment and resources to meet these needs, as an extension/addition to an existing playground space, but with natural separation.	People with disabilities, general population	Spaces And Places for Health & Wellbeing	Priority 1 Priority 6
Community Resilience	'Strong Not Tough' facilitator training to 10 participants within Community groups, with a requirement for them to deliver a course in their own community on completion of the training. Recruitment through EOI.	General Population	Mental Health	Priority 6
Social Farming	Social Farming offers people who are socially, physically, mentally or intellectually disadvantaged the opportunity to spend time on a family farm in a healthy, supportive and inclusive environment. Support to CWCW & RehabCare	People with Disabilities	Mental Health Physical Activity	Priority 6
Kids Bee Club	Support for kid bee suits and equipment to support the project development at Tombrack Community Garden.	Children & Young People	Spaces & Places for Health & Wellbeing	Priority 2 Priority 6
Extending Community Cooking	Supporting pilot extension of the practical elements of the HFME course beyond the six week course duration with location/extension based on HFME courses.	Focus on priority target groups	Nutrition	Priority 2
Making more	A Project to Maximise Current Public Physical Activity Resources through additional physical or in person supports	General Population	Physical Activity	Priority 1 Priority 6

Proposed: Jer O'Mahoney

Seconded: Breege Cosgrave

The members agreed to give approval.

7. PPN - Minutes Meeting 08th June 2022 PPN/LCDC liaison sub-committee Gorey Kilmuckridge

Claude Clancy presented a summary of the above meeting.

8. Chief Officer's Report

Dymphna O'Connor presented the Chief Officers report.

9. LCDC Pilot Initiative - Beach Mat Launch, Rosslare 12th July, 2022

Claude gave an outline of the launch. Cllr. McDonald has observed the new mat being used and wished to thank Mr. Vivian Rath for publicising it.

9. AOB

Brian Toomey asked could Anne Marie present to the LCDC on her Slainte Care work and the Chief Officer said she would request same. Aislinn Dunne stated that the recent AIB announcement would have a detrimental affect on community groups who deal in a lot of coin. The Chairperson agreed the LCDC write to the Minister of Finance and raise the issue.

10. Date for next meeting

TBC



Chief Officer

Dated on the 7th day of Dec. 2022.



Cathaoirleach