

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

**Tuesday, 23rd May at 10:00am
By MS Teams**

Attendance:

In the Chair:

Cllr. Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Cllr. Lisa McDonald (Public Sector)
Mr. Tom Enright – Wexford Co. Co. (Public Sector)
Ms. Patricia Delaney – Dept of Social Protection
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development
Ms. Aislinn Dunne - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Jonathan King – PPN Social Inclusion
Ms. Karin Dubsy – PPN Environmental
Mr. John Carr – PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Brian Toomey – PPN Social Inclusion
Ms. Mary Browne – Chamber of Commerce

Also in attendance:

Ms. Dymphna O'Connor, Chief Officer, Wexford County Council
Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services, Wexford County Council
Mr. Ronan Griffin – Wexford County Council
Mr. Liam Mannix - KPMG

Apologies:

Cllr. Leonard Kelly, (Public Sector)
Cllr. Anthony Donoghue (Public Sector)
Mr. Michael O'Brien – WWETB (Public Sector)
Ms. Breege Cosgrave – Wexford County Council (Public Sector)
Ms. Derval Howley – HSE (Public Sector)
Ms. Sharon Kennedy – PPN Social Inclusion
Mr. Jer O'Mahony - IFA

1. Check and verification of attendance

The Chairperson confirmed the attendance of all members present via MS Teams.

2. LECP 2023 – 2028 - Revised LECP High Level Goals and SCOT analysis.

Liam Mannix of KPMG gave a presentation on the revised High Level goals and SCOT analysis, before opening up the floor to questions.

He noted that the term 'fair transition' was used instead of 'just transition' in regard to climate change, as 'just transition' was being used by the government in respect of the closure of peat bogs and he wanted to ensure there would be no confusion.

Aislinn Dunne expressed a concern about transport links included as a positive, given that it was difficult to get public transport from Gorey to Waterford and Carlow, with bus transfers and a lengthy trip time. Liam said he'd note the lack of 'diagonal' public transport across the county, from the North of the county to areas such as Carlow and Waterford.

Karin Dubsy advised she felt the wording around climate and bio-diversity could do with strengthening and should include the restoration of bio-diversity. She advised that 85% of bio-diverse sites in Wexford were not being managed properly at current, and this needed to change. She also stated that something could be added around creating a healthy & bio-diverse society, and to avoid environmental damage through responsible eco-tourism.

Liam advised he could re-word the environment goal to enhance the bio-diversity element. Specific actions & objectives around same could also be included under the goal.

Aislinn expressed a concern that too much health related wording could be problematic from the point of view that she felt a lot of the County's deficiencies in this area had to do with lack of GP access in rural areas, something which was outside the Council's control.

Liam agreed and suggested that the LECP should concentrate on active lifestyle and creating a healthy environment. He advised he would add the terms 'welcoming' and 'healthy' to the Town and Village high level goal, whilst strengthening the bio-diversity element of the Climate Change high level goal.

Tom Enright noted the goals were strong and dealt with most issues raised in the most recent AIRO report on Co. Wexford.

It was put to the LCDC that the high level goals and SCOT be accepted with these changes.

Proposal: Karin Dubsy

Seconded: Brian Toomey

3. AOB

None

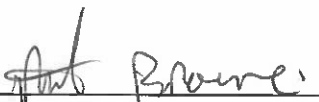
4. Date for next meeting

June 15th.



Chief Officer

Dated on the 15 day of June 2023.



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