

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

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 10.00 am

This meeting was a hybrid meeting held in person in the Council Chamber, County Hall and MS Teams

**Attendance:**

**In the Chair:**

Cllr. Lisa McDonald - (Public Sector)

**LCDC Members:**

Cllr. Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)  
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe - (Public Sector)  
Ms. Bridget Neville, Wexford Council of Trade Unions  
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development (Private sector)  
Ms. Patricia Delaney – Dept. Of Social Protection (Public Sector)  
Mr. Brian Toomey - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar  
Ms. Derval Howley – HSE (Public Sector)  
Mr. John Carr - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar  
Ms. Karin Dubsy - PPN Environmental Pillar  
Mr. Jer O'Mahoney – Farming Pillar  
Ms. Breege Cosgrove - Local Enterprise Office(Public Sector)  
Ms. Sharon Kennedy – PPN Social Inclusion  
Mr. Michael O'Brien – Wexford Waterford ETB  
Ms. Aislinn Dunne - PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar

**Also in attendance:**

Ms. Ann Marie Laffan - Wexford County Council  
Ms. Carolyne Godkin – Wexford County Council  
Mr. Claude Clancy - Wexford County Council  
Mr. Michael Sweeney – Wexford County Council  
Mr. Ger Mackey – Chief Officer, Wexford County Council  
Mr. David Shaw – Wexford County Council  
Ms. Helena Dempsey - Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Clare Ryan - Wexford Local Development  
Ms. Monica Gaynor – Wexford PPN  
Ms. Tara Farrell - Wexford County Council

**Apologies:**

Mr. Tom Enright – Wexford County Council(Public sector)  
Cllr. Leonard Kelly- (Public Sector)  
Ms. Mary Browne – Business Sector  
Mr. Jonathan King – PPN Social Inclusion Rep

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

Mr. Claude Clancy confirmed attendance of each member and confirmed their ability of speaking to and being heard by all attendees. The Chairperson and Chief Officer welcomed the members, in particular the new members to the meeting. The members who recently left the LCDC were also thanked for their work on the committee.

The Chief Officer advised the Members that any Member with a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest in relation to any project being considered by the LCDC for funding, are required to make that conflict known to the LCDC, and that any such Member must refrain from commenting on any such project and must abstain from any vote or proposal on any such project.

**2. Adoption of Minutes Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, were adopted. Cllr. Aidan Browne abstained to maintain the quorum and required public/private balance.

**Proposed:** Mr. Jer O'Mahony                      **Seconded:** Mr. Brian Kehoe

**3. Matters Arising**

None.

**4. Correspondence**

None.

**5. SICAP**

**5.1 – SICAP 2021 Review**

Mr. Michael Sweeney advised the Members that the continued funding of SICAP is subject to positive findings from both the mid-year and annual performance review by the LCDC and the KPI targets being met. The SICAP annual performance review assesses the Local Development Company's (LDC) performance at the end of the year. This is an opportunity for the LCDC to take stock at the end of the year of the overall performance of the LDC in delivering SICAP in accordance with the 2021 Annual Plan, Programme Requirements and the Funding Agreement.

Mr. Sweeney informed the Members that the SICAP sub-committee are recommending acceptance of the 2021 Annual Progress Report and Fin & Mon reports, by the LCDC. This was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Brian Toomey                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Aidan Browne

**5.2 – SICAP 2022 Plan**

Mr. Michael Sweeney advised the Members that Local Development Companies (LCDC) are required to submit a SICAP annual plan to the LCDC, setting out their proposed SICAP plan for the coming year. The annual planning process provides LDCs with an

opportunity to reflect on their work and identify emerging trends to be addressed in the Lot area. He added that the SICAP Annual Plan for 2022 had been circulated to the Members and that the SICAP sub-committee had examined the report and are recommending acceptance of the submitted draft 2022 SICAP annual plan, by the LCDC. This was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Jer O'Mahoney

**Seconded:** Ms. Bridget Neville

Mr. Sweeney added that the LDC are seeking approval from the LCDC for the percentage goal split as submitted with their Annual Plan 2022. The SICAP Programme Requirements recommends a 40% to 60% split between goals and suggests that this should be adhered to as closely as possible. Where the split of a goal varies by more than 10% this requires LCDC approval. The LDC have remained within these parameters. This was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Jer O'Mahoney

**Seconded:** Ms. Brian Toomey

### **5.3 – Audit report for SICAP 2019 & 2020**

The Chief Officer informed the Members that Wexford had been selected for a local government service audit for 2019/2020 and added that the audit report had been circulated. He recommended approval of the audit report. This was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Ms. Brian Toomey

**Seconded:** Cllr. Aidan Browne

### **5.4 - SICAP subcommittee replacements - Social Inclusion & Community and Voluntary Pillar PPN reps.**

Mr. Michael Sweeney advised the Members that 2 vacancies had arisen on the SICAP sub-committee, one each for the PPN Community & Voluntary and the Social Inclusion seats. The Chairperson agreed for the call to go out to PPN members with the matter to followed up at the next meeting.

The Chairperson noted her disappointment that the LCDC were not made aware of the recent United Nations representatives visiting the Rosslare Accommodation Centre. The Chief Officer added that the LCDC should write to the Department regarding this and highlight the local role of the LCDC.

## **6. Community Activities Fund**

The Chief Officer informed members that Wexford LCDC has been allocated €300,129 under the Community Activities Fund 2021 by the by the Department of Rural and Community Development. He also advised the Members that any Member with a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest in relation to any project being considered should now declare it, and any such Member must refrain from commenting on any such project and must abstain from any vote or proposal on any such project.

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

**Ms. Aislinn Dunne**

Ballycanew Ballyoughter Community Development Association (no. 10), Ballycanew Christmas Lights Committee (no. 50) and Clonroche Development Association CLG (no. 52)

**Mr. Michael O'Brien**

DMP Athletics Club (no. 130)

**Ms. Sharon Kennedy**

Ramsgange Men's Group (aka Blokes With Cameras) (No. 7)

**Mr. Brian Toomey**

Ryland Wood Residents Association (no. 29)

**Ms. Breege Cosgrove**

Raheen Parish Committee (Raheen Community Centre) (No. 161)

**Cllr. Aidan Browne**

Rapparees/Starlights GAA Club (no. 78), Enniscorthy Community Allotments (no. 94) and Moyne Rangers AFC (no. 178)

**Mr. Brian Kehoe**

Rapparees/Starlights GAA Club (no. 78)

**Mr. Ger Mackey, Chief Officer**

Enniscorthy Smart Town Team (no. 95)

**Ms. Patricia Delaney**

HFC Band (no. 37)

**Cllr. Anthony Donohoe**

Ballyfad Community Centre CLG (no. 157)

**Cllr. Lisa McDonald**

Murrintown Community Centre (no. 44)

The Chief Officer advised that those projects without any conflicts of interest would be voted on first as a block followed by the remainder in batches or individually.

Approval was sought for all projects excluding those with the conflict of interests as declared by the Members. These grant applications were unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Jer O'Mahoney

**Seconded:** Ms. Brian Toomey

The Chief Officer sought approval for grant applications as follows:

**Ballycanew Ballyoughter Community Development Association (no. 10), Ballycanew Christmas Lights Committee (no. 50) and Clonroche Development Association CLG (no. 52)**

Ms. Aislinn Dunne has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. To maintain the quorum Cllr. Aidan Browne also abstained. These grant applications were unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Ms. Breege Cosgrove      **Seconded:** Ms. Brian Toomey

**DMP Athletics Club (no. 130)**

Mr. Michael O'Brien has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. To maintain the quorum Cllr. Aidan Browne also abstained. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Jer O'Mahoney      **Seconded:** Ms. Breege Cosgrove

**Ramsgrange Men's Group (aka Blokes With Cameras) (No. 7)**

Ms. Sharon Kennedy has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. To maintain the quorum Cllr. Aidan Browne also abstained. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Ms. Breege Cosgrove      **Seconded:** Ms. Aislinn Dunne

**Ryland Wood Residents Association (No. 29)**

Mr. Brian Toomey has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. To maintain the quorum Cllr. Aidan Browne also abstained. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Ms. Bridget Neville      **Seconded:** Ms. Aislinn Dunne

**Raheen Parish Committee (Raheen Community Centre) (No. 161)**

Ms. Breege Cosgrove has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. To maintain the quorum Cllr. Aidan Browne also abstained. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Brian Toomey      **Seconded:** Mr. Michael O'Brien

**Rapparees/Starlights GAA Club (no. 78)**

Cllr. Aidan Browne & Mr. Brian Kehoe have a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. To maintain the quorum Cllr. Anthony Donohoe also abstained. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Jer O'Mahoney      **Seconded:** Mr. John Carr

**Enniscorthy Community Allotments (no. 94) and Moyne Rangers AFC (no. 178)**

Cllr. Aidan Browne has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. To maintain the quorum Cllr. Anthony Donohoe also abstained. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Ms. Aislinn Dunne      **Seconded:** Ms. Bridget Neville

**HFC Band (no. 37)**

Ms. Patricia Delaney has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Ms. Aislinn Dunne      **Seconded:** Mr. Jer O'Mahoney

**Ballyfad Community Centre CLG (no. 157)**

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. John Carr

**Seconded:** Ms. Bridget Neville

**Murrintown Community Centre (no. 44)**

Cllr. Lisa McDonald has a conflict of interest so left the room and abstained from the vote. This grant application was unanimously approved by the Members.

**Proposed:** Mr. Jer O'Mahoney

**Seconded:** Ms. Bridget Neville

The Chairperson requested that a press release be published on the Community Activities Fund grant allocations. The Chief Officer added that if restrictions allow a presentation event could be arranged. Mr. Sweeney noted that publicity must await approval from DRCD.

**7. PPN**

The Chief Officer informed the Members that a proposal to initiate an interim liaison committee with the PPN and LCDC members which would report back to the LCDC had been agreed and the PPN had forwarded names of their representatives. He advised that Mr. Claude Clancy and himself would work with these representatives on this.

Mr. Brian Toomey gave a presentation on Community Development in the area of Apprenticeships. There following some discussion on the topic. The following proposals were unanimously agreed by the Members:

1. Hold an apprentice focused event for employers and students. Work with WWETB, LEO, Chamber of Commerce and possibly link in with the Jobs Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The Chief Officer to work on this.
2. WWETB Roadshow. The Chief Officer and Michael O'Brien to discuss.
3. LCDC to write to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris highlighting the issues identified in the presentation.

**8. Chief Officers Report**

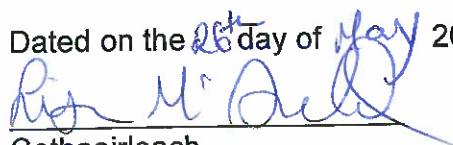
The Chief Officer presented the Chief Officers report and answered any questions members had.

**9. AOB**

None

  
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Chief Officer

Dated on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

  
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