

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY WICKLOW LOCAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 20th FEBRUARY 2019
IN THE GLENVIEW HOTEL.**

Present: Peter Brennan, Niamh Wogan, Chris Hill, Lorraine Hennessy, Brian Carty, Martina Cronin, Mai Quaid, Stephen Fitzgerald, Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Cllr, Mary McDonald, and Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin (Chair).

Apologies: Richard Webb, Pat O'Suilleabhán, Frank Curran, Mags Crean, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Peter Hayden, Vibeke Delahunt and Ray Tedders

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson, Martina Byrne, Cllr. Gerry Walsh, Patricia Reilly, Deirdre Whitfield, Joe O'Brien (Integration Outreach Officer, Immigrant Council of Ireland) for Item 2, and Barbara Mason

Item 1

Grainne McLoughlin began the meeting and added Vibeke Delahunt's apologies as she left after the LAG meeting at 5.10.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting of 16th January 2019 and they were adopted.

Proposed by Chris Hill

Seconded by Niamh Wogan.

Item 2

Joe O'Brien went through his presentation (copy attached), making the following points –

- NGO – charity – with 3,000 to 4,000 queries per year
- 6 actions relate to the LAs
- Integrated strategies will be updated – Migrant Integration went by the wayside - wasn't included in the LECs
- Previous strategies were very broad
- LAs didn't have much power to deal with education etc. and didn't have the resources
- Recommendations – focussing on what the LAs can achieve – libraries, electoral registers etc.
- Intercultural funding is available and small grant schemes
- Community Inclusion – open days with real interaction between migrants and Irish nationals – difficult to get mainstream Irish groups to attend.
- Interaction improves how the Irish view migrants

There followed questions and discussions –

- Grainne McLoughlin wondered if the LCDC could do anything to help, she pointed out that it is great document – she would hate to think it would be just put on a shelf.
- Joe pointed out the importance of choosing simple steps to achieve things rather than trying to go too large with plans.
- Consultation and then engage
- He said the Immigrant Council of Ireland can help develop on-going strategies
- There is scope for the PPNs to play a role
- Deirdre Whitfield told the meeting that we have will hopefully begin the strategy soon – dealing with the Somali immigrants gave a good base. Helen Howes from the PPN is very interested in getting involved
- Grainne pointed out the necessity for stake holders from all sectors to be involved

- Michael Nicholson spoke about the library service – access to grant schemes and a dedicated portion to migrants.
- Peter Brennan said that language classes in the county are working well and we could build on those.
- Martina Cronin spoke about the importance of intercultural training
- Joe has a colleague who provides this type of training
- Lorraine felt that this work couldn't be done in isolation - important to bring in the migrants on it and to get the Irish interested in events e.g. cooking classes as opposed to 'migrant events'
- Deirdre said that they are looking for people interested in joining a steering group and Mai Quaid, Stephen Fitzgerald and Grainne McLoughlin put their names forward for this.
- Grainne asked if perhaps LEADER funding might be available for training and will speak to Alison Keogh about this possibility.

Grainne thanked Joe O'Brien for his presentation and he left the meeting.

Gerry Walsh left the meeting during the discussion – at 5.40pm.

Item 3

National Community Weekend (letter circulated prior to the meeting).

Michael outlined what the proposed weekend was about – that there is funding of €10,000 to each LCDC in relation to proposed community events – over the May bank holiday weekend.

Michael explained that it is intended for an event similar to Streetfeast.

Deirdre explained that Playday has been run along with Streetfeast – there is a very small fund for Playday – and this has improved the take up on Playday. She has met with the organisers of Streetfeast and they will change the date from June to the May bank holiday to be in line with this National Community Weekend. She explained that at the moment there is a proposal to use the fund for promotion and the rest a small grants.

Item 4

SICAP – End of Year Reports 2018

Stephen Fitzgerald informed the meeting that the SICAP Sub-group met each Partnership (LDC) separately on Feb. 12th to discuss all aspects of their end of year reports.

Bray Area Partnership:

Key Performance Indicators:

BAP successfully achieved on both KPIs in relation to (i) No. of Local Community Groups and (ii) No. of Individuals worked with. In total, between April and December 2018 BAP worked with 24 Local Community Groups and 400 Individuals. This was an over-achievement of the original targets set. BAP also exceeded the target set for KPI 2b the indicator focused on working with people from designated disadvantaged areas. Overall 37.16% of their caseload came from designated disadvantaged areas.

Co. Wicklow Partnership:

Key Performance Indicators:

CWP also successfully achieved on both KPIs in relation to (i) No. of Local Community Groups and (ii) No. of Individuals worked with. In total, between April and December 2018 CWP worked with 11 Local Community Groups and 308 Individuals. This represented a slight over-achievement in relation to the number of individuals worked with. The one target which CWP did not fully achieve on was KPI 2b the percentage of individuals to be supported from designated disadvantaged areas. However, CWP informed the Sub-group that they have a plan in place to ensure they will meet this target in 2019.

LDCs' Summary Reports, Narrative Reports and Case Study Reports (as previously circulated to LCDC):

A comprehensive analysis of each of these reports took place at the meetings with the Partnerships. Clarifications were sought on issues arising and the Sub-group passed on advice and

recommendations on how these reports can be improved upon going forward which was taken on board by the Partnerships. Gráinne and Lorraine made the point that while both LDCs are undertaking some high quality work, the written reports submitted don't always properly demonstrate this.

In relation to the Case Study reports submitted in October by Wicklow LDCs to Pobal, it was disappointing to note that neither of Wicklow's reports were of a sufficiently high standard -as assessed by Pobal- to be short-listed or selected for Pobal's upcoming show-casing events. However, the feedback passed onto the LDCs by the SICAP Sub-group together with the additional materials which the LDCs will receive at the Pobal events should assist both LDCs submit higher standard reports in 2019.

It was also agreed that later in the year the LCDC should become more involved in identifying the needs of the two Lot areas for 2020.

Recommendation:

The SICAP Sub-group recommends that the LCDC approve the End of Year Reports for both LDCs.
Bray

Proposed by Martina Cronin
Seconded by Mai Quaid

Wicklow
Proposed by Lorraine Hennessy
Seconded by Mary McDonald

Item 5

Approval of the recipients of the Community Enhancement Grants (sheet with details distributed prior to the meeting)

Michael Nicholson explained that there was a total of €367,921 for 91 different groups. He explained about extra monies becoming available and that Men's Sheds received extra money through this grant. He spoke of the tremendous work being done by the Tidy Towns committees.

The list of recipients were approved by all.

Item 6

Deirdre explained that there was an underspend on one project due to a shortage of volunteers and she asked that the LCDC agreed to use this underspend to extend the Social Prescribing programme.

Brian Carty explained the Social Prescribing project to the committee.

This transfer of funds was approved by the committee.

Item 7

There were no correspondence.

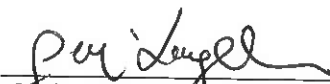
As Any Other Business, Stephen Fitzgerald told the meeting about National Jobs Week – 25th March – holding a careers day and would hope to have 1,000 jobseekers through the door.

There will also be a similar event on 29th March in the Arklow Library and they would hope this would have a large attendance also.

Date for the next meeting – Wednesday 20th March.

Grainne McLoughlin closed the meeting.

Signed


Grainne McLoughlin
Chairperson

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