

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 16TH 2018 IN THE
GLENVIEW HOTEL, WICKLOW**

Present: Richard Webb, Niamh Wogan, Lorraine Hennessy, Brian Carty, Martina Cronin, Mai Quaid, Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Cllr, Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin, and Lindsay Malone.

Apologies: Peter Brennan, Chris Hill, Liam O'Loughlin, Pat O'Suilleabhan, Sheelagh Daly and Stephen Fitzgerald.

In attendance: Michael Nicholson (Chief Officer), Theresa O'Brien, Deirdre Whitfield, Siobhan Mehigan and Barbara Mason.

Item 1 welcome and apologies

Apologies were accepted from Peter Brennan, Chris Hill, Liam O'Loughlin, Pat O'Suilleabhan, Sheelagh Daly and Stephen Fitzgerald.

Item 2 Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 14th November 2017.

Minutes were proposed by Richard Webb and seconded by Lorraine Hennessy. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Item 3 Correspondence and updates and queries

Deirdre Whitfield presented a report on progress on the "Community" goals contained in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). The LCDC members noted the great progress on the various goals. Queries on her report were dealt with by CCSD staff.

The members noted that the Arklow Redz project involved plans to regenerate the Lower main Street part of the town, and involved a new Pottery museum which had the potential to stimulate further activity in the area, with Artisan/Craft outlets. A Health Check on Arklow was also carried out under the Redz scheme.

Cllr. Pat Kennedy congratulated the Director of Services, Michael Nicholson and the staff of CCSD on the number and variety of projects that have been progressed through the section over the last year. He said that the level of involvement of the staff with the community groups in order to get the projects over the line was often underestimated and he wished it to be acknowledged.

RAPID update.

Michael Nicholson gave an update and advised the committee that 2 applications were received from the Bray area for the funding allocation of €64,500.

Bray Family Resource & Development Project – to provide a new roof for Little Bray Community Centre – they requested €64,000 and were awarded €55,250

Ballywaltrim Community Centre – to install new energy efficient LED lights in the Ballywaltrim Community Centre – requested €14,015 and were awarded €9,250.

It was clarified that these are two separate groups active in Bray.

On the proposition of Siobhan Fitzpatrick, seconded by Brian Carty, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the allocation of these two grants to the relevant Municipal District Council, in this case Bray, for final approval, in accordance with the terms of the scheme.

Brian Carty then left the meeting before the update on SICAP

SICAP update

Michael Nicholson updated the meeting

SICAP 1 (2015-2017)

Both Partnerships are finalising their end – of –year reports and these would be ready for the next LCDC meeting in February

SICAP 11 (2017-2022)

The members noted that two outside mentors had been procured and are working with Bray Area Partnership and County Wicklow Partnership to enhance their respective tender documents for re-evaluation by the SICAP sub-group, in accordance with the “Tender Negotiation Procedure” as allowed for under the rules. Both Partnerships are co-operating fully in the process and it is hoped to have the amended documentation ready by the end of February and on the agenda for the March 2018 LCDC meeting for approval. The entire process is likely to cost in the region of €25,000 and an application has been made to the Department to cover the cost of same.

Members stressed the importance of the work of both partnerships and the need for positive working relationships between them and the LCDC

Item 4 Any Other Business

Richard Webb raised the long – awaited Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies which were out for consultation, with a closing date of 2nd February. All members were encouraged to consider the strategy and make submissions by the closing date. The Chair suggested that the LCDC as a body ought to make its own submission and this was agreed.

Signed: Grainne McLoughlin

**Cllr Grainne McLoughlin
Cathaoirleach**

Dated: 13/2/18

