

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MARCH 13TH 2018 IN THE
GLENVIEW HOTEL, WICKLOW**

Present: Peter Brennan, Richard Webb, Niamh Wogan, Chris Hill, Liam O'Loughlin, Pat O'Suilleabhan, Brian Carty, Martina Cronin, Mai Quaid, Frank Curran, Sheelagh Daly, Stephen Fitzgerald, Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr Mary McDonald, Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin and Lindsay Malone.

Apologies: Lorraine Hennessy and Ray Tedders

In attendance: Michael Nicholson (Chief Officer), Theresa O'Brien, Deirdre Whitfield, Patricia Reilly and Cllr. Gerry Walsh.

Item 1 Apologies. Minutes – adoption of minutes of meeting held 13th Feb. 2018. Matters arising/clarifications

Apologies were accepted from Lorraine Hennessy and Ray Tedders

Minutes were proposed by Pat O'Suilleabhan and seconded by Mai Quaid. There were no clarifications requested.

Martina Cronin asked for a change to be made to Page 2, 2nd Paragraph of the minutes – Citizen Information Board to replace the wording County Wicklow Citizens Information Services

Proposal regarding attendance at meetings was circulated to the members and a brief discussion took place around the proposal and whether or not a non-attendee could offer their apologies and if this would still count as a non-attendance. It was decided and agreed by the committee that the policy be adopted and that the issue raised as outlined above would be dealt with at the initial informal contact stage.

The committee were advised that any new membership of the LCDC had to be agreed at Corporate Policy Group.

Item 2 SICAP 2018-2022 tenders - Negotiated Process

Cllr Grainne McLoughlin asked Sheelagh Daly to leave the meeting for this item. Cllr McLoughlin then proposed that in the interests of complete independence, a new evaluation team be put together to assess the resubmitted tender bids. The proposed members of this new team are Sheelagh Daly, Brian Gleeson (head of finance, WCC) and Joe Gilhooley (Chief Officer, Leitrim LCDC).

The assessment will commence on Thursday, March 22nd. Once it has been completed, all LCDC members will be contacted by email asking them to ratify the decision of the Evaluation Team. The members were asked to

reply to this email as soon as they received same, as there were huge time pressures in regard to this.

Grainne said that the outcome of the Evaluation Team's assessment will be final. Their findings will not be referred to the SICAP Evaluation Sub-group unlike the previous process.

Stephen Fitzgerald said that it would be advantageous to the process for a different evaluation team to come in, but sought reassurances that the assessment occurs in a timely manner due to time pressure issue.

Michael Nicholson referred to the significant contribution made by the independent consultants Kathy Walsh and Anna Lee to the negotiated process, and said that the Department have acknowledged the benefits of this approach taken by Wicklow.

The proposal of a new evaluation team, including the proposed members, was approved by the LCDC.

SICAP Case Studies

It was proposed that the Partnerships give succinct case studies on their work to the LCDC going forward. This to be in the form of a verbal report.

Item 3 LECP

Item 4 Community & Development

Item 5 Approval of LCDC Annual Report 2017

It was agreed to take the above 3 agenda items together and in this regard Deirdre Whitfield circulated the LCDC annual report 2017 (copy attached to the minutes) and said that Under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 LCDCs are required to prepare, adopt and submit an annual report to the Local Authority in respect of the performance of its functions in the previous calendar year.

Pat O'Suilleabhan said that the annual report read very well and that it's nice to see work that we do in a format that is easy to follow and understand.

The approval of the LCDC annual report 2017 was proposed by Liam O'Loughlin and seconded by Pat O'Suilleabhan and agreed by the committee

With regard to future funding schemes an indicative schedule of rural development schemes for the coming year was circulated (copy attached)

Item 6 Agency Reports

This is a new item on the agenda going forward and Dr. Stephen Fitzgerald agreed to give a report at the next meeting to be held on 10th April 2018 in respect of the DSP's role on the LCDC.

Item 7

Age friendly strategy – goal 3 on the LECP

Mai Quaid outlined what is contained within the memorandum of understanding with age friendly strategy and under goal 3 of the LECP this agreement has to be ratified by the LCDC

Ratification on the Memorandum of Understanding was agreed unanimously by the committee

Signed: Grainne McLoughlin

**Cllr Grainne McLoughlin
Cathaoirleach**

Dated: 10-4-2018

