

CO. WICKLOW LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING 12TH DECEMBER 2014

Present:

Cllr. Pat Casey, Joseph Collins, Rory Benville, Eddie Sheehy, Martina Cronin, Sheelagh Daly, Maurice Farnan, Chris Hill, Kevin Lewis, Peter Brennan, Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin, Liam O'Loughlin, Judy Osborne, Mai Quaid, Niamh Wogan.

Apologies:

Cllr. Pat Kavanagh, Tom Gregan

In attendance:

Joe Lane, Deirdre Whitfield, Jackie Carroll

Item 1 Adoption of Minutes of 16th September, 2014

The minutes were proposed by Chris Hill and seconded by Rory Benville.

Item 2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 3 Draft Standing Orders

The draft Standing Orders were discussed with particular reference to the suggested changes and comments thereon. The members were advised that these changes did not conform with the regulations and that under S.128 (3) (e) LCDCs must comply with the guidelines. It was reiterated that the meetings are not open to the Media. All committee members are welcome to contact the Chair regarding the preparation of the Agenda. It was agreed that the Standing Orders are to remain as proposed. Judy Osborne will discuss suggested changes with the Department.

A proposed Declaration of Interest form had been previously circulated to the members and this was discussed at length. It was agreed that a working group consisting of Rory Benville, Martina Cronin, Judy Osborne and Joe Lane would examine the suggested format and bring back to the next meeting.

Item 4 Local Economic and Community Plan Work Programme

The members received a comprehensive presentation on the LECP. This is a 5 stage plan :-

- . Preparation
- . Public Consultation
- . Development of the objectives and actions
- . Finalisation of the plan
- . Monitoring and review

The plan will have extensive underlying documentation, be succinct & clear, action focused and impactful and delivery will be through the stakeholders programme.

A number of members requested that a training session be organized to ensure that the Committee had a greater understanding of what was required with regard to the Socio Economic Statement. It was agreed a facilitation day would take place in January and that an invitation to attend be extended to members of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC.

Submissions to the LECP will be accepted to the end of January (date extended from 19th December).

Item 5 Nominations to Advisory Steering Committee (for development of community element of LECP)

The committee agreed, notwithstanding that the regulations are in draft format, that the work of the Advisory Committee would commence. Accordingly, they have recommended the following to sit on the Committee:

Joe Lane (Chief Officer, LCDC)
Tom Murphy (Director of Services, Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC)
Judy Osborne (Environment Sector, LCDC)
Pat Casey (Chair, LCDC)
Joseph Collins (Local & Community Interest, LCDC)
DOS of Planning (or nominee)

It was agreed that additional members could be added as required

Item 6 Work Programme for 2014.

There are three parts to the Work Programme – the LECP, SICAP and LEADER (no detail on this as yet). The LCDC devises strategy and Co. Wicklow Partnership will implement the programmes.

Although the PPNs are essential on the ground to inform the public, not all groups are registered and concern was expressed re communication. It was agreed that a draft communication strategy be drawn up by Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin with Joe Lane and Deirdre Whitfield.

Item 7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 5th February at 10am.