

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th MARCH, 2015**

**Present:** Peter Brennan, Cllr. Pat Casey (Chair), Sheelagh Daly, Maurice Farnan, Tom Gregan, Chris Hill, Cllr. Pat Kavanagh, Kevin Lewis, Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin, Liam O'Loughlin, Judy Osborne, Mai Quaid, Niamh Wogan

**Apologies:** Rory Benville, Martina Cronin, Brian Ogilvie, Eddie Sheehy

**In Attendance:** Michael Nicholson (Chief Officer), Deirdre Whitfield, Jackie Carroll, Patricia Reilly

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**Welcome**

The members welcomed Mr. Michael Nicholson to his new role as Director of Services, Community, Cultural and Social Development and Chief Officer of the LCDC.

**Votes of sympathy**

The members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Ms. Jackie Lewis, daughter of Kevin Lewis and Mrs. Philomena Kavanagh, mother of Cllr. Pat Kavanagh. A minutes silence was observed for the deceased.

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**Item 1          Adoption of Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.**

Adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Grainne McLoughlin and seconded by Tom Gregan.

**Item 2          Matters Arising**

**Communication Plan for LCDC**

Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin circulated and presented the draft Communication Plan to the members.

The purpose of the plan is to set out the communication requirements for the LCDC and how communication will be undertaken. The Plan includes such measures as purpose of communication, timelines for communication and

methods of communication e.g. Wicklow.ie, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Countywise.

A brief discussion ensued with the importance of utilising the PPN to distribute information being emphasised due to the perceived lack of knowledge in the community. It was agreed to distribute information to the Community Grant applicants also.

It was noted that the draft minutes could not be made available on the Council website prior to adoption. It was agreed, however, that the system in use in some other Local Authorities, whereby 'notes' from the meeting are made available on the website, will be examined with a view to implementing a similar system in Wicklow.

The members thanked Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin and Deirdre Whitfield on their work in preparing the draft Plan.

Adoption of the Communication Plan was proposed by Tom Gregan and seconded by Mai Quaid.

### **Item 3        SICAP**

Deirdre Whitfield advised that the tender process period was now complete and congratulated Co. Wicklow Partnership and Bray Partnership on their success.

The members were given a comprehensive overview of the process which will now take place, detailing budgets, administration and the oversight role of the LCDC in the process.

It was noted that the budgets were reduced by 15% which will impact on service delivery. Funding will be channelled through the Council on a quarterly basis.

It was agreed that Co. Wicklow Partnership and Bray Partnership will give presentations on their Action Plans at the next meeting.

### **Item 4        LECP**

Deirdre Whitfield updated the members on the current status of the LECP, advising that the consultants, Future Analytics Ltd., have now been appointed to analyse the profile and complete the economic element of the plan.

**Item 5 LCDC Work Programme**

The Department has announced invitation to Express Interest for the LEADER programme with closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. It was noted that the recommendation from the Department is that in most cases the LCDC shall be the Local Action Group (LAG) with Co. Wicklow Partnership as the implementing body.

It was noted that further clarity is awaited from the Department on procedures.

**Item 6 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.