

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30th APRIL, 2015**

Present: Peter Brennan, Cllr. Pat Casey (Chair), Sheelagh Daly, Chris Hill, Cllr. Pat Kavanagh, Kevin Lewis, Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin, Liam O'Loughlin, Judy Osborne, Mai Quaid, Bryan Doyle, Niamh Wogan, Ailish Delaney (for Brian Ogilvie)

Apologies: Rory Benville, Martina Cronin, Brian Ogilvie, Maurice Farnan, Tom Gregan

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

Welcome

The members welcomed Mr. Bryan Doyle to his new role as Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council and wished retired Chief Executive, Mr. Eddie Sheehy and his family best wishes for his retirement.

Item 1 Adoption of Minutes of 26th March 2015.

Adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Grainne McLoughlin and seconded by Mai Quaid.

Item 2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 3 SICAP - Presentation by Partnerships

Bray Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership gave comprehensive presentations on the programmes delivered under the SICAP. Cllr. Pat Casey thanked them for an interesting presentation which highlighted the value of the services delivered by them. The committee agreed that the presentations were very helpful.

Item 4 LEADER

Frank D'Arcy and Siobhan Geoghegan from Co. Wicklow Partnership (CWP) gave a comprehensive presentation on the LEADER programme.

Expression of Interest

The deadline for the submission of the expression of interest is 15th May. Frank D'Arcy advised the Committee that it was agreed by the board of Co. Wicklow Partnership that Co. Wicklow LCDC and Co. Wicklow Partnership will make a joint expression of interest.

The Chair, Cllr. Pat Casey, reiterated that the LCDC and the CWP will work together as the LAG. It was noted that there are concerns around this and to address these concerns a Memorandum of Understanding will be drawn up when the roles are more clearly defined. The Chief Officer, Michael Nicholson, advised that the joint approach will ensure a strong submission. He noted also that there is a good working relationship between the Co. Wicklow LCDC and the CWP and that the Memorandum of Understanding will be a critical component of this working relationship. He advised that the CWP will implement the programme and the LCDC will have an overseeing role.

It was noted that, although he would support the proposal, reservations were expressed by Liam O'Loughlin. Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin stated that the programme implementer must sign up to the Code of Governance.

To comply with the 51%/49% rule, Sheelagh Daly and Cllr. Pat Casey were excused (public sector) and due to conflict of interest, Peter Brennan and Frank D'Arcy were excused. Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin took the Chair for the ratification of the proposal.

The proposal to make a joint submission as Co. Wicklow LCDC and Co. Wicklow Partnership was proposed by Kevin Lewis and seconded by Cllr. Pat Kavanagh.

Item 5 Adoption of Annual Report

Concerns were expressed that the Annual Report had not been circulated in a timely fashion and the Committee were expected to adopt it. It was suggested that this item be deferred until next meeting but following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee would proceed with the adoption of the Report on the proviso that this does not set a precedent and that in future all documentation be circulated 3 clear days before meeting.

It was noted that Judy Osborne did not support proceeding with the adoption of the Annual Report on this basis.

Item 6 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting

To be decided.