

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

**Present:** Rory Benville ,Peter Brennan, Cllr. Pat Casey (Chair), Chris Hill, Maurice Farnan, , Martina Cronin, Kevin Lewis, Liam O'Loughlin, Mai Quaid, Bryan Doyle, Niamh Wogan

**Apologies:** Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin, Cllr. Pat Kavanagh, Judy Osborne, Joseph Collins , Brian Ogilvie, Tom Gregan

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

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**Item 1                      Adoption of Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Mai Quaid and seconded by Peter Brennan.

**Item 2                      Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Item 3                      LECP**

DW advised that she had attended meeting in the Department that morning. The Socio Economic Statement has been sent to the stakeholders and consultation has been undertaken by the Municipal Districts and the PPN. Date for consultation has been extended to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the report from the consultants will be circulated.

The Department has indicated that it is acceptable if timeline for completion of plan is extended to January/February – this was welcomed by the members as it will allow further monitoring and evaluation which will result in more directed actions.

The recent public consultation meetings were discussed with particular reference to the lack of community engagement which was disappointing. This will be addressed by incorporating online Survey Monkeys and utilising the Social Media sites to further engage.

It is intended that the plan will be written by the end of September and rolled out to the MDs, the Regional Assemblies and the public. The plan will incorporate an executive summary, the main body of the plan and appendices.

LCDC workshops will take place in the coming weeks. The LCDC will influence the drafting of the plan and it was emphasised how everyone must consider their role in implementation as each action will have an implementer.

The members welcomed the news that Helen Howes, PPN Development Worker has had her hours extended to 23 from 10 and is employed with Wicklow Travellers Group. This will greatly facilitate the work of the PPN and the consultation process.

#### **Item 4                    SICAP**

PR circulated the update on SICAP advising that the 3 month tranche of funding had been received and redistributed to the programme implementers. Outputs will be circulated at the next meeting. It was suggested that a subgroup of the LCDC be set up to undertake the monitoring role.

#### **Item 5                    Any Other Business**

DW advised that workshops are planned for August and the members will be advised when details are finalised.

The members congratulated the Chairperson, Cllr. Pat Casey on his forthcoming nuptials to Sonia Shortt and the Chief Officer made a presentation on behalf of the LCDC. Cllr. Casey thanked the members for their good wishes and the presentation.

#### **Date of next meeting**

To be agreed in September.