

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 2nd DECEMBER 2020
AT 2.00p.m. via Zoom**

Present: Jason Mulhall, Brian Carty, Philip Beck, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, Peter Brennan, Lorraine Hennessy, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Vibeke Delahunt, Frank Quaid, Stephen Fitzgerald, Tom Byrne, Siobhan Fitzpatrick

Apologies: Jim Ruttle, Clare Power, Frank Curran, Pat O'Suilleabhan and Amanda Mooney

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson (CO), Martina Byrne, Maire Halvey Hannah Grene and Barbara Mason

Item 1 Welcome & Apologies and minutes of meeting of 7th October 2020

Pat Kennedy welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave apologies for those members unable to attend. He included apologies from Amanda Mooney who is the new member representing the Farming Pillar, who unfortunately is unable to attend today. He offered the committee's condolences to Stephen Fitzgerald on the passing of his father recently.

The minutes of the meeting of 7th October were adopted as there were no matters arising.
Proposed by Lorraine Hennessy
Seconded by Peir Leonard

Item 2 Presentation of the Wicklow Migrant Integration Strategy.

Pat Kennedy welcomed Hannah Grene from Barncat Consulting who attended the meeting to do a presentation of the Wicklow Migrant Integration Strategy to the committee. The presentation had previously been emailed to the members, explaining that the actions in this draft are suggested actions arising from consultations etc. and suggested implementation agencies. The committee were request to look at them and consider

- (i) if their organisation can contribute to the implementation of any of the actions
- (ii) if their organisation can take a lead in the implementation of any of the actions
- (iii) if there is an action that is not included but could/should be
- (iv) what they think the next steps should be for the implementation of this strategy

Some of the members wish to go back to their organisations for discussion and consideration and will contact Deirdre Whitfield with any feedback.

Siobhan Fitzpatrick, representing the HSE congratulated Hannah, saying that this strategy would be very important within the HSE with regard to know where the migrants are situated and their needs. She will also discuss this with her colleagues within the HSE.

There was a discussion regarding the provision centre located in Rossmore, in Ashford and the problems they are having with regard to isolation etc.

Dermot O'Brien felt that the Youth Council would be very interested in this strategy and could play a role with the younger members of the immigrant families.

Deirdre pointed out that this is a strategy – a work in progress – not a final report and that the feedback from the committee would be important in terms of the input from various agencies.

Item 3 SICAP

Update from LCDC SICAP Sub-group

Stephen Fitzgerald gave the update on behalf of the sub-group

SICAP Annual Plans 2021:

Both Partnerships have submitted their draft Annual Plans 2021. These will now be reviewed and feedback will be provided to the PIs. Final approval of the Plans by the LCDC does not occur until February 2021 as this is done in conjunction with approval of the End of Year Reports. It is proposed that both PIs will present their Annual Plans 2021 at the January LCDC meeting.

Audits 2019

In September Wicklow County Council's Internal Auditors carried out audits of the 2019 SICAP Programmes of both Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership. The audit reports containing the auditor's recommendations have since been sent to the Partnerships for their comments with a return date of December 4th. Once returned, the comments will be reviewed by the auditors, the SICAP Sub-group and Wicklow County Council's Internal Audit Committee. The final reports will be brought to the LCDC in the new year.

Pat Kennedy thanked Stephen for his report.

Item 4 LECP updates

Deirdre Whitfield explained to the group that the committee had been emailed the LECP updates and that as the Migrant Integration Strategy presentation had taken up quite an amount of the meeting, she would not go through it.

Item 5 Community Enhancement Programme 2020 – tranche 2

Maire Halvey explained to the members that 79 applicants were to receive a total of €150,000. The list was distributed to the members prior to the commencement of the meeting for their approval. Pat Kennedy expressed the feeling that 2020 was certainly a year when groups needed funding.

Proposed by Dermot O'Brien
Seconded by Vibeke Delahunt

Item 6 Community Mental Health Fund – small grants scheme

Michael explained this grant scheme and that €30,000 in funding was being given out over 10 projects. The list had also been distributed to the members prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Proposed by Melanie Corrigan
Seconded by Dermot O'Brien

Item 7 AOB & Correspondence

Deirdre Whitfield updated the committee with the following information -

Under the Healthy Ireland Fund, Wicklow County Council has received €67,225 to help with the 'Keep Well' campaign. This is a national campaign, part of the government plan for 'Living with COVID-19' focused on 5 major themes:

- **Keeping Active & Being Outdoors** – even during winter it is important to help physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- **Keeping in Contact** – staying connected with people and addressing isolation as person-to-person connection is important to our wellbeing
- **Switching Off and Being Creative** - Switching Off and Being Creative or learning something new, getting back to nature and finding ways to relax
- **Eating Well** – by nourishing your mind and body we can positively impact our physical and mental wellbeing.

- **Minding Your Mood** – relaxation, mindfulness and asking for help if needed.

This is a call to action to everyone in the county. It is an invitation to individuals, communities, voluntary groups, sporting organisations, those involved in creativity, the arts, local heritage and history, businesses, as well as local and national government to find ways to support everyone to discover new activities and routines that will do us good.

Item 8 Date for next meeting

The next meeting will be in January 2021 and the date will be circulated once it has been decided.

Pat Kennedy closed the meeting.

Signed: Pat Kennedy
Pat Kennedy.
Cathaoirleach

Date: 27th January 2021

