

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2019 IN THE GLENVIEW HOTEL AT 4.00 p.m.

Present: Peter Brennan, Richard Webb, Niamh Wogan, Tom Byrne, Pat O'Suilleabhan, Lorraine Hennessy, Martina Cronin, Mai Quaid, Frank Curran, Vibeke Delahunt, Stephen Fitzgerald, Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Pat Kennedy, Dermot O'Brien, Peir Leonard, Melanie Corrigan and Clare Power.

Apologies: Chris Hill and Brian Carty.

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson (CO), Deirdre Whitfield (WCC), Patricia Reilly (WCC) Martina Byrne (WCC), Gerry Walsh (Chair of Economic SPC-observing) and Barbara Mason (WCC).

Part 1 Welcome & Apologies

Pat Kennedy welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave apologies for those unable to attend.

Item 2 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting of 16th October 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 16th October 2019 were noted, with no matters arising.

Proposed by Mai Quaid

Seconded by Pat O'Suilleabhan

Item 3 SICAP updates

(i) SICAP Annual Plan 2020- Presentations from LDCs: Peter presented on Bray Area Partnership's SICAP Annual Plan 2020 followed by Q&A. Copies of presentation distributed to members. Co. Wicklow Partnership will present at January LCDC meeting.

(ii) SICAP Sub-group Update Report from Stephen Fitzgerald (Chair): -SICAP Annual Plans 2020: In advance of November deadline both LDCs invited submissions and input from LCDC members. On November 22nd both Companies submitted their draft SICAP Annual Plans onto IRIS and these have been distributed to members by email. The Plans will now be reviewed and will need to be finally approved by the LCDC/SICAP Sub-group by end February, a process which will take place in parallel with approval of the 2019 End of Year Reports. All LDCs across the country were given a 3% increase in their SICAP budget for 2020. Budget for Bray Area Partnership SICAP Programme 2020 is: €733,455. Budget for Co. Wicklow Partnership SICAP Programme 2020 is: €620,294

(iii) Publicity Protocol: As the SICAP Programme Requirements requires that a local publicity protocol be agreed between the LCDC and the PI, Wicklow LCDC and both PIs agreed the following protocol: "That Local Development Company Bray Area Partnership (Programme Implementer for Lot 15-1)/ Co. Wicklow Partnership (Programme Implementer for Lot 15-2) agrees to proof all of their SICAP related and funded/part-funded publicity documentation against the publicity requirements contained within the SICAP Programme Requirements document in advance of all publication. This refers to advertisements, press releases, printed articles, banners, brochures, reports, information leaflets/fliers, newsletters, update bulletins/ebulletins and all other similar documentation. Samples of all will be kept on file by the LDC for Wicklow County Council's auditor to undertake a check that all such requirements have been met when undertaking annual visits."

(iv) Sub-contractors 2019: As the 2019 SICAP Programme comes to a close, both LDCs now have their final list of sub-contractors used this year. As per the Sub-contractors protocol agreed between Wicklow LCDC and both PIs back in April, each Company brought their final list of sub-contractors before the LCDC today for their information and oversight. As per the protocol, the local authority auditor will then do an overall check that all requirements are met during their annual audit visits.

(v) Distanced Travelled Tool: Michael brought members attention to the Powerpoint presentation distributed with the minutes on the SICAP Distance Travelled Tool. This tool is currently at pilot stage but will be rolled out nationally to all LDCs later in the year to be used with individual clients to chart their progress through the SICAP Programme.

Item 4 LECP updates

Deirdre Whitfield went through her update on the following items under Goal 1:

- Rural Regeneration Development Fund 2019 applications
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2019 applications
- CLAR 2019 applications
- Outdoor Recreation 2019 applications

Under Goal 2 she reported on:

- Age Friendly
- Comhairle na nÓg
- PPN

Under Goal 3 she gave updates on:

- Healthy Wicklow Strategy
- Co. Wicklow Food & Beverage Strategy
- Digital Strategy
- Migrant Integration Strategy
- RSES

And under Goal 4 she spoke about the launch of the National Social Enterprise Strategy which had been launched in July 2019 and what it focused on.

She explained that LECP 2016 – 2022 guidelines are to issue soon on the review of the LECP.

Martina Cronin left the meeting at 4.45

Lorraine Hennessy left the meeting at 5.00

Clare Power told the meeting that Wicklow Campus in Clermont will be running a 4 day programme for a certificate in Building Capacity and Enhancing Leadership in Intercultural Understanding and Diversity in February 2020.

Pat Kennedy and Frank Curran spoke about the large projects coming on stream and the challenges they bring with regard to finding match funding.

Item 5 PPN

There was news of additional funding for PPN support workers – provision in Local Authority 2020 Budgets.

Mai Quaid spoke about a pilot of PPN Community Well Being – now in a booklet, which she handed out.

And also about proposing a Social Inclusion week in November 2020

– she distributed booklets to the committee for the 'Think Ahead' project and told of a 'free will week' during the Social Inclusion week.

Niamh Wogan explained that this has to be partially funded – and hoped this could be done through the community awards scheme.

Mai thanked the councillors for all their support and she thanked Richella Wood for all her help and hard work.

Pat Kennedy thanked Mai, saying she was an inspiration of energy.

Item 6 Correspondence

Michael Nicholson told the committee about an email received from the Department of Rural and Community Development regarding the recent LCDC networking event. The email stated that there was a very poor attendance on the day and that LCDC members and LA staff in the country, who had registered but had not attended and that they were disappointed with the attendance level.

Item 7 Any Other Business

Pat Kennedy thanked Co. Wicklow Partnership and Bray Area Partnership for the work they do and thanked the committee and those volunteering. He also thanked Martina Byrne and Barbara Mason for their work organising the meetings.

Item 8 Date of next meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Signed: Pat Kennedy
Pat Kennedy.
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Date: 22/1/2022

