

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 16th OCTOBER 2019 IN THE GLENVIEW HOTEL AT
4.00 p.m.**

Present: Peter Brennan Richard Webb, Niamh Wogan, Tom Byrne, Pat O'Suilleabhan, Lorraine Hennessy, Brian Carty, Mai Quaid, Stephen Fitzgerald Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, Cllr. Peir Leonard and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan.

Apologies: Chris Hill, Martina Cronin, Frank Curran, Vibeke Delahunt, Clare Power.

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson (CO), Deirdre Whitfield (WCC), Patricia Reilly (QCC) Martina Byrne (WCC), Carol Whelan (WCC) and Barbara Mason (WCC).

Part 1 Welcome & Apologies

Pat Kennedy opened the meeting and welcomed everybody, especially the new PPN representative, Tom Byrne.

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 Dermot O'Brien
Seconded by Peir Leonard.

Item 3 To consider the final report on the Review of LCDCs, July 2019 (Attached)

This document had been circulated to the members of the committee prior to the meeting. Michael Nicholson spoke about it, going through the key findings.

To note publication of "Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities" – a five year strategy to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland 2019-2024. (Attached)

This document had been circulated prior to the meeting and Michael went through it.

There was a discussion regarding a recent PPN workshop/information session regarding the review and the need for training for LCDCs and the fact that the Department staff have now been in situ for a while now and that a working relationship is now possible.

Mai Quad asked if it would be possible for the committee to see some of the projects currently in hand and Michael told her that this is something being organised.

Item 4 SICAP updates

SICAP Update:

(i) Mid-Year Reports

2019 Mid-Year Reports of both LDCs were approved on behalf of the LCDC by the SICAP Sub-group in July.

(ii) Annual Plans 2020

LDCs have begun working on their SICAP Annual Plans 2020. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are unchanged from 2019 and the emerging needs target group will continue to be Substance Misusers.

(iii) Meeting with Pobal

SICAP Sub-group met with Pobal Development Co-ordinator Aileen Gilchrist on October 15th to discuss progress to date. Aileen also presented social inclusion analysis data for Co. Wicklow.

(iv) SICAP Audits

Local Government Audit Service will be carrying out an audit of SICAP in Wicklow from Dec. 11th to Dec. 17th including a site visit to Co. Wicklow Partnership. Michael also explained that going forward Wicklow County Council will be responsible for carrying out annual SICAP audits in both LDCs.

Item 5 LECP updates

Deirdre distributed a copy of her report on the updates (copy attached) and outlined it for the committee.

With regard to Comhairle Na nÓg she spoke about a Drugs Attitude Survey which is being conducted, which focuses on attitudes towards drugs and informed the committee that the AGM will take place on 15th November.

Dermot O'Brien added that the Wicklow Comhairle Na nÓg excels and is seen as a model committee. He also explained that a member of Comhairle Na nÓg will sit on the Climate Change SPC.

With regard to the AGM on 15th he said they expect approximately 110 – 150 attending from all the schools across the County.

Deirdre asked the committee for two volunteers from the committee to go on an LCDC sub-group and Siobhan Fitzpatrick and Niamh Wogan volunteered.

Item 6 Healthy Ireland Round 3

Deirdre gave a update on Healthy Ireland.

She explained the actions completed in Round 2 using the €75,000 received by Wicklow LCDC.

She told the committee that Wicklow LCDC and Wicklow CYPSC have jointly submitted an application for Round 3 funding and are awaiting approval.

(Healthy Ireland updated attached).

Pat Kennedy congratulated Dermot O'Brien on the great work he does with the youth. He also thanked Deirdre Whitfield, speaking about the amount of funding applied for and received and allocated. He thanked Michael Nicholson and his staff for their hard work.

Item 7 Consideration of the Community Enhancement Programme/Men's Sheds applications 2019.

Michael informed the meeting that the second round of funding under the Community Enhancement Programme, had been designated for Men's and Women's Sheds. The list of applicants in receipt of the grants had been circulated prior to the meeting (copy attached).

Proposed by Lorraine Hennessy

Seconded by Pat O'Suilleabhain.

Item 8 Any Other Business

Pat Kennedy informed the committee that he had issued a letter to Bray Partnership in regard to them applying, along with South Patrnership, Dunlaoghaire, for funding under the Dormant Accounts Funding Scheme. They have applied for €50,000 for a joint Training and Mentoring Scheme for established enterprises, to run from January to June. They have not received confirmation of the funding as yet.

Pat Kennedy suggested having a photograph taken of the new board following the next meeting. He proposed inviting the recipients of the Community Enhancement Programme/Men's Sheds grants to attend after that meeting for a presentation of the cheques.

Mai Quaid spoke about the fact that while there are 4 cllrs on the committee, there are non representing the west of the county and that once she retires from the committee at the end of 2020, there will be nobody from the west on it at all. She said that she knows the Department won't allow 5 cllrs on the committee.

Pat replied that he is award of this but that due to the way the cllrs. are elected to the various committees, he can't do anything about this fact unfortunately.

Michael made the suggestion that when Mai retires, we could ask the PPN to put forward somebody from the west of the county in her place.

Tom Byrne said there is a similar problem with regard to the Wicklow Uplands Council.

Item 9 Correspondence, Circulars and Date of next meeting

There were no correspondence or circulars for consideration.

The next meeting was set for 20th November, following the LAG meeting which will commence at 4.00 p.m.

Pat Kennedy closed the meeting.

Signed: Pat Kennedy.
Pat Kennedy.
Cathaoirleach

Date: 10/12/19

