

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020  
AT 4.00p.m. by means of Zoom**

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

**Apologies:** Clare Power, Frank Curran and Siobhan Fitzpatrick

**In Attendance:** Michael Nicholson (CO), Martina Byrne, Cllr. Gerry Walsh, Patricia Reilly, Maire Halvey and Barbara Mason

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**Item 1 Welcome & Apologies**

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

**Item 2 Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Pat asked if everybody was happy to adopt the minutes of the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and there were no matters arising.

Proposed by Lorraine Hennessy

Seconded by Brian Carty.

**Item 3 Welcome and introduction of new committee members.**

Pat welcomed the four new members to the committee, all representing the PPN

Jason Mulhall – PPN Environment

Frank Quaid – PPN Social Inclusion

Philip Beck – PPN Social Inclusion

Jim Ruttle – PPN Community & Voluntary

Pat gave a brief outline of their backgrounds and the sector of the PPN each represented. He then asked each of the four members to speak briefly about their situations.

Pat said it was great to have new members with such huge experience.

**Item 4 Election of Vice Chairperson**

Pat Kennedy called for nominees and as there was only one nominee put forward, Pat deemed Frank Quaid to be the new Vice Chair

Proposed by Jim Ruttle

Seconded by Jason Mulhall

Frank accepted the nomination and thanked the committee for their confidence in him.

**Item 5 SICAP**

**Update from LCDC SICAP Sub-group**

**SICAP annual report 2019**

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

- *SICAP 2020 Mid-Year Review*: Both LDCs fulfilled all the necessary requirements in relation to the mid-year review and the reports are now fully approved by the LCDC.

*-Progress on 2020 Annual Plans:* Both Partnerships continue to implement their 2020 annual workplans supporting the needs of the SICAP target groups, notwithstanding the issues and difficulties arising from Covid-19. The restrictions have resulted in most SICAP support services now being provided by telephone, email and video conferencing or where this is not appropriate on a one-to-one basis in line with safety precautions. LDCs said that despite the challenges which Covid has posed their SICAP teams have been coping well.

*-Case Studies 2020:* CWP already circulated. BAP to be circulated.

*-Annual Plans 2021:* Guidance has been circulated to both programme implementers in relation to the development of SICAP Annual Plans 2021. As per the SICAP Programme Requirements, LCDC members can reach out to the Partnerships in relation to any specific target groups or communities which they may be aware require additional engagement or supports.

*-CWP Sub-contractors:* CWP's list of 2020 SICAP sub-contractors was circulated to the LCDC and approved. Members' queries were addressed in relation to how sub-contractors are selected by the LDCs.

*-SICAP National Annual Report 2019:* Circulated to all. Members were recommended to review it as it contains detail on the projects, initiatives and supports resourced through the SICAP programme across Ireland last year.

Pat Kennedy thanked Stephen for his report.

#### **Item 6 LECP updates**

Deirdre Whitfield gave her update on the Community Actions, as per the circulated report. She explained what the LECP is and how the LCDC relates to it. She mentioned that Cllr. Gerry Walsh is the Chair of the economic group and as such, attends the LCDC/LAG meetings to maintain a link between both. She also spoke about the PPN and their report from September 2020.

There was a discussion around the Comhairle AGM and the difficulties because of Covid 19 and also about Food Poverty and Covid 19. Deirdre explained that there will be a questionnaire distributed on this issue in the near future.

Pat Kennedy thanked Deirdre for her very in depth report and acknowledge the huge amount of work which goes into the various schemes dealt with. He asked Gerry Walsh if he would like to speak on this subject also, as chair of the Economic committee. Gerry echoed what Pat had said about the worked being undertaken by Deirdre and the staff involved. He said Wicklow has been very successful in gaining funding but spoke of the issue it brings with regard to finding match funding. There was a general discussion surrounding the various projects ongoing at present.

#### **Item 7 Any Other Business**

Michael Nicolson introduced Máire Halvey, explaining that Máire had headed up the assessment team for the Community Enhancement Programme 2020 – Tranche 1 - applications.

The list of recipients was then circulated by email and Vibeke put it on the screen for all members to read through prior to approval by the group. There was a discussion regarding the list and Máire explained how the decision was reached with regard to those receiving grants. She explained that groups who didn't get awarded a grant would go forward for consideration in Tranche 2.

The list was approved

Proposed by Dermot O'Brien

Seconded by Melanie Corrigan.

There was no further AOB.

**Item 8 Date for next meeting**

It was decided that it would be unlikely there would be a meeting in November and so the next meeting will possibly be December. Date and time will be circulated at a later date.

Pat Kennedy closed the meeting.

Signed: Pat Kennedy  
Pat Kennedy.  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

