

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON  
17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 IN THE ARKLOW BAY HOTEL**

**Present:** Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Cllr John Snell, Michael Nicholson, Liz Wall, Amanda Mooney, Carina Holmes, Patrick O'Driscoll, Peter Brennan, Tom Cavanagh, Vibeke Delahunt, Linda Lambert, Vibeke Delahunt, Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Fionnuala Curry

**Apologies:** Cllr Dermot O'Brien, Oisín Jordan, Imelda Halton, Eileen Cullen, Stephen Fitzgerald

**In Attendance:** Máire Halvey, Anne Marie Kelly, Lia Reynolds, Patricia Reilly

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**Item 1 Welcome and Apologies**

Melanie welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the apologies.

**Item 2 Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were adopted, with no matters arising.

*Proposed by: Michael Nicholson*

*Seconded by: Cllr Peir Leonard*

**Item 3 SICAP Update Report**

Patricia Reilly gave the following SICAP update:

**Annual Plans 2026:** At recent LCDC meetings members were informed that the deadline for the Local Development Companies to finalise and submit their 2026 Annual Plans was December 12<sup>th</sup>. However, in advance of this deadline we were informed by the Department that there has been a delay in issuing SICAP Budgets for next year due to the Government's Revised Estimates Volumes not yet being published. They expect to be in a position to issue the budget information this week at which stage they will also provide confirmation of an extension to the submission date for the 2026 SICAP annual plans to ensure that the Local Development Companies and LCDCs have adequate time to complete all of the documentation and checks necessary.

**Item 5 SING update**

Melanie confirmed that there will be a SING update available to give the committee in the beginning of 2026.

**Item 6 LECP Update**

Máire Halvey gave an update on the LECP as follows:

**CLÁR** – Funding confirmed last month. €408,658 has been granted to eight projects under the CLÁR 2025 initiative.

The eight projects in County Wicklow receiving funding are as follows:

- Rathcoyle National School: installation of play area at the front of school - €91,692
- Ballymanus Community Field: reconfigure the existing building to incorporate a gym - €100,000
- Knockananna GAA: Installation of lighting on the community walkway and access gates to the grounds - €45,000
- Askanagap Community Hall: installation of solar panels, storage heaters and fencing - €36,675
- Knockananna Amenity Area: Refurbishment of the playground - €64,351
- Knockananna Community Hall: Resurface the area at rear of facility - €15,750
- Rathcoyle National School: Laying astro turf at the pitch goal mouths - €15,323
- Ballymanus Community Field: Purchase of robotic lawn mower, fencing and goal post netting - €39,867

**Local Enhancement Programme** – 2026 funding was announced 5<sup>th</sup> December. County Wicklow has received €199,043.66 as part of the €7million nationwide funding. Applications will open on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Community Awards Scheme** small grants will also open for applications in early 2026.

### **Item 7      Any other business**

Cllr Peir Leonard raised the issue of pathways to employment for young adults with disabilities.

Melanie proposed connecting with the Workability Programme.

Linda described a pilot initiative currently underway in the East Wicklow Youth Service that supports neurodiverse individuals up to age 25 in accessing employment.

Vibeke noted that the Clermont Screen Hub offers programmes designed to introduce people to the film industry and will share further details.

### **Item 8      Date for next meeting**

The next meeting was provisionally scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

Signed: Melanie Corrigan

**Cllr. Melanie Corrigan  
Cathaoirleach**

Date: 25/2/26.