

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 via ZOOM

**Present:** Peter Brennan, Jim Ruttle, Frank Quaid, Stephen Fitzgerald, Brian Carty, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Patrick Mboci, Pat Ó'Súilleabháin, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Aisling Heffernan, Tom Byrne, Brian Gleeson, Eileen Cullen, Amanda Mooney, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Jason Mulhall and Vibeke Delahunt.

**Apologies:** Lorraine Hennessy.

**In Attendance:** Michael Nicholson (CO), Martina Byrne, Deirdre Whitfield, Kay O'Connor (Co. Wicklow Partnership), Jennifer Darcy (Bray Area Partnership), Patricia Reilly, Cllr. Tom Fortune and Barbara Mason.

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## **Item 1 Welcome & Apologies**

Cllr. Pat Kennedy welcomed everybody to the meeting, introducing the two new members, Brian Gleeson, A/CE for WCC and Patrick Mboci who represents PPN, replacing Philip Beck. He gave Lorraine Hennessy's apologies.

## **Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 was adopted with no matters arising.  
Proposed by Pat Ó'Súilleabháin  
Seconded by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan

## **Item 2 SICAP update**

Pa Kennedy introduced Jennifer Darcy and Kay O'Connor.

**Annual Plans 2022:** Both Partnerships presented their Annual Plans 2022. Each presentation was extremely comprehensive and gave LCDC members a good overview of the work planned for the coming year. Members were very complimentary of the SICAP work being carried out by both organisations and looked forward to working collaboratively with them in the future.

Stephen then updated the LCDC that these Plans have also been assessed by the SICAP Sub-group and by Pobal and meet all of the criteria required. Before moving onto approving the annual plans, the LCDC approved the financial budgetary split per Goal in each of the Annual Plans as they are marginally outside the Pobal recommended split of Goal 1 at 40% and Goal 2 at 60%. Bray Area Partnership's split is as follows: Goal 1 at 39.58% and Goal 2 at 60.42%.

This was proposed by Cllr Dermot O'Brien and seconded by Cllr Melanie Corrigan.

For Co. Wicklow Partnership the split is Goal 1 at 36.89% and Goal 2 at 63.11%.

This was approved by Pat Ó'Súilleabháin and seconded by Vibeke Delahunt.

The LCDC then formally approved both Annual Plans 2022.

This was proposed by Cllr Dermot O'Brien and seconded by Cllr Peir Leonard.

**End of Year Review 2021:** Performance last year was very strong and is testament to the hard work of the SICAP staff in both Partnerships especially given the constraints presented by the ongoing pandemic. They achieved this performance through a mix of direct face to face work, virtual connections, collaborations with other organisations and by meeting with groups in their communities. Both Partnerships also over-achieved on all of their key performance targets and kept their budget

spend to within the parameters allowed. Pobal are also satisfied with the performance of both Partnerships last year and have recommended that the LCDC approve both reports.

Approval of the End of Year Reports was proposed by Cllr Melanie Corrigan and seconded by Vibeke Delahunt.

### **Item 3 LECP updates**

Deirdre Whitfield presented the Local Economic and Community Plans – Guidelines 2021, explaining that this sets out the six year objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the relevant Local Authority area. She outlined the framework LECPs, and the process of developing the plan. The LCDC has the remit for developing the community element of the plan.

Pat Kennedy acknowledged the large amount of work which had gone into this. There was a general discussion and Deirdre explained that the process is open for inputs.

### **Item 4 Any Other Business**

Peter Brennan, Bray Area Partnership, noted the recent Request for Tender (RFT) issued by the Dept. of Social Protection (DSP) for the provision of the new Local Area Employment Service (LAES). The new LAES will replace the current Local Employment Service operated by BAP for the past 25 years. The RFT involves an open tendering process which will see community based not for profit organisations, such as BAP, competing with private for profit operators from Ireland and overseas. This may have implications for the types of organisations and people providing employment support services to the very long-term unemployed and those furthest from the labour market.

### **Item 5 Date of next meeting.**

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**Pat Kennedy.**  
**Cathaoirleach**

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