

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2023 at 3.45pm via zoom

Present: Peter Brennan, Frank Quaid, Amanda Mooney, Carina Holmes, Lorraine Hennessy, Brian Carty, Patrick Mboci, Brian Gleeson, Vibeke Delahunt, Aisling Heffernan, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, Cllr. Peir Leonard and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan.

Apologies: Jason Mulhall, Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Jim Ruttle, Stephen Fitzgerald and Eileen Cullen.

Attending: Michael Nicholson (CO), Patricia Reilly, Deirdre Whitfield, Patricia Carmody and Barbara Mason.

Item 1 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr. Pat Kennedy welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave the apologies. He introduced Carina Holmes as the new member representing the Community and Voluntary sector for the PPN.

Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 30th November 2022 were adopted with no matters arising.

Proposed by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan

Seconded by Brian Gleeson

Item 2 SICAP update

Patricia Reilly gave the SICAP update as follows:

Submission of Annual Plans 2023: A revised date of January 13th was set for submission of the 2023 SICAP Annual Plans. This revised date was set after the Ukrainian budgets were finally issued on December 12th. The 2023 SICAP Ukrainian budgets for the Wicklow Lots are as follows: Lot 15-1 Bray Area Partnership: €166,127 and for Lot 15-2 Co. Wicklow Partnership: €137,321. This funding will enable the employment of support workers and cover programme/project costs. The Annual Plans from both Programme Implementers will now be assessed, including a high-level review by Pobal with feedback supplied to the Partnerships of any changes or additions required. The final approval date is Feb. 28th. As we do each year, both Partnerships will be invited to present their Plans at the next LCDC meeting.

Annual Performance Review 2022: Due to the extension given for submission of Annual Plans, the deadline for LDCs to submit their End of Year Reports was amended to 23rd January. As with the Annual Plans, the Annual Performance Review will be an ongoing process in conjunction with a parallel review by Pobal over the coming weeks. Deadline for final approval of the end of year reports is also Feb. 28th.

LGAS (Local Government Audit Service) Audit of Lot 15-1 (Bray Area Partnership) SICAP Programme 2021: LGAS will be coming to Wicklow next week to audit the 2021 SICAP Programme of Bray Area Partnership. This will involve auditing the LCDC/local authority aspect of the programme and a site visit to Bray Area Partnership. LGAS select LCDCs/programme implementers at random each year. In 2019 CWP were audited by LGAS. This update was followed by a brief discussion about the level of auditing that now is required of the SICAP programme and whether it is excessive compared to previous programme. Brian Gleeson also said that he would take the point back to

WCC's Head of Internal Audit to ask the appointed auditors to liaise more extensively with Partnership staff while on site with regard to initial findings.

Item 3 LECP -

Deirdre Whitfield gave the following update:

Goal 1 - Develop community capacity in disadvantaged communities and engage in urban regeneration and rural development

Successful Town and Village Projects – Announced December 2022

Measure	Location	Funding Amount
T&V Marketing Campaign	County-wide	€50,000
T&V Project Development Measure	Carnew	€50,000
T&V Project Development Measure	Kiltegan	€50,000
T&V	Kilcoole	€250,000
T&V	Ashford	€114,300
T&V	Blessington	€36,000
T&V Streetscape	Newtownmountkenedy	€100,000

ORIS Projects Funded - 2022

Blessington Greenway	Enhancement of trails within Russborough House	€178,380
Glenmalure	Glenmalure community riverside walk and recreation area – upgrade existing trail	€119,790
Coolkenno	Construction of equestrian trail	€198,000
Roundwood	Roundwood Recreation area – bike hub, bridge, signage, promotion	€495,000

Goal 2 - Promote active citizenship and public participation to improve governance, participation and enrich decision making

PPN	Event – ‘Falling Through the Cracks – Hidden Poverty in Co. Wicklow (an online conversation) – Report available on request Full Activity Report for PPN 2022 available on request
Comhairle na nÓg	Comhairle na nÓg Youth Summit 2022 held in November Three priority areas chosen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health • Drugs • Cost of Living
Older Persons Council	Wicklow Older person’s Annual Council & Seminar 2022 County Wicklow Older Persons Strategy (Draft) presented to the Wicklow County Council in January 2023

Goal 3- Develop high quality integrated services available to all communities, in particular, disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups

Draft Food Poverty Report will be completed by end 2022 and launched 2023

Development of new LECP

Workshops, focus groups and general consultations are now complete. We are now starting the next phase, of putting together the framework.

Item 4 – HSE update – Aisling Heffernan

Aisling Heffernan told the committee that the Health and Wellbeing Sub-group is now up and running. She then went through two presentations which had been prepared.

The first presentation was Sláintecare Healthy Communities – 2022 LDO Summary. This was prepared by Meadhbh Cahill (Local Communities Development Officer) and was circulated prior to the meeting. Aisling went through the Enhancement Fund, The Wider Determinants of Health Community Profiling, the Seed Fund 2022 and the Seed Fund 2023.

There was a discussion with the group about the presentation.

AH then went through the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 – Round 4 presentation, which had been prepared by Lorraine Dunne (Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator) and was circulated prior to the meeting.

Current strategy

- ☒ HIF 3 year period 2023 - 2025
- ☒ Focus on disadvantaged communities
- ☒ Focus on long term, strategic programmes and outcomes
- ☒ Choose high level performance indicators and develop activity plan for 2023
- ☒ Align with LECP LSP and Sláintecare Healthy Communities

2023

- ☒ Budget of €75,000 for 2023
 - ☒ €30,000 already allocated for mental health activities
 - ☒ €45,000 remaining to be applied to planned projects for 2023 to focus on Food Poverty in the County
- ☒ Focus on service and community profiling, networking, SWOT analysis, strategic programme design, partnership development, consultation

Profiling priority areas in County



Choose 2 Performance Indicators



Projects identified



Activity Plan 2023 prepared

Performance indicator 1:

Mental Health

- ☒ Increase in individual level of positive mental health as per energy and vitality index
 - 2 sites chosen according to Pobal HP Index & areas registering as disadvantaged i.e. Carnew/Shillelagh/Tinahely & Rathnew

- *Workplan – LSP will lead - PA & Health talks, training & education courses, inclusive activities e.g. Learn 2 Cycle, Walk & Talk & targeted programmes*
- *% increase in individuals level of positive mental health across the Traveller Community in Wicklow*
- *Workplan – CEART main hub for Travellers in Wicklow, Targeted activities for Traveller community, employ someone from Traveller community to work with other Travellers*

Performance indicator 2:

Poverty and Basic Deprivation

- ☒ Decrease in % of those at risk of poverty and basic deprivation
 - ☒ Focus on food poverty in Wicklow via a new Food Coordinator Role
 - ☒ Establish a County Wicklow Food Partnership
 - ☒ Develop a 3 year plan identifying gap in the County
 - ☒ Compile & develop a directory of Community Food Service in WW
 - ☒ Align with the goal & objective of LECP – Health, Resilience & Wellbeing focusing on Food Poverty
 - ☒ Will require extensive research in 2023 before project/programme design
 - ☒ Explore the feasibility of Community Groceries/Cafes using social enterprise model

The committee discussed the issues in the presentations and were all in agreement to approve it.
 Proposed by Cllr. Dermot O'Brien
 Seconded by Cllr. Peir Leonard

Item 5 – Any other business

There was no other business for discussion.

Item 5 Date of next meeting.

PK thanked everybody and brought the meeting to a close with the date for the next LCDC meeting scheduled for Wednesday 18th February 2023.

Signed: _____
Frank Quaid.
Leas Cathaoirleach

Date: _____