

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
16th JULY 2025 VIA ZOOM**

Present: Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr. John Snell, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Michael Nicholson, Stephen Fitzgerald, Peter Brennan, Brian Carty, Tom Cavanagh, Fionnuala Curry, Amanda Mooney, Carina Holmes, Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Patrick O'Driscoll, Linda Lambert

Apologies: Oisín Jordan, Eileen Cullen, Imelda Halton, Vibeke Delahunt, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien

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

Item 1 Welcome and Apologies

MC 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 16th April 2025 were adopted, with no matters arising.

Proposed by Pat Ó'Suilleabháin
Seconded by Cllr. Pier Leonard

Item 3 Nomination for the Child Poverty (FACES) Project Committee (CYPSC)

Cllr Melanie Corrigan is happy to be put forward for this nomination.

Fionnuala Curry will arrange a presentation for the next meeting by her colleague Adele O'Neill on Child Poverty.

Item 4 SICAP Update

Stephen Fitzgerald gave the following SICAP report.

Mid-Year Reports 2025: Key Performance Indicators are above expected level of achievement; annual plan actions are progressing well; both PIs are delivering qualitative interventions/supports to a wide range of target groups; significant collaborative engagement is taking place with stakeholders and agencies; budgets are within the parameters allowable and all spend will be in line with planned budgets by year end. The LCDC would like to commend both local development companies on their work and commitment to the 2025 programme to date and on all they have achieved so far. It indicates a strong finish to the remaining months ahead. Pobal have also reviewed the mid-year reports and have confirmed all is in order. LCDC formal approval of the Mid-Year Reports was proposed by Tom Cavanagh and seconded by Pat O'Suilleabhain. The full SICAP update report will be circulated to all members.

Bray & North Wicklow Area Partnership - Case Study 2025: BNWAP have proposed changing their 2025 case study to the following: Highlight the collaboration work in supporting those experiencing Homelessness and in particular individuals affected by substance misuse and similar target groups

more likely to confront accommodation issues. Approval was proposed by Pat O'Suilleabhain and seconded by Cllr. Peir Leonard.

Additional Funding awarded to Bray & North Wicklow Area Partnership: BNWAP have been awarded an additional €34,000 in funding from Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht for their work with the New Arrivals cohort i.e. Ukrainians, international protection applicants and refugees. This funding will be allocated to: Additional working hours for Staff member/s; Translation Support services; English Language support for Older New Arrivals; Psychological Supports and Wellbeing Family Activities/Events; Food/Clothes Voucher Initiative; Additional Funds to support the resourcing of the Ukrainian Community Centre; Economic Progression Supports to promote pathways to independence.

Item 5 SING update

Máire Halvey gave a short update on the SING meeting that took place on the 30th April.

Catherine Laine from Local Development Companies Network (LDCN) was a guest speaker on the day. Catherine is assisting CWP in recruiting a Community Connection Link Worker (18-month role). She outlined the emphasis on selecting the right candidate with support from CWP.

Upcoming events in October are as follows:

PPN Social Inclusion Week: 12–18 October – groups were encouraged to share event info.

It is hoped to have guest speaker Angelina Pluck (Crosscare) on LGBTQI issues; potential addition of Lynn O'Connor (Greystones FRC), the next SING meeting.

Item 6 LECP Update

Máire Halvey gave an update on the LECP

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025

County Wicklow received €199,044 as part of the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. The allocation is broken down as follows: Capital Allocation €170,609 and Current Allocation €28,435.

The successful projects under the LEP 2025 were announced by Ministers Jerry Buttimer TD and Minister Dara Calleary TD on 12th June. Wicklow County Council has issued letters to the successful applicants and are now awaiting acceptance of the grant from and payments will issue shortly.

The Community Grant Awards Scheme 2025

The scheme closed for applications on 25th April 2025 – maximum grant is €500.00. Wicklow County Council issued letters to the successful applicants and payments will issue shortly.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

On 5th June 2025, Minister Dara Calleary announced the final phase of funding for the Community Recognition Fund 2024. Wicklow is set to receive an additional €905,535 for 9 different projects across

the county. This will support a wide range of projects such as upgrades to community centres, playgrounds, and walking trails.

In August 2024, County Wicklow received €694,300 for seven community projects in the first phase of funding.

Comhairle nan Óg

The recently appointed co-ordinator, Cllr Caroline Winstanley is working with students now to get the Comhairle nan Óg up and running again. Induction Training for Coordinators and Local Authorities working with Comhairle na nÓg took place on Tuesday 8th July via Zoom.

Next Comhairle na nÓg National Executive meeting is taking place on Tuesday 29th July online.

Age Friendly

OPC AGM will take place 5th September.

Age Friendly Alliance will be held on 9th September.

The Programme Managers will meet via zoom on the 18th July, to discuss each Council's Age Friendly Programme.

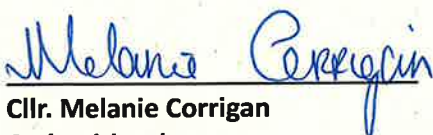
The Wicklow Programme Manager will attend the Tinahely Agriculture Show to promote the Wicklow Age Friendly Programme.

Item 7 Any other business

Item 8 Date for next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 17th September 2025.

Signed:


Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
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Date:



