

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
25th MARCH 2026 AT 3:00PM ON ZOOM**

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

Apologies: Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Eileen Cullen

Not in Attendance: Oisín Jordan

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

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 25th February 2026 were adopted, with no matters arising.

Proposed by: Stephen Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Michael Nicholson

*Melanie asked Stephen Fitzgerald to go ahead with the SICAP Updates before Item 3

Item 4 SICAP Updates

Sub-contractor lists 2026: The lists of SICAP sub-contractors for 2026 from both Programme Implementers were circulated in advance of meeting for review. Under the SICAP Programme Requirements the LCDC is asked to review the lists of sub-contractors and if no issues arising the LCDC is asked to approve the lists. Both lists were proposed by Melanie Corrigan and seconded by Imelda Halton.

Peter highlighted the support BNWAP provides to the Bray resource centres in Oldcourt and Fassaroe through SICAP sub-contracting and whether alternative funding is available from the local authority. Other members also highlighted the lack of funding for community centres in other disadvantaged parts of the county and if funding available that these should be equally supported. Stephen/other LCDC members agreed to review.

Melanie added that it would be beneficial to arrange a meeting with Michael, Máire and Liz Wall on this matter and revert to the committee on any developments.

Approval of social enterprise grant for Bray & North Wicklow Partnership's CARA project: As the CARA social enterprise project is under the management of BNWAP, the SICAP Programme

Requirements request that the LCDC review this grant application and if in agreement to provide their approval.

As outlined in the documentation, BNWAP propose to allocate a grant of €2,500 from SICAP to their CARA social enterprise project for tools, PPE, business equipment, office supplies, maintenance and marketing materials. LCDC discussion included very positive feedback from members on the work of CARA. Approval of the grant was proposed by Melanie Corrigan and seconded by Carina Holmes.

Item 3 Local Enhancement Programme 2026

The list of proposed LEP 2026 grants were circulated prior to the meeting. Susanne Hall from the Community section in WCC joined the meeting and outlined that this year's grant allocation was for capital spending only. The scheme was widely advertised on social media, WCC website, and Q&A sessions were held to assist groups in making their application and there was positive feedback on this process. She stressed that the LCDC are asked to grant provisional approval, and the proposed grants will then be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for final approval.

Proposed by: John Snell

Seconded by: Imelda Halton

Melanie reminded the committee to treat the information as confidential as it is not intended for publication or distribution at this time. Once final approval is granted by the Department in the coming months, a formal press release will be issued by them. Letters of offer will be sent to successful applicants only after the press release has issued.

Item 5 LECP Update

Máire Halvey gave an update on the LECP, a copy of which will be circulated after the meeting.

A discussion around Food Poverty arose from the update on the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Food Poverty Research Project being undertaken in the Bray area. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to invite Aisling Kirwan, County Wicklow Food Coordinator with BNWAP to a future meeting to deliver a presentation on the ongoing work around the County to address Food Poverty.

Item 6 Any other business

Food poverty

Item 7 Date for next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 22nd April 2026, in person in Clermont Campus Boardroom.

Signed: Melanie Corrigan

Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
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Date: 22/04/26

