

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD
ON 23rd AUGUST 2023 AT 4.00pm via ZOOM.**

Present: Peter Brennan, Jason Mulhall, Frank Quaid, Amanda Mooney, Carina Holmes, Brian Carty, Jim Ruttle, Vibeke Delahunt, Aisling Heffernan, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan

Apologies: Amanda Mooney, Pat Ó Suilleabháin, Lorraine Hennessy, Patrick Mboci, Emer O'Gorman. Stephen Fitzgerald and Eileen Cullen.

In Attendance: Patricia Carmody, Patricia Reilly, Dr. Harriet Emerson and Barbara Mason

Item 1 Welcome and apologies

Frank Quaid welcomed everyone and gave the apologies.

Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 24th May 2023 were adopted with no matters arising
Proposed by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
Seconded by Vibeke Delahunt

Item 2 SICAP report

Patricia Reilly gave the following report –

(i) 2023 Mid-year Reports

The requirements, in relation to the SICAP Programme Mid-year Review, have been completed by both Programme Implementers with all KPIs, targets and budgets on track. The SICAP Sub-group was in a position to approve the reports before the July 31st deadline, on behalf of the LCDC, but require formal approval.

Bray Area Partnership Mid-year Report

Proposed by Cllr. Dermot O'Brien

Seconded by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan

Co. Wicklow Partnership Mid-year Report

Proposed by Carina Holmes

Seconded by Frank Quaid

(ii) SICAP Contracts 2024 – 2028

As the current SICAP contracts are ending on December 31st 2023, a tendering competition for the new 2024 – 2028 contracts is underway. The Request for Tender was issued on eTenders at the start of July, with a closing date of 8th September. After that, the submitted

tenders will be assessed and evaluated with new contracts in place by end of December 2023.

Item 3 Update on the Social Inclusion Network Group (SING) – Dr. Harriet Emerson

Harriet introduced herself and shared a presentation regarding the Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project (DAFEP): Pilot Engagement with Marginalised Groups, following on from the meeting which was held in the Glenview Hotel on 26th July, which was attended by some members of the LCDC and representatives from various groups.

She explained that the LCDC is critical to how effective the SING group can be and the need for regular communication between the local authority and support agencies with marginalised communities/groups working with a social inclusion remit at local level. There followed a discussion. Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, who had attended the meeting of the 26th July, congratulated Harriet on her work on the presentation and told the meeting that he had been very impressed by the sincerity shown at the meeting and generosity of spirit of the groups represented there.

FQ asked the question of how one recognises people who are marginalised and to know what can be done to help. HE felt that his was a great question – not always easy to put people in boxes.

CH spoke of a lot of positivity in the group who attended the meeting on 26th July – an opportunity to network and find people who know where to go and ask questions. Harriet finished the item by complementing the LCDC and encouraged them to be proactive in putting this group together and being open to it.

Item 4 Any other business

There was no other business for the meeting.

Item 5 Date for the next meeting

As no date had been agreed for the next meeting, FQ explained that the members will be contacted once a date has been agreed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed: _____
Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: