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Wicklow Local Community Development  
Committee



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin  
Wicklow County Council

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON  
19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 VIA ZOOM**

**Present:** Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Michael Nicholson, Stephen Fitzgerald, Tom Cavanagh, Carina Holmes, Linda Lambert, Liz Wall, Cllr Dermot O'Brien, Cllr John Snell, Peter Brennan.

**Apologies:** Eileen Cullen, Vibeke Delahunt, Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Amanda Mooney, Oisín Jordan, Fínnuala Curry, Patrick O'Driscoll, Imelda Halton

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

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**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 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were adopted, with no matters arising.

**Proposed by:** Stephen Fitzgerald

**Seconded by:** Cllr Melanie Corrigan

**Item 3 SICAP Update Report**

Stephen Fitzgerald gave the following SICAP report.

**(i) SICAP Annual Plans 2026:**

As advised at October LCDDC meeting, the deadline for the Local Development Companies to finalise and submit their 2026 Annual Plans onto SICAP's online IRIS system is December 12<sup>th</sup>. In anticipation of this, Bray & North Wicklow Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership are currently busy completing their plans -both in terms of work actions and budgets- in order to meet this deadline.

The most recent advice from Pobal in relation to SICAP budgets for next year is that the indicative budget for the 2026 Annual Plan should currently be based on the 2025 Lot

budgets for SICAP and New Arrivals. Once the Department of Rural & Community Development & the Gaeltacht have confirmed final SICAP Core Budgets and New Arrivals budgets for next year this will be confirmed to LCDCs as soon as possible. They have advised however that as in previous years, the Department will not be in a position to confirm these budgets until the Revised Estimates Volume (REV) is published, which is usually sometime in December.

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### **(ii) Case Studies 2025:**

The case studies for 2025 from both Partnerships have been completed and the links to the videos have been circulated to the LCDC.

BNWAP's case study focused on the work of the Bray Homeless Forum and CWP's case study focused on Training Supports for Traveller Women.

### **Item 5 SING update**

Melanie gave a brief update on SING.

The final SING meeting took place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, providing a confidential and safe space for participant discussions.

Melanie proposes to present an update to the Committee in the New Year.

### **Item 6 LECP Update**

Máire Halvey gave an update on the LECP as follows:

#### **Pride of Place 2025**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, a community group from Wicklow achieved success at the National Pride of Place awards held at the Limerick Strand Hotel in County Limerick.

These annual awards, often referred to as the Oscars for community groups, celebrate the incredible work being done by community organisations across the island of Ireland.

The Wicklow Travellers Group won silver in the Inclusive Communities category for their initiative titled 'Wicklow Travellers Urban Outdoor Programme,' in partnership with the Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership. The project's goals were to encourage members of the Wicklow Travellers Group to engage with the outdoors through education, facilitation, and support.

The group received glowing praise from the Pride of Place judges; "It was noticeable to the judges on the day of our visit that a strong sense of wellbeing was developing in the participants, and it was hoped to build on the skills learned through the project to contribute to the overall health, sustainability and wellbeing of the Traveller community."

Sponsored by IPB Insurance, the Pride of Place competition was established 23 years ago in collaboration with Co-operation Ireland to recognize the invaluable contributions made by volunteers and those involved in local community development.

It has grown into the largest competition recognising community development achievements on the island of Ireland.

### **Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)**

An induction session was held for the members on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November to provide an opportunity for the members to meet and receive general information..

First meeting of the LCSP is scheduled for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

### **Local Enhancement Programme**

Waiting on word from the DRCDG re. 2026 scheme.

### **County Wicklow Age Friendly Programme**

An Age Friendly Expo was held in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October to showcase age friendly services available in County Wicklow in the Arklow Bay Hotel. It was well subscribed and very informative.

### **Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme:**

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme in Wicklow continues to support older people, over 65 years of age, to live in their home for as long as possible.

Total Number Home Visits Conducted (Up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025):

<b>Total Initial Visits</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>Total Additional Visits</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Total Visits Overall</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>Total No. Participants Awaiting a Visit</b>	<b>56</b>

## **Comhairle na nÓg**

Youth Summit took place 4<sup>th</sup> November, Assembly Hall in Wicklow Town, with a huge turn out of over 100 young people from all over county Wicklow. They discussed issues which affect them in a 'World Café' facilitated session and contributions were very productive.

Image 3: Comhairle na nÓg Youth Summit facilitators & support team

## **Seanad na nÓg**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 60 youth delegates from Comhairle na nÓg and other youth organisations across Ireland gathered in Leinster House for Seanad na nÓg 2025, which is the second sitting of the youth Seanad since its inaugural session in 2022.

The event was co-chaired by Cathaoirleach of Seanad Éireann, Senator Mark Daly, and Christian from Kerry Comhairle na nÓg. Delegates came together to discuss their priorities for the Government to consider in advance of Ireland's EU Presidency in 2026.

Throughout the day, young people presented on key subjects they identified as most important for our shared future within the EU. These included the following topics:

- **Peace and Security:** exploring peace and security in a digital world and the growing threat of deepfakes
- **Climate Action:** promoting inclusive, cooperative approaches to tackling the climate crisis
- **Education & Youth:** increasing training for guidance counsellors, enhancing mental health supports in schools, and improving resources for special education
- **Cost of Living:** examining financial pressures faced by young people and those with disabilities
- **Substance Misuse:** advocating for stronger early intervention and community supports for mental health and substance prevention
- **Children in Care:** addressing challenges within the care system and improving outcomes for children in care
- **Equality:** strengthening rights for all and standing with those experiencing inequality

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley TD, applauded the delegates for their thoughtful contributions and for their insights, stating that their recommendations would play an important role in shaping Ireland's priorities for the upcoming EU Presidency.

Following the day-long session, delegates agreed on a set of recommendations which will be submitted to the Government for consideration.

## **LCDC Training**

As part of the National and Local LCDC Communications Campaign development phase, an email has been circulated regarding training programmes' for LCDC members, staff, sub-committees, and communication team members. Attendees can attend a one day in person training, or on-line via the dates and times below. In respect of the on-line training, participants must complete both sessions 1 & 2.

### On-site Training dates

- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville, Co Cork – 9:30 am – 3 pm – Google Maps link [Charleville Park Hotel - Google Maps](#)
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly – 9:30 am – 3 pm – Google Maps link [Tullamore Court Hotel - Google Maps](#)
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Maldron Hotel, Newlands Cross, Dublin – 9:30 am – 3 pm – Google Maps link [Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross - Google Maps](#)
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Great National Hotel, Ballina, Co Mayo – 9:30 am to 3 pm – Google Maps link [Great National Hotel Ballina - Google Maps](#)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan – 9:30 am to 3 pm – Google Maps link [Hillgrove Hotel, Leisure & Spa - Google Maps](#)

### Online training dates (all online participants are kindly asked to attend sessions 1 & 2 to complete the training)

- Daytime training – Session 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 10 am to 12:30 pm – Registration link to attend <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xTyfykdiSEaHog8EfQkjYA>
- Daytime training – Session 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> December – 10 am to 12:30 pm – Registration link to attend <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/iRhQHFL3R9CDxrQhSEiWsQ>
- Evening training – Session 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 7 pm to 9:30 pm – Registration link to attend <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/9mGMxi5BSSOKXDJL5lefLw>
- Evening training – Session 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> December – 7 pm to 9:30 pm – Registration link to attend [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/SIY4L37PQAYb\\_TeENT258Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/SIY4L37PQAYb_TeENT258Q)

### Media briefing for Communications & Marketing Teams

- 15<sup>th</sup> December – 12 pm to 1 pm – Registration link to attend <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/oxnvMEwcQciaUZZlrP8YFQ>

To register for this training, attendees must email either [eimear@matchmarketing.ie](mailto:eimear@matchmarketing.ie) or [brigeen@matchmarketing.ie](mailto:brigeen@matchmarketing.ie)

An outline of the training to be delivered will be provided by Match Marketing closer to time.

### Item 7      **Any other business**

Nothing discussed.

### Item 8      **Date for next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (in person).

Signed: Melanie Corrigan  
Cllr. Melanie Corrigan  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 17/12/25.

