

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
25th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 2:30PM ON ZOOM**

Present: Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Cllr John Snell, Michael Nicholson, Liz Wall, Amanda Mooney, Carina Holmes, Patrick O'Driscoll, Tom Cavanagh, Eileen Cullen, Vibeke Delahunt, Linda Lambert, Vibeke Delahunt, Stephen Fitzgerald, Pat Ó'Suilleabháin

Apologies: Peter Brennan, Fionnuala Curry, Oisín Jordan, Imelda Halton

In Attendance: Máire Halvey, Anne Marie Kelly, Lia Reynolds, Patricia Reilly, Kay O'Connor (CWP), Eithne Gunning (BNWAP), Jennifer D'Arcy (BNWAP)

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 17th December 2025 were adopted, with no matters arising.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Snell

Seconded by: Pat Ó'Suilleabháin

Item 3 SICAP Updates

Presentations from CWP and BNWAP on their SICAP Annual Plans 2026

Both Local Development Companies presented their Annual Plans for the upcoming year followed by Q&A. The Plans were very well received by LCDC members, and the companies were commended on the range and comprehensiveness of the work planned. The presentations will be circulated to all members. Approval of both 2026 Annual Plans as recommended by the SICAP Sub-group was proposed by Linda Lambert and seconded by Tom Cavanagh.

Approval of SICAP End of Year Reports 2025

All elements of the end of year reports of both Programme Implementers -including their work with community organisations, individuals and non-caseload- is outlined in their annual progress reports previously circulated to the LCDC. This work, together with their financial accounts, have been reviewed by the SICAP Sub-group and by Pobal, with all found to be in order and carried out to a very high standard. Both programme implementers also over-achieved on Key Performance Indicators relating to work with community organisations and individuals. Approval of both 2025 End of Year Reports as recommended by the SICAP Sub-group was proposed by Pat Ó'Suilleabháin and seconded by Cllr. John Snell.

Item 4 SING update

Melanie confirmed that there will be an event held on Friday 6th March in line with International Women's Day 2026, 'Visible Voices: In conversation with Women of Wicklow Social Inclusion Network' hosted by Rathnew Women's Shed.

The event is currently sold out but there is a waiting list in place and Mary Millet is the contact.

The 'Hear My Voice' event findings report will be available for the committee at the next meeting.

Item 5 LECP Update

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

Item 6 Local Government Act 2001 - Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service, and the requirement of Non-Elected Members of Committees to return an Annual Declaration.

Máire Halvey explained that, in accordance with the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service, the Ethics Registrar requires certain committee members to submit an Annual Ethics Declaration. She will seek clarification on whether this requirement applies to all members of the committee and will revert by email.

Item 7 Any other business

None

Item 8 Date for next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 25th March 2026, in person in WCC.

Signed: Melanie Corrigan Date: 25/3/26
Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
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