

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 29TH MARCH 2023 at 3.20pm via zoom

Present: Peter Brennan, Jason Mulhall, Frank Quaid, Amanda Mooney, Carina Holmes, Pat Ó Suilleabháin, Brian Carty, Patrick Mboci, Jim Ruttle, Emer O’Gorman, Vibeke Delahunt, Stephen Fitzgerald, Aisling Heffernan, Cllr. Pat Kennedy (Chair), Cllr. Dermot O’Brien, Cllr. Peir Leonard and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan.

Apologies: Lorraine Hennessy and Eileen Cullen

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson (CO), Patricia Carmody (WCC), Patricia Reilly (WCC), Deirdre Whitfield (WCC), Shelby Unger (ALONE), Samantha Keane (ALONE), Kathy Walsh (consultant for the LECP) and Barbara Mason (WCC).

Item 1 Welcome & Apologies

Pat Kennedy gave the apologies and welcomed everybody to the meeting, introducing the new Chief Executive of Wicklow Co. Co., Emer O’Gorman.

Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 15th February 2023 were adopted with no matters arising.

Proposed by Jim Ruttle
Seconded by Melanie Corrigan

Item 2 ALONE presentation introduced by Aisling Heffernan

Aisling Heffernan explained that there is additional funding that ALONE is receiving from National HSE to increase their service provision across the community. She introduced Shelby Unger and Samantha Keane of ALONE and invited Shelby to speak to the group.

Shelby shared a presentation, explaining what ALONE do and how they have had very little of a footprint in Wicklow until recent months and they are aware that few people know of this extra resourcing or their full remit of services and they would really welcome an opportunity to work more closely with key stakeholders across the area including the Partnerships, Age Friendly Alliance etc. There followed a discussion and the group were very appreciative of the presentation and interested in the help that ALONE can supply.

PK thanked Shelby and Samantha and AH said that she felt this had been an excellent opportunity to all members to gain the information and would hopefully now spread the word to enable a greater number of people to avail of this service.

Item 3 LECP

Deirdre Whitfield explained that the LECP is not yet at final draft stage and then Kathy Walsh went through a presentation on the progress.

There was a lengthy discussion around the progress of the Plan and they were happy to be able to see information and statistics in one document.

Everybody was encouraged to submit their input and suggestions and have two further weeks to do this before the final draft is completed.

PK thanked Deirdre and Kathy.

Item 4 SICAP update

Approval of SICAP Sub-contractors 2023: The lists of sub-contractors for 2023 to be used by each of the SICAP Programme Implementers were circulated to members prior to today's meeting. At this time each year they come before the LCDC for approval.

The Bray Area Partnership list –
Proposed by Cllr. Dermot O'Brien
Seconded by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan.

The Co. Wicklow Partnership list –
Proposed by Cllr. Peir Leonard
Seconded by Jim Ruttle

Follow-up on approval of End of Year Reports 2022 and Annual Plans 2023: This is to confirm that Pobal follow-up issues referred to at February meeting in relation to end of year financial reports have since been resolved and the Q2 funding streams for both the main SICAP budgets and Ukrainian budgets have been released. Both Partnerships are currently implementing the actions contained in the workplans presented at last month's meeting and fulfilling KPI obligations.

Quarterly payments to Programme Implementers: Peter raised the issue of how the Department instructs that the Q1 payment be paid in two instalments rather than one and the extra work involved. He proposed a more streamlined approach which could be lobbied for at national level for next iteration of SICAP. Stephen said that this would be raised at next available opportunity.

Item 5 – Any other business

MN spoke about the Workshop scheduled for 27th April 2023 on A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making. The committee had previously been informed that this will take place and asked if they would be available to attend. He explained that this is a joint session for Kildare and Wicklow participants involved in Community engagement in local planning and decision making and that there are approximately 25 places available between both. We have a list of some members wishing to attend and anybody else is urged to contact Barbara as soon as possible if they wish to add their names to the list.

Item 5 Date of next meeting.

PK thanked everybody for attending and that a date for the next meeting has yet to be confirmed. He closed the meeting.

Signed: _____
Pat Kennedy
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____