

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15th MAY 2024 AT 2.45pm via ZOOM.

Present: Peter Brennan, Tom Cavanagh, Amanda Mooney, Carina Holmes, Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Fionnuala Curry, Brian Carty, Oisín Jordan, Vibeke Delahunt, Stephen Fitzgerald, Imelda Halton (for Aisling Heffernan), Cllr. Dermot O'Brien and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan.

Apologies: Jason Mulhall, Patrick Mboci, Emer O'Gorman, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Peir Leonard and Eileen Cullen

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson, Patricia Carmody, Patricia Reilly and Barbara Mason

Item 1 Welcome and apologies

Cllr. Melanie Corrigan welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave the apologies.

Item 2 Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 10th April 2024 were adopted with no matters arising

Proposed by Vibeke Delahunt
Seconded by Carina Holmes

Item 3 SICAP report

SICAP Sub-group: The SICAP Sub-group welcomed Fionnuala Curry to replace Lorraine Hennessy. Also to note that since the LCDC chairperson role changed before Christmas Cllr. Melanie Corrigan has replaced Cllr. Pat Kennedy.

BAP & CARA grant: Correspondence previously circulated to LCDC in relation to Bray Area Partnership's social enterprise— CARA (Care and Repair) which is seeking a social enterprise grant through the SICAP 2024 programme. As per the SICAP Programme Requirements, a Programme Implementer cannot be allocated a social enterprise grant without the prior written authorisation of the LCDC. In light of this, BAP are now applying to the LCDC for authorisation to award a grant of €2,500 to their CARA social enterprise. A positive discussion praised the merits of this social enterprise and the invaluable service it provides.
The grant was approved by all.

Proposed by Carina Holmes
Seconded by Tom Cavanagh

Item 4 Update from SING (Social Inclusion Network Group)

MC gave an update from the SING, following their meeting of 30th April 2024. Nineteen representatives attended the meeting from various Community Groups of Interest. This was inclusive of three County Counsellors whom are also members of groups with a social inclusion remit in their respective areas, Community Volunteers,

Developmental and Youth Organisations, one representative from the HSE, one from Wicklow County Library Service and the disability representative joining in person online.

There was representation from the four electoral areas.

Attendance was robust in numbers with a lively discussion and exchange of best social inclusion work happening on the ground both planned and presently.

Sharing of information from the members in communities with the most pressing issues being, the serious rise of racism across the county, the lack of understanding of the issues for asylum seekers and refugees leading to increased fuelling of community racism. Visibility of excluded persons such as travellers, older persons, isolation and loneliness for older persons across the county, literacy concerns for the traveller community. Isolation and lack of opportunities for youth especially those not of Irish origin leading to exclusion.

Item 6 Any other business

There was no other business.

Item 6 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17th June, to be confirmed. MC closed the meeting, thanking everyone for their attendance.

Signed: Melanie Corrigan
Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 15/8/24