

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON  
16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024, VIA ZOOM**

**Present:** Cllr. Melanie Corrigan (Chair), Peter Brennan, Tom Cavanagh, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Patrick Mboci, Cllr. John Snell, Imelda Halton, Patrick O'Driscoll, Fionnuala Curry, Carina Holmes, Stephen Fitzgerald, Vibeke Delahunt and Oisín Jordan.

**Apologies:** Amanda Mooney, Brian Carty, Emer O'Gorman, Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien and Eileen Cullen

**In Attendance:** Michael Nicholson, Patricia Carmody, Patricia Reilly and Bárbara Mason

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**Item 1 Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr. Melanie Corrigan welcomed everyone to the meeting including new members, Patrick O'Driscoll, Cllr. John Snell and Cllr. Dermot O'Brien, who is replacing Cllr. Orla Finn on the committee as she had to resign due to other commitments.

**Item 1 Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 were adopted, with no matters arising.

Proposed by Oisín Jordan

Seconded by Imelda Halton

**Item 3 SICAP Update**

**Approval of additional New Arrivals Funding:**

Bray & North Wicklow Area Partnership were awarded €14,348 and will allocate it to the Ukrainian Community Office; recreational activities; family supports; well-being and art therapy services; skills-based economic progression programmes. Co. Wicklow Partnership were awarded €18,508 and will allocate it to improving physical and mental health supports; wider integration with local communities; education/training initiatives such as roll-out of additional English language classes and economic progression programmes such as Safe Pass. This information has been reviewed by SICAP Sub-group and Pobal and has been assessed to be good use of funding. Request from SICAP Sub-group that where work involves new IPAs that the LDCs liaise with the Local Authority Integration Team as this cohort would also be a key focus of the LAIT's. Approval of this spend was proposed by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan and seconded by Carina Holmes.

**Annual Plans 2025:**

Guidelines for the development of SICAP Annual Plans 2025 were circulated with agenda. The LDCs have deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> to complete their Annual Plans and submit for assessment on IRIS by the LCDC and Pobal. Agreement that Key Performance Indicators for 2025 to remain at 2024 levels. LCDC members may also propose any additional engagement or supports for inclusion next year but must revert to SICAP Sub-group/LDCs as soon as possible.

### **Update from Pobal's Regional SICAP Support Session:**

Presentations on: Importance of compliance with communication and publicity guidelines; SICAP Monitoring Framework; Research with New Arrivals beneficiaries; SICAP horizontal principle of Climate Justice and how this should be incorporated into SICAP Annual Plans going forward.

### **Item 4 LECP update**

MN explained that while the LECP was adopted, not too much has been undertaken as yet. He told the committee that Wicklow are ahead of many other counties.

He said that going forward, the LECP item should feature predominately on the LCDC meetings agendas. MN will circulate a spreadsheet of the actions and leaders of these once it is completed.

### **Item 5 Any other business**

- Update from the LCDC Networking event which took place in Athlone on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Michael Nicholson, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan and Carina Holmes attended this. MC outlined the agenda for the day's event, which included

LCDC National and Local Programme of Awareness,

The review of the Guidelines for the Operation of the LCDCs 2026,

Capital Delivery Teams,

Healthy Ireland, Creative Ireland

Monitoring of LCDC featuring information on 2 LCDCs with contrasting innovative implementation methods

CYPSC Review

Rollout of PPN Roadmap

Co-ordination of Integration work (SICAP/CCP/LAITS)

Carina Holmes said she had asked a number of questions, to which she is awaiting the responses.

MN informed the committee that while Wicklow LCDC has not, up to now, dealt with Healthy Ireland, Creative Ireland etc. but that it appears other LCDCs cover these. He expressed the opinion that is perhaps something Wicklow LCDC might consider adding to the agenda and he and MC, who feels it is a good idea as they link in with the LECP, will discuss it.

Stephen Fitzgerald told the meeting about an upcoming event which the Department of Social Protection are hosting – a Work and Skills Wicklow Jobs Fair taking place in Wicklow Town Library on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

PL asked about the possibility of a presentation at the next meeting on CE schemes etc.

SF agreed to undertake this at the next meeting.

### **Item 6 Date for next meeting**

As there will be LCDC training taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> November, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Signed:



Cllr. Melanie Corrigan  
Cathaoirleach

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