

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
16th APRIL 2025 VIA ZOOM**

Present: Peter Brennan, Patrick O'Driscoll, Tom Cavanagh, Carina Holmes,
Pat Ó'Suilleabháin, Brian Carty, Linda Lambert, Oisín Jordan, Michael
Nicholson, Vibeke Delahunt, Stephen Fitzgerald, Cllr. John Snell, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien
Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Cllr. Peir Leonard, and Imelda Halton

Apologies: Fionnuala Curry, Eileen Cullen and Amanda Mooney

In Attendance: Máire Halvey, Patricia Carmody, Patricia Reilly, Jennifer Maher,
Susanne Hall and Barbara Mason

Item 1 Welcome and Apologies

MC 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 12th March 2025 were discussed. PB had an update from the previous meeting's minutes which had not been included and he asked that the following be acknowledged in today's minutes –

"In the presentation of the Annual Plan, the funding being provided through sub-contracting to support two local community facilities was highlighted. It was noted that this ongoing financial support is related to a legacy situation from predecessor programmes and, for SICAP, might not be considered appropriate or sustainable as a continuing provision. In this regard, another funding arrangement is required to ensure a more secure support provision for the operation of these important community facilities."

This update was acknowledged by the committee and will be noted in the minutes of this meeting. The minutes of the meeting of 12th March were approved.

Proposed by Stephen Fitzgerald
Seconded by Pat Ó'Suilleabháin

Item 3 SICAP Update

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):
Annual Plans 2025: Co. Wicklow Partnership presented their Annual Plan 2025. This was very well received by the LCDC with people complimenting both CWP and BNWAP on the vast and worthwhile work they carry out. Both LDCs have now presented their Annual Plans and need to be formally approved by the LCDC.

Proposed by Carina Holmes
Seconded by Linda Lambert

Sub-contractor lists 2025: The lists of SICAP sub-contractors for 2025 from both Programme Implementers were circulated with the agenda for review and approval.

Proposed by Pat Ó'Súilleabháin
Seconded by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan

SICAP Case Studies 2025: The focus of the annual case studies need to be agreed between the LDC and the LCDC. The 2025 proposals are –

Bray & North Wicklow Area Partnership: This study will highlight the person-centred care, support and training provided through intra-company and collaborative partners, (DSP particularly), together with advice and guidance from local business owners to enable their journey to a wider industry pool with placement potential and future employment prospects.

Co. Wicklow Partnership: This study will focus on the work carried out under Action 9 2024 which worked with young Traveller women based at the CEART centre in Wicklow who successfully completed certified training in nail technician skills, hair and beauty. The format for both case studies will be video and narrative report. The case studies were approved.

Proposed by Cllr. Peir Leonard
Seconded by Cllr. John Snell

Item 4 SING update

Linda Lambert gave a short update from the Social Inclusion Network Group (SING)

The work of the three sub-groups are ongoing.

She told the meeting that the Unconscious Bias Event, held in Glencree was well attended considering the stormy weather on the day.

She spoke about the issue of drug trafficking in the county and the need to link in with Gardai in this respect.

The next meeting of the SING will be on 30th April and following that there will be a more up-to-date report to bring to the LCDC.

Item 5 LECP Update March 2025

Máire Halvey gave a short update on the LECP

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 lists of awardees under the Current Funding and the Capital Funding headings were circulated prior to the start of the meeting. Máire explained that the lists need to be given preliminary approval by the LCDC prior to submission to the Department. She stressed the need for confidentiality about the preliminary awards at this time as final approval is given by the Dept who will also issue the press release listing the recipients.

The Community Grant Awards Scheme 2025 is now open for applications until Fridy 25th April 2025 – maximum grant is €500.00.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024 This has gone to the Department and we are awaiting for their reply.

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Comhairle nan Óg the newly appointed co-ordinator is working with students now to get the Comhairle nan Óg up and running again.

Age Friendly continues to work on the traffic light system to give a clearer view on how the Age Friendly Strategy is progressing and Máire hope to have a fuller update for the next LCDC meeting.

Item 6 Any other business

MC welcomed Deborah Jordan from Co. Wicklow Partnership who gave a presentation on the Planet Youth – Youth Survey Results 2024.

The survey had been taken from a sample of over 900 students under the headings of Family, Substance Use, School, Leisure Time, Peer Group, Community and Wellbeing. She outlined The Action Plan and ideas for the Action plan going forward.

The presentation was well received with the committee being quite astonished by some of the results.

Item 6 Date for next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 21st May 2025.

Signed: Melanie Corrigan
Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 16th July 2025