

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 29th June 2022 in GLENDALOUGH HOTEL,
WICKLOW.**

Present: Peter Brennan, Frank Quaid, Amanda Mooney, Tom Byrne, Pat O’Súilleabháin, Jim Ruttle, Brian Gleeson, Vibeke Delahunt, Stephen Fitzgerald, Aisling Heffernan, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Cllr. Dermot O’Brien, Cllr. Peir Leonard and Eileen Cullen.

Apologies: Jason Mulhall, Lorraine Hennessy, Brian Carty, Patrick Mboci and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan.

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson (CO), Patricia Carmody, Patricia Reilly, Kay O’Connor and Barbara Mason.

Item 1 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr. Pat Kennedy welcomed everybody to the meeting. He listed the apologies given.

Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 27th April 2022 were adopted with no matters arising.
Proposed by Cllr. Peir Leonard
Seconded by Vibeke Delahunt

Item 2 SICAP update

Stephen Fitzgerald gave his update -

Mid-Year Review of SICAP 2022: Both Partnerships met the June 15th deadline to submit all information and documentation required for the mid-year review covering Jan 1st-May 30th. This information will be analysed with feedback being provided to the PIs shortly. Once no financial anomalies arise from the review the SICAP Sub-group will be in a position to give final approval to the mid-term report before the July 29th deadline and release outstanding Q3 funding to both Partnerships.

SICAP Audit Reports 2020: The final 2020 audit reports were circulated to members. The auditors have included in the reports detailed recommendations to the PIs on how to overcome any issues identified and the Partnerships are working on these with their SICAP teams. Dates are currently being arranged for later in the year for the auditing of the 2021 SICAP Programme.

Brian Gleeson explained that Pobal had previously undertaken the annual audits but that this has now become the responsibility of WCC and is now part of the Internal Audit Plan – this has been contracted out to Crowleys DFK and a copy of the report on both Bray Area Partnership and County Wicklow Partnership was circulated prior to the meeting.

Funding from Department of Rural & Community Development to support Ukranian Refugees under the SICAP Programme:

| LDC | TOTAL ALLOCATION |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Bray Area Partnership | €112,026.00 |
| Co. Wicklow Partnership | €98,346.00 |

Both Partnerships gave presentations on the work they are proposing to undertake to use this funding. Change Control Templates to be completed and submitted to Pobal by July 1st.

For Co. Wicklow Partnership this new funding will free up funds they had previously allocated to Ukrainian work. CWP presented on some additional SICAP work they will now be in a position to undertake with freed up funds.

There was a discussion following the presentation, including the opportunities for refugees to gain employment. Eileen Cullen, representing the KWETB spoke about the large number of courses etc. being run by them. It was agreed that transport is a huge challenge nationally.

Item 3 LECP report

Michael Nicholson gave a verbal report on the progress of the new LECP and undertook to circulate a powerpoint to the committee after the meeting.

Item 4 Grant Agreement between Pobal and Wicklow Co. Co. for the Dormant Account Fund Engagement Project 2022 for noting.

Michael Nicholson outlined the agreement, a copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

This was noted and approved by the committee and signed by MN as Chief Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. Peir Leonard

Seconded by Eileen Cullen

Item 5 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 5 Date of next meeting.

The date for the next meeting is yet to be decided and the committee will be informed as soon as this is done.

Signed: _____

Frank Quaid.
Leas Cathaoirleach

Date: _____