

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th
DECEMBER 2023 AT 4.00pm via ZOOM.**

Present: Peter Brennan, Cllr. Melanie Corrigan, Tom Cavanagh, Lorraine Hennessy, Vibeke Delahunt, Alison Heffernan, Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Brian Carty, Jim Ruttle, Cllr. Peir Leonard, Jason Mulhall, Emer O’Gorman and Amanda Mooney.

Apologies: Pat Ó Suilleabháin, Patrick Mboci, Stephen Fitzgerald, Carina Holmes and Eileen Cullen.

In Attendance: Michael Nicholson, Patricia Reilly and Barbara Mason

Item 1 Welcome and apologies

During the LAG meeting, which preceded the LCDC meeting today, Cllr. Pat Kennedy stepped down as Chair as his tenure had come to an end and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan was voted in as the new Chair with Aisling Heffernan been voted as Vice-Chair.

Melanie welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked if the minutes of the previous meeting of 11th December 2023 was to be approved.

Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the LCDC meeting of 23rd August 2023 were adopted with no matters arising

Proposed by Cllr. Peir Leonard

Seconded by Vibeke Delahunt

Item 2 Social Inclusion Network Group (SING) update

Helen Howes (PPN) gave an update on the SING meetings and outlined the Terms of Reference which had been agreed on at the last meeting –

- To provide an opportunity for networking, information, and knowledge sharing among the members, find out what one another are doing, sharing challenges, plans and activities.
- To provide a platform for grater cohesion, co-ordination and mutual benefit
- To share evidence-based practice about what is working or not working for communities on the ground and identify where there might be gaps or particular needs.
- To allow social inclusion focused groups to examine and discuss relevant policies & plans and review their impact in the community, and furthermore to enable the group to feedback the community experience.
- To enable members to identify any gaps or service needs and possible actions to address these.

The next meeting of the SING will be held in January and it was agreed that this committee will be a sub-committee of the LCDC and will report back to the LCDC meetings.

Michael Nicholson thanked Helen for this presentation and noted that it had been well received by the committee. He explained that other Las are requesting terms of reference etc. also and that this group deals with a wider number of issues than SICAP with regard to Social Inclusion.

Aisling Heffernan felt that it is hard for groups to join the dots and that the SING will be an opportunity to do this.

MC thanks Helen, saying that the SING will be good for collaboration and swapping of ideas.

Item 3 SICAP report and update on new SICAP Programme

Patricia Reilly gave the following report -

The tendering process for the SICAP 2024-2028+ contracts is almost complete. We are pleased to announce that the incumbent local development companies of Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership have been successful in their respective Lot areas and have received their letter of award. We would like to congratulate both companies on this achievement and on all the hard work put into their tender bids.

The new SICAP contracts have just come through to the LCDC from the Department. These now need to be prepared with all of the County and Lot specific information for each area. Once this has been completed, we will be in a position to have them signed by all of the relevant parties- namely the LCDC, the local authority and the LDCs.

Item 4 Update on the LECP

MN explained that the implementation plan is not quite ready to bring to the LCDC and that Deirdre Whitfield would hope to bring it to the next LCDC meeting.

MC suggested that the committee ready through the circulated report and have any queries prepared for the next meeting.

Item 4 Any other business

MN took the opportunity to thank Patricia Reilly and the team, that lots of work had been undertaken by the Co. Wicklow Partnership and Bray Area Partnership.

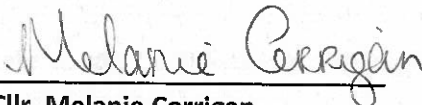
Aisling Heffernan suggested that the LCDC should have a schedule of reports for the year from its various subgroups/partners/programmes of work, e.g. the Wicklow Health & Wellbeing Subgroup and CYPSC.

MN agreed that this should be put onto the Agenda for the next meeting.

Item 5 Date for the next meeting

As no date has been decided for the first meeting in 2024, MC thanked everyone and wished them a Happy Christmas. She closed the meeting.

Signed:



Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
Cathaoirleach

Date:

10/4/24