

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee**

Held on Thursday 15th June at 2.00pm

In the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr Charlie Murphy
Cllr. Michael Doran
LEO: Kieran Comerford,
KCETB: Cynthia Deane
DSP: Noel Barry,

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly
Community & Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle
Social Inclusion: Josephine Tierney
Social Inclusion: Andrea Dalton
Agricultural /Farming: John Nolan
Environmental Pillar: Eamonn Moore
Business / Employer: John Brophy
Carlow Tourism: Eileen O'Rourke

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

In Attendance: Partnership Company: Karl Duffy

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Kathleen Holohan, Dan McInerney Cllr Willie Quinn, Cllr Arthur McDonald, Anne-Marie Lanigan

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising –11th May 2017

Proposed: Josephine Tierney

Seconded: John Nolan

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 11th May 2017 having being circulated to each member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly approved and signed.”

ITEM 2 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson reminded the members of their obligation and duty in regard to declaring any conflict of interest that they may have during the business of the meeting

ITEM 3 Election of Chairperson

The Chairperson Eamonn Moore addressed the members and expressed his appreciation on being the first Chair of Carlow LCDC and how he found it a privilege right through as he believed it is held up as an example of good practise model nationally. He also expressed his appreciation for the support of the Chief Officer Michael Brennan and the Administrative Officer Margaret Moore for their hard work that was often done behind the scenes.

The Chief Officer Michael Brennan expressed his gratitude and appreciation of the outgoing Chair's enthusiasm, professionalism, wisdom and breadth of knowledge that he brought so well to the task of chairing the LCDC from its complex inception to the current good working model.

Cllr Michael Doran expressed his appreciation of the outgoing Chair and in particular commended his breadth of knowledge and experience which he brought to the role. This was reiterated by Thomas Kelly.

Mr. Moore nominated Andrea Dalton to replace him as Chairperson of Carlow LCDC. He then opened it up to the floor for other nominations for which there was none.

Proposed: Eamonn Moore

Seconded: Cynthia Deane

AND RESOLVED

"That the Members of Carlow LCDC hereby elect Ms Andrea Dalton as Chairperson of Carlow LCDC."

Ms. Dalton expressed her appreciation and her sense of honour at being elected as Chairperson. She thanked the outgoing Chair for his work, his wisdom and dedication and hoped that she would follow in his footsteps as best she could. She also assured the members that she would do her utmost to ensure that the LCDC will carry out its function of working together in partnership in order to address issues and come up with the best solutions possible for County Carlow.

The Chief Officer Michael Brennan congratulated Ms. Dalton on her election and wished her well. He assured her of his and his team's support in her role.

ITEM 4 Election of Vice Chairperson

Ms. Dalton requested nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Kieran Comerford nominated Noel Barry, there were no further nominations

Proposed: Kieran Comerford

Seconded: Mary Doyle

AND RESOLVED

“That the Members of Carlow LCDC hereby elect Mr Noel Barry as Vice Chairperson of Carlow LCDC.”

ITEM 5 SICAP 2017 Mid-Term Review

The Chair welcomed Karl Duffy Social Inclusion Manager of Carlow County Development Partnership (CCDP) who preceded to circulate the Mid-Term Review of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme for the period January to May 2017 to the members. He delivered a presentation on the review where he highlighted achievements of the SICAP work programme and informed the members that the two required headline targets had been met.

Members welcomed the presentation and queries raised were answered by Mr Duffy. The Chief Officer advised the members that the required Pobal Technical Review had not yet taken place and recommended that if members were satisfied with the Mid-Term Review they approve it in principle and that due to time constraints, the SICAP Subgroup would finally approve it on their behalf once the Pobal Technical Review had been completed. This was agreed.

Proposed: Josephine Tierney

Seconded: Eamonn Moore

AND RESOLVED

“That the Members of Carlow LCDC hereby approve in principle the SICAP 2017 Mid-Term Review and pending conclusion of Pobal’s Technical Review, the SICAP Subgroup will finally approve on behalf of the LCDC.”

ITEM 6 Communities Facilities Scheme 2017 – LCDC recommendations

Members were circulated with details of the applications and amounts recommended in respect of the Communities Facilities Programme 2017.

County Carlow has been allocated €64,500. A total of 95 (45 from the Municipal District of Carlow and 50 from the Municipal District of Muinebheag) applications were received however not all applications were eligible as they did not satisfy the Scheme criteria. All applications for funding under this scheme were reviewed and assessed to ensure complementarity with County Carlow 2021 Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

2016-2021. The applications along with the LCDC's recommendation will then be submitted to the Municipal Districts who will make the final decision on project approvals.

The funding grant application recommendations were agreed and approved by the members.

Proposed: Thomas Kelly
Seconded: Cllr Michael Doran
AND RESOLVED

“That the Members of Carlow LCDC hereby approve the funding grant applications as circulated in respect of the Communities Facilities Scheme 2017”

ITEM 7 Local Economic Community Plan - Environmental - Progress Report

The Environment Section circulated a report to members on the progress of their LECP actions which was noted. Members expressed appreciation for the report and complimented Staff.

ITEM 8 Pathfinder Programme-Development of LCDC's

The Chief Officer informed the members of the Pathfinder which Carlow LCDC is participating on the Steering Group. The purpose of this programme is to support and enhance the capacity of the LCDC through a range of targeted interventions, to deliver on the role of the LCDC envisioned for them in Putting People First and the Local Government Reform Act 2014. Ultimately, the goal is to develop a programme that can be rolled –out across the broader LCDC network and secure LCDC'S as the lead structure for coordinating public-funded local development and community development programmes locally. The Chief Officer requested members views on how the LCDC has operated to date and in the future. It was suggested that he would prepare a simple template with relevant questions and circulate it to the members to answer to which he agreed.

ITEM 9 Preparation of the Socio Economic Profile for County Carlow

The Chief Officer advised the members of the need to carry out an in-depth Socio-Economic Profile of County Carlow which would have to be carried out by experts in that field. He suggested that it should happen in the latter part of the year (awaiting the results of the Census) and he was seeking support from other Statutory Agency members to fund the work in partnership with Carlow County Council. This report will enhance strategic forward planning, funding applications and decision making for all. It was noted that it is an action in the Local Economic and Community Plan.

ITEM 10 RAPID Programme

The Chief Officer advised the members that the RAPID Programme was returning and that there was funding available for Carlow circa €64,000 for which the LCDC will play a key role. Members will be updated once further information has been received.

ITEM 11 Healthy Ireland Programme

The Chief Officer advised the members that a Healthy Ireland Programme was going to be rolled out and that there was funding available for Carlow circa €100,000 for which the LCDC will have a key role. Members will be updated once further details have been received.

ITEM 12 AOB

There was no any other business

The next LCDC meeting will be held on July 13th, 2017

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairman

Date: _____

Chief Officer

Date: _____