

Minutes of the Meeting of

Carlow Local Community Development Committee

Held on Thursday 9th March at 2.00pm

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

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr Willie Quinn

Cllr Charlie Murphy

KCETB: Cynthia Deane

DSP: Noel Barry

Head of Enterprise: Kieran Comerford

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly

Social Inclusion: Andrea Dalton

Agricultural /Farming: John Nolan

Environmental Pillar: Eamonn Moore

Carlow Tourism: Eileen O'Rourke

Partnership Company: Mary Walsh

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Clerical Officer: Ann Scully

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Kathleen Holohan, Dan McInerney, Cllr. Michael Doran, Cllr Arthur McDonald, Ann-Marie Lanigan

Non Statutory Interests: Mary Doyle, Josephine Tierney, Brian Hand, John Brophy

ITEM 1 Presentation by Waterways Ireland, Mr. John Boyle, Director Business Development

It was agreed by members present that Item 4, presentation by Waterways Ireland, Mr. John Boyle on the agenda would be brought forward.

Mr. J. Boyle delivered a presentation to the members outlining an overview on maximising the potential of the Barrow Waterway – 'Blueway'. A number of issues were raised by members in respect of the 'path', Mr. Boyle stated the 'path' was only one element which will take its own form, and that regeneration should happen along the path by creating a multi activity trail, supporting local enterprise and employment in tourism and recreation sectors. Members thanked Mr. Boyle for his presentation. The presentation to be circulated to the members.

ITEM 2 Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021 – Implementation Plan 2016-2018. Presentation by Mr. Chris Purnell, Co-ordinator, Southern Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force

It was agreed by members present that Item 3, presentation by Mr. Chris Purnell on the agenda would be brought forward.

Mr. C. Purnell delivered a presentation to the members outlining an overview of Southern Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force (SRDATF) and its work with particular reference to the Local Economic & Community Plans actions for the period 2016-2018 which they are leading on and their outcomes. Members congratulated Mr. Purnell on his presentation and the services that the SRDATF provide. The presentation to be circulated to the members.

ITEM 3 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 9th February 2017

**Proposed: Thomas Kelly
Seconded: Cynthia Deane
AND RESOLVED**

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 9th February 2017 having being circulated to each member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly approved and signed”.

The Chair advised on a matter arising in respect of the draft Minutes of 9th February 2017, under Item 5, stating that correspondence had been received from Mr. Karl Duffy, Social Inclusion Manager, Carlow County Development Partnership CLG, requesting his name be removed from the Minutes. The Chair advised that the Minutes cannot be changed. Members discussed amending the wording however the substance of the Minutes remain the same.

**Proposed: Noel Barry
Seconded: Cynthia Deane
AND RESOLVED**

“That the wording under Item 5 of the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 9th February 2017 will be amended to ‘a Chair was elected’.”

ITEM 4 Conflict of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their obligations and duty in respect of declaring any conflict of interest that they may have during the business of the meeting.

ITEM 5 Ireland 2040 – Our Plan – National Planning Framework (NPF)

The Chief Officer briefly updated Members on “Ireland 2040 Our Plan” – National Planning Framework (NPF), stating the importance of the document, advising submissions are invited in writing to the NPF and should relate to matters that are of national significance; are strategic in nature and have a spatial or place-based focus.

He indicated that the County Council and the Southern Regional Assembly and other Local Authorities in the region will be making a submission.

ITEM 6 Action Plan for Rural Development “Realising Our Rural Potential”

The Chief Officer informed Members of the Launch of Action Plan for Rural Development “Realising Our Rural Potential” document affirming the five pillars are very much part of Carlow LCDC.

ITEM 7 Co-ordination of Service Delivery at Local Level

The Chief Officer stated it is very important there be no duplication in respect of service delivery and that it needs to be co-ordinated at a local level.

ITEM 8 AOB

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting