

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

Local Action Group (LAG)

Held on Wednesday 2nd December, 2015

in

Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr's. Michael Doran, Willie Quinn, Charlie Murphy and Jennifer Murnane
O'Connor
Carlow County Council: Kathleen Holohan
Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community & Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle
Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly
Social Inclusion: Andrea Dalton
Carlow County Development Partnership: Mary Walsh
Agricultural / Farming: John Nolan
Environmental Pillar: Eamonn Moore
Civic Society: Fr. Caoimhín O'Neill

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Apologies:

Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane
Department of Social Protection: Noel Barry
Social Inclusion: Anne Shortall
Business/Employer: John Brophy

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 23rd October 2015 will be approved at the next LCDC meeting.

The Chair welcomed Kathleen Holohan, Chief Executive who is taking up the Chief Executive of Carlow County Council's seat on the LCDC which is prescribed in accordance with the Guidelines for the Establishment of Local Community Development Committees of 10th July 2014

He also welcomed Clare O'Shea and Karl Duffy from the Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd (CCDP) who were present to assist with the presentation of the draft LDS.

ITEM 2 Draft LEADER Local Development Strategy for consideration and approval:

Chairperson Eamonn Moore reminded the members of the roles of the LCDC, Carlow County Council as Lead Financial Partner and CCDP Ltd a Lead Implementing Partner

Ms. Mary Walsh went through in detail the sections of the draft LEADER Local Development Strategy which members considered which included a summary of the Consultation findings and submissions.

Arising from the discussion the following were highlighted;

- Match funding in-kind would include work of the Committee of the fund recipient.
- In the relaxation of the rules from the previous programme, restrictions on Statutory Funding has been eased.
- Proposal from Ms. Walsh that another meeting with the LCDC members would be held to outline and clarify the rules of the programme.
- The deadline for submission of the draft Local Development Strategy is 16th January 2016 to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government

The following decisions were agreed;

- The presentations to be circulated to the LCDC Members.
- The full consultation submissions to be circulated to the members.
- The Chief Officer, Michael Brennan and Ms. Walsh will work on the draft Local Development Strategy vision Statement which will then be circulated to the members for comment.
- Ms Mary Walsh and her team will continue to work on the draft Local Development Strategy. The draft when complete to be submitted to the LEADER LCDC subgroup to work on the draft. This then will be circulated to the full membership of the LCDC for comment. The final draft will then be approved and signed off by the Subgroup and the Chairperson.

On this understanding that the proposed amendments would be made through the process outlined above, the Chair requested approval to the draft Local Development Strategy

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Doran

Seconded: Thomas Kelly

AND RESOLVED

- That the draft Local Development Strategy be approved subject to agreed amendments and that the final draft will then be approved and signed off by the LEADER LCDC Subgroup and the Chairperson on behalf of the LCDC

ITEM 3 AOB

Local Economic and Community Plan:

The Chief Officer, Michael Brennan updated the members on the progress of the LECP and the changed deadline. The Public Consultation will commence in mid-December for a four week period. The draft will come back to the LCDC for approval at the January meeting, and will be approved by Council at their February 2016 meeting.

Dates for 2016 LCDC Meetings:

The Chief Officer circulated schedule of proposed date for LCDC meetings in 2016. After some discussion it was agreed, due to difficulty in aligning the various work calendars, to postpone a decision on same until the next meeting scheduled for the month of January. The Chief Officer agreed to come back to the members with a confirmed date of either 20th January or 27th January at 2.30 in the Council Chamber for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting