

Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on Friday 2nd December at 10.00 am
in Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr. Michael Doran
Cllr Willie Quinn
Cllr Charlie Murphy
Deputy Chief Executive: Dan McInerney
Head of Enterprise: Kieran Comerford
HSE: Ann-Marie Lanigan,
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
Carlow Tourism: Eileen O'Rourke

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Clerical Officer: Ann Scully

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Kathleen Holohan, Cllr Arthur McDonald, Cynthia Deane

Non Statutory Interests: Brian Hand, John Brophy, Mary Walsh

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising – 2nd September 2016

Proposed: Eileen O'Rourke

Seconded: Thomas Kelly

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 2nd September, 2016 are hereby approved.”

There are no matters arising that were not on the Agenda.

The Chair welcomed Ann-Marie Lanigan, HSE to her first LCDC meeting.

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

ITEM 2 Consideration and approval of Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Annual Plan 2017

Karl Duffy, Social Inclusion Manager of Carlow County Development Partnership CLG, Programme Implementer (PI) of Carlow SICAP presented a summary of the main points of the 2017 Annual Plan which was positively received by the members. Queries raised by members were answered by Mr Duffy.

On Mr Duffy's leaving the meeting, the members were informed by the Chair of the issue around the non-supply of staff costs details due to Data Protection issues by the Programme Implementer and the subsequent inability of Pobal to complete a technical review which in turn prevents the LCDC from approving the plan.

The Chief Officer circulated correspondence dated 24th November 2016 to Ms. Mary Walsh, CEO, Programme Implementer in respect of SICAP Annual Plan 2017 which was noted.

Members of the LCDC SICAP Committee advised the meeting that they met staff from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and Pobal with the Chief Officer and Ms M Moore on the 30th November and they clearly advised that the staff costs details were required before the Technical Review could be signed off and that it was a contractual obligation that staff costs details be provided. They also pointed out that the Programme Implementer had supplied this information in the two previous years and that the LCDC could not approve the SICAP Plan until Pobal had signed off on the Technical Review.

The Chairperson expressed his disappointment in the matter.

Proposed: Kieran Comerford

Seconded: Cllr Willie Quinn

AND RESOLVED

That the members of the LCDC not approve the SICAP Annual Plan for 2017 until the staffing costs sheet details be supplied by the Programme Implementer and that sign off be received from Pobal in respect of the SICAP Technical Review. In order to expedite this matter once resolved, it was agreed that the LCDC Subgroup would on behalf of the LCDC approve the plan.

ITEM 3 Presentation by Edmond Connolly of the South East Regional Skills Forum

Mr Edmond Connolly of the South East Regional Skills Forum, gave a presentation to the members outlining the role of the Forum and profiling a picture of the job skills landscape of County Carlow. Queries raised by members were answered by Mr Connolly. This presentation will be circulated to the members.

ITEM 4 Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 -2021

The Chief Officer distributed a list of the agencies that are taking the lead in delivering the Community actions in the LECP and informed the members that starting from January 2017, a lead agency will be requested to present to the members the progress of their actions as part of the monitoring process of the plan which members noted.

ITEM 5 AOB

After some discussion, members agreed that LCDC and LAG meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 2 pm in the Council Chamber.

This concluded the business of the meeting