

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

Local Action Group (LAG)

Held on Wednesday 27th January

in

Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr's. Michael Doran, Willie Quinn, Charlie Murphy
Carlow County Council: Kathleen Holohan
Head of Enterprise: Kieran Comerford
Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane
Department of Social Protection: Noel Barry

Non -Statutory Interests:

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

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Apologies:

Community & Voluntary Sector: Mary Doyle

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed: Thomas Kelly

Seconded: Kathleen Holohan

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 2nd December 2015 are hereby approved.”

There are no matters arising that were not on the Agenda

ITEM 2 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

Karl Duffy, Social Inclusion Manager of CCDP CLG distributed a hard copy and gave a presentation on the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme End of Year Review for 2015, highlighting that the Key Performance Indicators set for the county in the period covered has been achieved or surpassed, and that the Beneficiary Target Rates set have been achieved or exceeded in all cases except one.

He also distributed a hard copy and gave a presentation on the 2016 SICAP Annual plan, outlining the actions and key performance indicators for 2016.

Arising from the presentations and the discussion from members the following actions were agreed;

- Mr Duffy to furnish the members with the figures for those who have progressed to employment due to the SICAP intervention.
- The LCDC to write a formal letter to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and Pobal outlining two key issues of concern that have arisen during the implementation of the SICAP programme – inadequacy of budget/resources to support the increasing KPI and Beneficiary Target Rates and the lack of alignment with regard to budget timelines across different sectors and Government Departments which prevent strategic planning with regard to the SICAP programme with these sectors

Kieran Comerford suggested that Dr Patricia Mulcahy of IT Carlow who is a member of the South Eastern Regional Skills Forum steering group, should be invited to make a presentation to members on the training and development needs of Employers

Proposed: Cllr. Willie Quinn

Seconded: Fr. Caoimhín O’Neill

AND RESOLVED

That the SICAP End of Year 2015 Annual Plan is hereby approved.

Proposed: John Brophy
Seconded: Cllr Michael Doran
AND RESOLVED

That the SICAP 2016 Annual plan is hereby approved

ITEM 3 Local Economic and Community Plan

The Chief Officer, Michael Brennan updated the members on the submissions received from the Public Consultation process on the draft plan and detailed amendments made following receipt of four submissions i.e Environmental Protection Agency, Southern Regional Assembly, Carlow County Development Partnership CLG and Carlow Tourism and sought their approval for amendments arising from these submissions. The draft plan will be presented to the members of the Municipal District of Carlow for consideration at their meeting scheduled for 28th January and will be presented to the members of Carlow County Council for adoption at their meeting scheduled for 8th February 2016.

Cllr Michael Doran complimented the work of all of those who contributed to the document and highly recommended that this very useful document be made widely available for people to read.

Chairperson Eamon Moore also complimented the plan as excellent and well balanced.

Proposed: Cllr Michael Doran
Seconded: Ann Shortall
AND RESOLVED

That the draft County Carlow 2021 Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 with amendments is hereby approved.

ITEM 4 LEADER

The Chief Officer informed the members that the LEADER Local Development Strategy was submitted on 15th January 2016, to Pobal and he complimented and thanked all those involved in preparing the Strategy.

ITEM 5 LCDC Annual Report 2016

The Chief Officer presented the draft LCDC Annual Report 2015 to members for consideration and approval. He advised that the Annual Report will be presented to the members of Carlow County Council for information.

Proposed: Thomas Kelly
Seconded: Cllr Charlie Murphy
AND RESOLVED

That the LCDC Annual Report 2015 is hereby approved.

ITEM 6 AOB

The Chief Officer circulated schedule of proposed dates for LCDC meetings in 2016 and it was agreed to fix up to September as follows;

- Wednesday 13th April
- Wednesday 15th June
- Wednesday 21st September

The agreed time and venue is 2.30pm in the Council Chamber.

Fr Caoimhín O' Neill and Ann Shortall advised members that they were resigning from the membership of Carlow LCDC with immediate effect, the Chairperson Eamonn Moore complimented Fr. Caoimhín O'Neill and Ann Shortall for their work on the LCDC, and thanked them and wished them well in the future.

Fr. Caoimhín suggested, that as a result of his appreciation of the tremendous amount of work that takes place at LCDC meetings and which may not be widely understood, that a seminar to Social Studies Students at both third level Colleges be developed on the work of the LCDC.

This concluded the business of the meeting