

**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**Carlow Local Community Development Committee**  
**Held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2015**  
**in**  
**Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow**

**PRESENT**

**Statutory Interests:**

Cllr's. Michael Doran, Willie Quinn, Charlie Murphy

Head of LEO: Kieran Comerford,

Kilkenny/Carlow Education & Training Board: Cynthia Deane

**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

Business/Employer: John Brophy

Civic Society: Fr. Caomhín O'Neill

**Chief Officer:** Michael Brennan

**Administrative Officer:** Margaret Moore

**Apologies:**

Department of Social Protection: Noel Barry

Social Inclusion: Anne Shortall

**ITEM 1      Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising**

**Proposed: Thomas Kelly**

**Seconded: Cllr. Michael Doran**

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 are hereby approved.”

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

The Chair thanked Margaret Moore for her work as A/Chief Officer

**ITEM 2      Draft Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)**

The Chief Officer informed the members that the draft LECP was/will be considered by the Management Team, LECP Steering Committee, the Municipal District Councils of Muinebheag and Carlow, the Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Planning Strategic Policy Committee and Southern Regional Assembly during October 2015.

He reminded the members that the LCDC was responsible for the Community Elements of the plan. He then went through in detail higher level goals, strategic objectives and actions in respect of the Community element "Living in Carlow" which were considered and noted.

Kieran Comerford went through the Economic elements of the document which also included joint Community and Economic actions.

A number of amendments were made to the plan which were agreed

It was also agreed that members can email the Chief Officer with any other changes/observations. The Chief Officer advised that the public consultation process in respect of draft LECP would commence from the period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

On the understanding that the proposed amendments would be made the Chair requested approval to the draft plan

**Proposed: Fr. Caomhín O’Neill**

**Seconded: Cllr Willie Quinn**

**AND RESOLVED**

That the the draft LECP be approved subject to agreed amendments and that the draft plan go on public display for period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**ITEM 3 LEADER**

Ms Mary Walsh updated the members on the timelines in respect of the consultation process for the preparation of the Local Development Strategy and advised that is proposed that the LCDC will be presented with a draft strategy by

the end of November for consideration and approval and that the approved LDS would be sent to the Department by mid-December for approval. The consultation process has commenced and written submissions have been sought.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November there will be a Community consultation event where the participants will be brought through a prepared questionnaire which they will take away to be completed and returned on a set date. It is planned that there will be a follow up meeting to analyse the feedback. Consultations will also take place with Carlow PPN Network.

It was agreed that the draft strategy would be circulated to the members on 27<sup>th</sup> November. It was also agreed that the LCDC subgroup would meet with Ms Walsh on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to prepare for the full LCDC meeting scheduled for 2nd December from 10.00 am to 15.00 pm.

#### **ITEM 7      AOB**

The Chairperson offered condolences on behalf of the members to Ms Mary Walsh on the death of her mother.

Fr. Caomhín O Neill was congratulated for his Life achievement award at the recent Carlow Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

**This concluded the business of the meeting**