

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on 11th January, 2018 at 2.00pm
In the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow**

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr Andrea Dalton
Cllr John Murphy
Cllr Michael Doran
Kathleen Holohan
Kieran Comerford
Anna Marie Lanigan

Non -Statutory Interests:

Social Inclusion College: Anne Shortall
Community & Voluntary College: Mary Doyle
Community & Voluntary College: Thomas Kelly
Environmental College: Eamonn Moore
Business / Employer: John Brophy
Partnership Company: Karl Duffy
Carlow Tourism: Eileen O'Rourke

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Staff Officer: Róisín Hennessy

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Cllr Charlie Murphy, Cynthia Deane, Noel Barry.

Non-Statutory Interests: Eileen Doyle, Jules Michael, John Nolan

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising – 14th December, 2017

Mary Doyle advised that her representative College was Community & Voluntary and that the minutes be amended to reflect same which was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Andrea Dalton
Seconded: Thomas Kelly
AND RESOLVED

“That the amended Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 14th December, 2017 having being circulated to each member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly approved and signed “

The Chair took this opportunity to welcome two new members to the LCDC, Anne Shortall and Eileen Doyle. These members were appointed through the PPN and agreed by the Corporate Policy Group of Council and approved by the members of Carlow County Council as per the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and appropriate guidelines and statutory regulations at meetings held on the 11th December 2017.

Mr Eamonn Moore advised that he attended a recent meeting on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and that he would circulate papers to the Chief Officer for circulation to the committee members when received which was noted.

ITEM 2 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Mr Karl Duffy, Carlow County Development Partnership delivered his presentation to the members on the SICAP Programme. This was received well by the members. Queries raised by members were answered by Karl Duffy. Presentation to be circulated to Members. The SICAP End of Year Annual Report for 2017 and 2018 Annual Plan will be presented for approval at the LCDC Meeting in February.

ITEM 3 Approval of the LCDC Annual Report 2017

The Chief Officer presented the draft Annual Report 2017 to members for consideration and approval which is a requirement under the Local Government Act 2001. The Chief Officer advised that Eileen Doyle, Cáirdeas, Family Resource Centre, Tullow be changed to Eileen Doyle, Cáirdeas Centre, Tullow on the Annual Report. Mr Eamonn Moore advised that he is representing An Táisce on the Environmental College and that this be indicated on the report. The Annual Report when approved will be presented to the Members of Carlow County for information purposes.

Proposed: Karl Duffy
Seconded: Eamonn Moore
AND RESOLVED

“That the Carlow Local Community Development Committee hereby approve the LCDC Annual Report 2017 with amendments.”

ITEM 4 Agrifood – Presentation by Kieran Comerford

Mr. Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise, delivered a presentation to the members on Agrifood. Queries raised by members were answered by Kieran Comerford. Presentation to be circulated to the Members.

ITEM 5 What’s the Big Idea Projects

The Chief Executive Kathleen Holohan advised that the Big Idea Campaign is a campaign designed to bring projects from idea stage to business case stage to prepare them for development and funding. The objective of this process is to develop a practical action plan that will drive and maintain economic activity and increase employment in County Carlow by harnessing the potential of the County and focusing on a variety of key projects in the areas of business support, economic development and tourism. The initiative is addressing the following needs:

- Strategic direction and prioritization of projects required in tourism, economic development and business support,
- Competitive funding
- Requirement for business cases/base line and business models for funding.

She also indicated key milestones of the campaign and that outcomes will be measured in terms of number of projects delivered, level of funding achieved and number of jobs supported.

Members welcomed and supported this excellent initiative, and queries raised were responded to by the Chief Executive and Head of Enterprise.

ITEM 6 AOB

The Chairman requested that any presentations/reports given to the LCDC be forwarded electronically to the Members for their perusal. The Chief Officer advised that this would be in order.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairman

Date: _____

Chief Officer

Date: _____