

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on 14th December, 2017 at 2.00pm
In the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow**

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr Andrea Dalton
Cllr John Murphy
Cllr Charlie Murphy
Kieran Comerford
Cynthia Deane

Non -Statutory Interests:

Social Inclusion College: Mary Doyle
Community & Voluntary College: Thomas Kelly
Environmental College: Eamonn Moore
Agricultural /Farming: John Nolan
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 Michael Doran, Kathleen Holohan, Anna Marie Lanigan, Noel Barry.

Non-Statutory Interests: Anne Shortall, Eileen Doyle, Jules Michael.

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising – 16th November, 2017

Proposed: Cllr John Murphy
Seconded: Cllr Andrea Dalton
AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 16th November, 2017 having being circulated to each member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly approved and signed.”

ITEM 2 Conflict of Interest

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

ITEM 3 Election of Chair

The Chief Officer opened up proceedings by asking for a nomination for Chairperson for the LCDC. Eamon Moore then proposed John Brophy. This was seconded by Thomas Kelly. There were no further proposals.

Proposed by Eamonn Moore
Seconded by Thomas Kelly
AND RESOLVED

“That the Members of Carlow LCDC hereby elect John Brophy as Chairperson of Carlow LCDC”

Mr John Brophy expressed his appreciation and honour at being elected as Chairperson. He outlined his long history of serving on various committees and boards and his commitment to County Carlow and looked forward to working with the members of the LCDC and Staff.

ITEM 4 Presentation by Mr. Karl Duffy on Carlow Integration Forum

Mr Karl Duffy, Carlow County Development Partnership delivered his presentation to the members on the work that Carlow Integration Forum have undertaken to-date. This was received well by the members. Queries raised by members were answered by Karl Duffy. Presentation to be circulated to Members.

ITEM 5 Towns and Villages Scheme Presentation by Kieran Comerford

Mr Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise delivered his presentation to the members on the Towns and Villages Scheme. Queries raised by members were answered by Kieran Comerford. Presentation to be circulated to Members

ITEM 6. Agri Food – Presentation by Kieran Comerford.

This presentation which was listed on the Agenda was not given. To be listed at the January meeting of Carlow LCDC

ITEM 7. RAPID Programme.

The Chief Officer circulated a report on the RAPID Programme 2017 in respect of Grants approved by the Municipal Districts of Carlow and Muinebheag which was noted. Members expressed their concerns with regard to the tight time periods involved.

ITEM 8. Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for Sothern Region.

The Chief Officer circulated a report on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy which was noted. The closing date for receipt of submissions is the 26th January 2018

ITEM 9 Nomination of Member to SICAP Subgroup

The Chief Officer sought a nomination from the LCDC for the SICAP Sub Group. Cllr Andrea Dalton was:

Proposed: Eamonn Moore

Seconded: Thomas Kelly

AND RESOLVED

“That the members of Carlow LCDC hereby approve Cllr Andrea Dalton to fill the vacancy on the LCDC SICAP Subgroup”

ITEM 10. SICAP – Signing of Funding Agreement 2018 - 2021

The new SICAP programme of 2018 to 2022 contract was officially signed. This brings funding in excess of €2.7 million to County Carlow over the 5 year period of the programme. The contract was signed by the Chairperson of Carlow LCDC, John Brophy the Deputy Chief Executive of Carlow County Council, Dan McInerney and Chief Executive Officer Mary Walsh of the Implementing Partner Carlow County Development Partnership CLG. It was noted that the Chairperson of the Implementing Partner will also sign the contract Frank Corcoran.

ITEM 8 AOB

A calendar of dates for the LCDC Meetings for 2018 was circulated to the Members and agreed.

The next LCDC meeting will be held on 11th January, 2018.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairman

Date:_____

Chief Officer

Date:_____