

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

Held on Thursday 14th September at 2.00pm

In the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr Charlie Murphy
Cllr Michael Doran
Cllr Arthur McDonald
Cllr John Murphy
Chief Executive: Kathleen Holohan
LEO: Kieran Comerford
DSP: Noel Barry
ETB: Cynthia Deane

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community & Voluntary Sector: Thomas Kelly
Social Inclusion: Andrea Dalton
Environmental College: Eamonn Moore
Business / Employer: John Brophy
Partnership Company: Karl Duffy
Agricultural- Farming: John Nolan
Carlow Tourism: Eileen O'Rourke
Civic Society/Arts: Jules Michael

Acting Chief Officer: Margaret Nolan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: HSE: Anne-Marie Lanigan

Non-Statutory Interests: Josephine Tierney, Mary Doyle

ITEM 1 Welcome

Chairperson Andrea Dalton welcomed new members Cllr John Murphy and Jules Michael to the LCDC. She also welcomed back Chief Executive Kathleen Holohan after her long absence due to illness.

ITEM 2 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising –13th July 2017

Proposed: Eamonn Moore

Seconded: Karl Duffy

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 13th July 2017 having being circulated to each member be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly approved and signed.”

ITEM 3 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson 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 4 Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021 / Implementation Plan 2016 - 2018 - Presentation by Noel Barry, Department of Social Protection

Mr. Barry delivered a presentation to the members outlining an overview of the Department of Social Protection and its work with a particular reference on the Local Economic & Community Plans actions for the period 2016-2018 which they are leading on and their outcomes and the figures that Mr. Barry presented indicated a sharp decline in unemployment in County Carlow which was deemed good news but did have an impact on back to work programmes such as TÚS, Gateway etc. Queries raised by members were responded to by Mr Barry.

ITEM 5 Social Inclusion Activation Community Programme

Mr. Karl Duffy gave a brief update on the current SICAP programme to the members informing them that they exceeding their targets and were on target with their budgetary spend.

At this stage Mr. Duffy left the room due to conflict of interest and the Acting Chief Officer Ms. Nolan informed the members of the current situation in regard to the new SICAP programme where the Tendering Process was underway with a deadline for tenders on 29th September. Also training for the next stage of evaluating tenders was being held for Monday 25th September.

Karl Duffy returned to the meeting once this item was completed.

ITEM 6 Healthy Ireland application approval

The acting Chief Officer Ms. Nolan gave an update of the programme and outlined the proposed actions that were circulated to the members which required approval from the LCDC. She informed them that a subgroup to monitor the progress of the actions was being established and were seeking a maximum of two members from the LCDC to sit on this subgroup. John Brophy put his name forward and he was

**Proposed By: Kathleen Holohan
Seconded By: Kieran Comerford
AND RESOLVED**

“That the Members of Carlow LCDC hereby approve that Mr John Brophy participate on the Healthy Ireland Sub Group”

In regard to the proposed actions

**Proposed By: Eamonn Moore
Seconded By: Cllr John Murphy
AND RESOLVED**

“That the Members of Carlow LCDC hereby approve the proposed actions for the Healthy Ireland application for County Carlow.”

ITEM 12 AOB

Members were informed of the successful launch of the Carlow Age Friendly Strategy by Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Deputy Jim Daly, T.D. yesterday afternoon.

The next LCDC meeting will be held on October 12th, 2017

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairman

Chief Officer

Date:_____

Date:_____