

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on 16th November at 2.00pm
In the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow**

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr Michael Doran

Cllr Andrea Dalton

Cllr John Murphy

DSP: Noel Barry

HSE: Anne-Marie Lanigan

Non -Statutory Interests:

Social Inclusion College: Josephine Tierney

Community & Voluntary College: Thomas Kelly

Environmental College: Eamonn Moore

Agricultural /Farming: John Nolan

Business / Employer: John Brophy

Arts/Culture: Jules Michael

Partnership Company: Karl Duffy

Carlow Tourism: Eileen O'Rourke

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Cllr Charlie Murphy, Kathleen Holohan, Kieran Comerford, Cynthia Deane

Non-Statutory Interests: Mary Doyle

Attendance: Deirdre Dunne and Mary Ryan, HSE

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising –17th October 2017

Proposed: Cllr Michael Doran

Seconded: Eamonn Moore

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 17th October 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 Vice 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 Election of Chair

Vice-chair Noel Barry opened up proceedings by reminding the members that he stood in as Chairperson due to the fact that the then Chairperson Andrea Dalton had to step down and resign from the LCDC when she was co-opted onto Carlow County Council. On the event of Andrea being elected by her Council Colleagues back onto the LCDC, Mr Noel Barry proposed her for the position of Chairperson due to her credentials in community development and her recent tenure in the position of Chairperson. Before another member could second the proposal, Cllr Michael Doran questioned this choice on the basis that it was agreed when the LCDC was established, that a Non-Statutory person would hold the position of Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson asked for someone to second his nomination and for an alternative proposal. Ms Josephine Tierney seconded the proposal. However both Mr Eamonn Moore and Mr Thomas Kelly felt that it was important to keep to the original arrangement, and after further discussion the Vice Chairperson withdrew his nomination and deferred the vote for Chairperson to the next meeting.

ITEM 5 Presentation by St. Luke’s Hospital re Age Friendly Initiatives, Mary Ryan and Deirdre Dunne

Mary Ryan and Deirdre Dunne delivered their presentation to the members on the work that St. Luke’s Hospital, Kilkenny have undertaken and especially in the area of applying appropriate changes due to clients consultation forums such as Age Friendly Hospital Steering Committee etc. This was received well by the members and their work was commended as positive in spite of constant negative portrayal of the Health Service. Queries raised by members were answered by Ms Ryan and Ms Dunne. The Chief Officer undertook to circulate the presentation to the members.

ITEM 6 SICAP Programme 2018 – 2022, Tender consideration and ratification

The Chief Officer circulated, Impartiality and Confidentiality forms to the members to sign and return, prior to discussions on this matter. Mr. Karl Duffy left the room due to conflict of interest. The Chief Officer Michael Brennan gave a presentation to the members which outlined the evaluation process of the tender for the new SICAP programme 2018 – 2022 and the intensive deliberations of the SICAP Evaluation Committee who have recommended ratification of the Tender submitted by Carlow County Development Partnership CLG to the LCDC. After some discussion and consideration the LCDC agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Andrea Dalton
Seconded: Thomas Kelly
AND RESOLVED

“That the members of Carlow LCDC ratify the Tender received from Carlow County Development Partnership CLG”

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

ITEM 6 Nomination of Member to SICAP Subgroup

Due to Ms Andrea Dalton’s resignation from this Subgroup a nomination was sought to fill this vacancy. Josephine Tierney was nominated as someone from the Social Inclusion Sector.

Proposed: Cllr Andrea Dalton
Seconded: Eileen O’Rourke
AND RESOLVED

“That the members of Carlow LCDC hereby approve Ms Josephine Tierney to fill the vacancy on the LCDC SICAP Subgroup”

ITEM 7 RAPID Programme 2017

The Chief Officer Michael Brennan referred to the circulated document which outlined the details of this new call under the RAPID Programme. The closing date for receipt of applications is the 24th November 2017 and Projects must be completed by 31st December 2017. He advised that due to the tight timelines that a closed call for applications is being sought from key stakeholders/agencies with a social inclusion remit in the areas designated deprived in the small area statistics - Carlow Town, Bagenalstown, Tullow and Hacketstown and who can deliver within this time period. It was proposed that grants would be a minimum grant of €5,000 and a maximum of €15,000. Members expressed concerns with regard to the unrealistic time frames.

It was agreed that a subgroup of the LCDC would be established, who will recommend applications to the Municipal Districts for approval in early December. The Chief Officer will also circulate the recommended applications to all the LCDC members before the two Municipal Council meetings.

Proposed: Eamonn Moore
Seconded: Karl Duffy
AND RESOLVED

“That the members of Carlow LCDC approve the establishment of a Subgroup consisting of Noel Barry, Ann-Marie Lanigan and Cllr Michael Doran to consider RAPID funding applications received by the 24th November 2017 and make recommendations to the Municipal Districts of Carlow and Muinebheag meetings for approval.

Proposed: John Brophy
Seconded: Cllr John Murphy
AND RESOLVED

“The methodology of closed call, designated areas, grant amount and process of decision making is agreed.”

ITEM 8 AOB

The members were informed that advertisement seeking the services of a consultant to develop the Healthy Ireland Carlow Plan will be published this week. The funding has still yet to be confirmed.

The next LCDC meeting will be held on 14th December, 2017

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairman

Date:_____

Chief Officer

Date:_____