

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Carlow Local Community Development Committee
Held on 8th February, 2018 at 2.00pm
In the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow**

PRESENT

Statutory Interests:

Cllr John Murphy
Cllr Michael Doran
Cllr Charlie Murphy
Kathleen Holohan
Kieran Comerford
Noel Barry
Anna Marie Lanigan
Cynthia Deane

Non -Statutory Interests:

Community & Voluntary College: Thomas Kelly
Environmental College: Eamonn Moore
Business / Employer: John Brophy
Agricultural/Farming: John Nolan
Partnership Company: Karl Duffy
Carlow Tourism: Eileen O'Rourke

Chief Officer: Michael Brennan

Administrative Officer: Margaret Moore

Staff Officer: Róisín Hennessy

Apologies:

Statutory Interests: Cllr Andrea Dalton,

Non-Statutory Interests: Jules Michael, Anne Shortall, Mary Doyle

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising – 11th January 2018

Proposed: Karl Duffy
Seconded: Eamonn Moore
AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 11th January, 2018 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 Chairperson reminded the members of their obligation and duty with regard to declaring any conflict of interest that they may have during the business of the meeting.

ITEM 3 What’s the Big Idea?

Shannon International Consultants gave a presentation on “What’s the Big Idea Initiative” This initiative will examine economic development projects from the following perspective

- Bring Project from idea stage to business case stage
- Prepare projects for development and funding
- Focus on a variety of key projects which will generate employment and economic development.

Members welcomed this excellent initiative and queries raised were answered by the Consultant. Cynthia Deane asked if the Kilkenny/ Carlow Education and Training Board could be included in the consultations due to be held on the 20th of February, 2018 which was agreed. The Chief Officer to forward details of the Social Innovation Fund Road Show to be held in Offaly on 16th February 2018 to Members.

ITEM 4 Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021. Presentation by Aileen Nolan, Acting Arts Officer.

Ms Aileen Nolan, Acting Arts Officer, Carlow County Council delivered a presentation to the Members outlining an overview of the work carried out by the Arts Office with particular reference to the Local Economic & Community Plan actions for the period 2016-2018 which they are leading on and their outcomes. Members welcomed the report and queries raised were responded to by Ms Nolan.

The Chairperson then advised that he proposed a change to the order of business items listed on the Agenda which was agreed and he requested Kieran Comerford to present on the Social Enterprise Development Fund.

ITEM 5 Social Enterprise Development Fund

Kieran Comerford, Head of Enterprise, advised that the Social Enterprise Development Fund is a €1.6m fund which will be delivered over two years, 2018-2020. The fund was created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development. The fund will award up to eighty social enterprises per year, who receive a cash grant of €50,000. The fund closes for applications on the 28th March.

ITEM 6 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) End of Year Review for consideration and approval.

Mr Karl Duffy, Carlow County Development Partnership presented to Members an End of Year Report in respect of SICAP 2017 with a number of case studies. Key targets were met and exceeded. Queries raised by members were answered by Karl Duffy. The Chief Officer advised that the SICAP Sub group had met on three occasions to critically consider and analyse the draft report and minutes were circulated to the meeting. He also advised of feedback from Pobal which was very positive and they recommended that the report be approved with no application of remedies.

It was noted that there was an underspend of €438.16, which was 0.08% of the total budget. Arrangements will be made to refund this to the Department.

Proposed: Noel Barry
Seconded: Thomas Kelly
AND RESOLVED

“That Carlow Local Community Development Committee hereby approve the SICAP 2017 Plan End of Year Report and that the balance monies for the first quarter of 2018 be paid to the Programme Implementer”.

ITEM 7 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Annual Plan 2018 for consideration and approval.

Mr. Karl Duffy, Carlow County Development Partnership presented to Members the SICAP Annual Plan 2018. Members welcomed the Plan and queries raised were answered by Mr. Duffy. The Chief Officer advised that the SICAP Sub group had met on three occasions to critically consider and analyse the draft Annual Plan and minutes were circulated to the meeting

Proposed: Noel Barry
Seconded: Cllr Michael Doran.
AND RESOLVED.

“That Carlow Local Community Development Committee hereby approve the SICAP Annual Plan 2018 and that the balance monies for the first quarter of 2018 be paid to the Programme Implementer”.

ITEM 8 AOB

The Chief Officer advised the Members that funding of €100,000 has been received through Healthy Ireland and that consultations will be held with the public and key stakeholders during February and March after which, a Strategic Plan will be prepared and submitted to the LCDC for approval.

The Chief Officer also advised that Ms Eileen Doyle PPN Social Inclusion representative, has tendered her resignation from the LCDC which was noted.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Chairman

Chief Officer

Date:_____

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