

**Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting**

**Tuesday, 21st March 2024 11:00am
Block A Training Room & MS Teams**

Attendance:

In the Chair: Cllr. Aidan Browne - (Public Sector)

LCDC Members:

Cllr. Lisa McDonald (Public Sector)
Cllr. Anthony Donoghue (Public Sector)
Cllr. Mary Farrell (Public Sector)
Mr. Michael O'Brien, WWETB (Public Sector)
Mr. Brian Kehoe, Wexford Local Development
Mr. John V Carr, PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Ms. Aislinn Dunne, PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Brian Toomey, PPN Community & Voluntary Pillar
Mr. Jonathan King, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Mr. Jer O'Mahoney, IFA
Mr. Seán Joyce, Wexford Council of Trade Unions

Also in attendance:

Ms. Carolyne Godkin – Director of Services
Ms. Dymphna O'Connor – Chief Officer
Ms. Caroline Creane – Wexford County Council
Ms. Tara Farrell – Wexford County Council
Mr. Ronan Griffin – Wexford County Council
Ms. Róisín Fitzgerald – Wexford County Council

Apologies:

Mr. Eddie Taafe, Interim Chief Executive (Public Sector)
Ms. Breege Cosgrave (Public Sector)
Ms. Patricia Delaney, DSP (Public Sector)
Ms. Derval Howley, HSE (Public Sector)
Ms. Sharon Kennedy, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Ms. Karin Dubsy, PPN Environmental Pillar
Ms. Mary Browne, Chamber of Commerce

1. Check and verification of those attending by video conference

Ronan Griffin verified those present in person via MS Teams, noted apologies and confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes 27th February 2024

The minutes of the meeting of 27th February 2024 were adopted.

Proposed: John Carr

Seconded: Jer O'Mahony

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. 2024 Local Enhancement Programme – Women's Ringfenced Funding

Ronan Griffin gave a presentation on the recommended distribution of the ringfenced funding for women's groups, as previously circulated to the LCDC members.

Any group who applied for €1,000 or under received the amount they applied for. Groups who applied for over €1,000 received 59% of the amount they had applied for, subject to a minimum grant of €1,000 and a limit of €5,000 being applied to each application.

The LCDC agreed to accept the Community Team's recommendation on the distribution of the Women's Ringfenced Funding:

Propose: Jer O'Mahony

Seconded: Brian Toomey

See Appendix 1 for list of funded groups.

6. 2024 Local Enhancement Programme – Main Fund

Ronan Griffin gave a presentation on the proposed distribution of the main LEP fund, as previously circulated to the LCDC members. He thanked Róisín Fitzgerald and the Chief Officer Dymphna O'Connor for their work in bringing forward a recommendation on Local Enhancement Programme to the LCDC.

204 applications were received with a value of over €1,000,000. This resulted in a severe oversubscription to the fund with only €180,708.85 available. As such the Community Team recommended that a total of 60 applications not receive any funding under the Local Enhancement Programme for the following reasons:

- Applied for ineligible works.
- Duplicate applications, or multiple applications received from the same group.
- Applicant group had applied for works that were considered too large in scale and expense for the Local Enhancement Programme to make a meaningful contribution.
- Applicant group had received funding under the Community Recognition Fund 2023.
- Applicant group was applying for works that were not considered essential to the operation of the group – eg. painting, power-washing, planting.
- Applicant group applied for works covered by another Council department – ie. Resident's Association within a County Council estate.

The remaining 144 groups were recommended to be funded as follows:

Any group who applied for €1,000 or under received the amount they applied for. Groups who applied for over €1,000 received 36% of the amount they had applied for, subject to a minimum grant of €1,000 and a limit of €5,000 being applied to each application.

Aislinn Dunne expressed concern that the criteria for the scheme were being changed, particularly in terms of the €5,000 limit, and that same should have been communicated ahead of the opening of applications. She noted in particular the amount of work involved in getting invoices / quotes for the scheme submitted.

Dymphna O'Connor explained that the DRCD set the basic criteria, and the €5,000 was not part of same. This limit was recommended to be imposed locally due to the high volume of applications, and the risk of high value applications 'skewing' the distribution of the fund towards those groups. Carolyn Godkin stressed that this was to maximise the number of groups to be funded, and that it was open to the LCDC to agree an alternative method to distribute the funds.

Ronan Griffin noted that in circumstances where an applicant had requested a large amount of money (over €5,000) and were being recommended for a smaller amount (under €2,000), the application was broken down into several different works or pieces of equipment, and the smaller amount would enable them to purchase one or two items or do some of the works applied for.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald asked how many groups from the previous Community Support Fund had not received funding yet. Ronan Griffin advised that 3 groups been given extensions to Q2 2024 and had not yet completed their works and been paid.

Seán Joyce asked how the Local Enhancement Programme compared to the previous funds. Ronan Griffin advised that the Community Support Fund approved in 2023 was had not been as significantly oversubscribed, that all applicants received some funding. The funding level was approx. 40% for most applicants, subject to a minimum funding level of €1,000.

Following further discussion, the LCDC agreed to distribute the funding as recommended by the Community Team.

Propose: Cllr. Lisa McDonald Seconded: Cllr. Mary Farrell

Conflicts of Interest were noted on the following applications, and separate votes took place as follows:

Murrintown Community Centre

Propose: Jonathan King Seconded: Jer O'Mahoney

Cllr. Lisa McDonald abstained from this vote due to Conflict of Interest

DMP Athletics

Propose: John Carr Seconded: Jer O'Mahoney

Cllr. Lisa McDonald abstained from this vote due to Conflict of Interest

Kilmuckridge Memorial Hall

Propose: Jer O'Mahoney Seconded: John Carr

Cllr. Mary Farrell abstained from this vote due to Conflict of Interest

Moyne Rangers

Propose: Jonathan King Seconded: John Carr

Cllr. Aidan Browne abstained from this vote due to Conflict of Interest

Bellefield Youth Club

Propose: John Carr Seconded: Jer O'Mahoney

Cllr. Aidan Browne abstained from this vote due to Conflict of Interest

See Appendix 2 for list of approved groups.

7. Chief Officer's Report

Dymphna O'Connor presented the Chief Officer's report which was circulated to the members in advance. The following items were specifically highlighted:

The 2024 Community Recognition Fund was announced. Like the 2023 fund, this fund was for communities that had taken on a large number of new arrivals into the country.

The Healthy Counties Committee has agreed to provide funding in €5,658 for a Playful Spaces element in the sensory garden at Pearse Park in New Ross.

The Joint Policing Committee is expected to be replaced by a Local Community Safety Committee. Details will be circulated by the Community Team when same have been received.

Congratulations were noted for Brian Toomey for his work on the "Let's Sing Together" project, which was presented at the South East Healthy Ageing Seminar which had taken place on the 4th of March.


8. AOB

The Chairman thanked Brian Toomey for his tireless work on the LCDC, on the occasion of his final LCDC meeting. Brian noted his thanks to all current and previous LCDC members, as well as previous chairs and the current and previous Chief Officer for their support with various projects over the years.

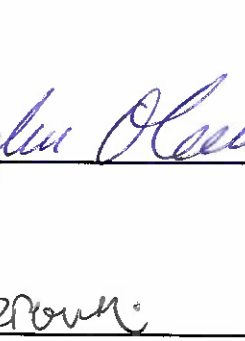
He noted the threat to lower paid employees from AI, particularly in the tech sector, and hoped the apprenticeship project would continue and promote work on further education options within the county.

9. Date for next meeting

To be advised. Tara Farrell advised that it was required before the end of April to facilitate approval of the SICAP Annual Plan for 2024



Chief Officer



Cathaoirleach

Dated on the 23rd day of April 2024.

Appendix 1: List of groups recommended for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme – Ringfenced funding for Women’s Groups. Agenda Item 5.

Name of Womens Group	Municipal District	Amount Awarded
Clonard Girl Guide	Wexford	€2,969.00
St Anne's Ladies Football & Camogie Club	Rosslare	€2,376.00
Community of Oulart Women's Society (The COWS)	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Delightful Dollies Women's Group	Enniscorthy	€800.00
Clonee Ladies Football Club	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Piercestown CGI, Girl Guides	Rosslare	€1,000.00
Shelburne United Senior Ladies Team	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Tomhaggard Womens Shed	Rosslare	€1,000.00
Rosebuds Ladies Group	Rosslare	€1,782.00
Doers & Dreamers	New Ross	€870.00
DIY DIVA'S	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€2,969.00
Riverchapel & Courtown Ladies Club	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Slaney Purple Paddlers	Wexford	€2,969.00
Bunclody Ladies Polo Team	Enniscorthy	€2,079.00
Ballymitty Woman's Shed	Rosslare	€2,257.00
Access 2000 (Wexford) CLG	Wexford	€2,969.00
Circle of Friends	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Seaview Utd soccer club	New Ross	€1,782.77
Womens Shed New Ross	New Ross	€2,969.00
Women's Shed Cush Croi	New Ross	€1,000.00
Castletown Liam Mellows Walking Group	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€350.00
Camross ICA Ladies	New Ross	€1,000.00

Appendix 2: List of groups recommended for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme – Main Fund. Agenda Item 6.

Name of Group	Municipal District	Amount Awarded
13th Wexford Scout Group	Wexford	€1,550.00
2ND Wexford Scout Group	Wexford	€1,810.00
35th Wexford Kilmore Scout Group	Rosslare	€1,000.00
ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	New Ross	€1,810.00
All Blacks AFC	Rosslare	€1,310.00
AMIGO PRODUCTIONS	Enniscorthy	€1,810.00
Ardamine residents association	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,090.00
ArtBank Bunclody	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Association of Wexford Polish school	Wexford	€1,000.00
Ballindaggin Development Group	Enniscorthy	€1,090.00
Ballycanew Community First Responder (CFR) Team	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Ballycanew Men's Shed	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,530.00
Ballycullane Tidy Towns	New Ross	€1,810.00
Ballygarrett Youth Club	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€989.00
Ballymitty Community Development CLG	Rosslare	€1,810.00
Bannow & Rathangan Agricultural Show	Rosslare	€450.00
Bannow Historical Society	Rosslare	€1,000.00
Bayview Drive Residents Association	Wexford	€1,810.00
Bellefield Youth Club	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Blackwater Historical Society	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€300.00
Blackwater Racing Pigeon Club	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,090.00
Bridgetown Community Development	Rosslare	€1,000.00
Bunclody Bridge Club	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Bunclody Kilmyshall Drama Group	Enniscorthy	€1,490.00
Bunclody Polo Club	Enniscorthy	€1,810.00
Caim Community Development Group (CCDG)	Enniscorthy	€1,810.00
Camolin Community Development Association CLG	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Campile United Soccer Club	New Ross	€1,000.00
Carrig-on-Bannow Tidy Towns	Rosslare	€1,750.00
Castlebridge Community Hall	Wexford	€1,000.00
Castlebridge Horticultural and Agricultural Show Committee	Wexford	€980.00

Castledockrell Amenity Group	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
CASTLETOWN COMMUNITY ALERT	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Celtic Roots	Enniscorthy	€1,810.00
CHIPPER'S SANCTUARY	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Clonard Girl guide	Wexford	€1,000.00
Coolgreany Tidy Towns	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,160.00
Courtown BMX Club	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Courtown Heritage Group	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Courtown Tidy Towns	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€884.95
Craanford Community Field Trust	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Craanford Drama Group	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,270.00
Crannóg Na Leanai	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Croghan Barrack Community Project	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
CWCW (Enniscorthy) CLG trading as Reach Ability	Wexford	€1,480.00
DMP Athletics Club	Wexford	€999.00
Enniscorthy Community Alliance	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Enniscorthy Mens Shed	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Enniscorthy Theatre Company	Enniscorthy	€1,070.00
Enniscorthy Tidy Towns	Enniscorthy	€900.00
FAB Coolcotts Community Development Project CLG	Wexford	€1,760.00
Fdys Scoil Spraoi Na Leanai	New Ross	€1,000.00
Ferns Bridge Club	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
FERNS DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,385.00
Ferns Tidy Towns	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Ferns utd afc	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
Foulksmills Tidy Towns	New Ross	€1,090.00
Galbally Sports & Leisure Club	Enniscorthy	€1,761.12
Glenbeg Point Residents Association	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,410.00
Glynn Barntown GAA & Community Complex	Wexford	€1,000.00
glynn youth club	Wexford	€537.72
Glynnkillurin CFR	Wexford	€1,000.00
Gorey Community Development Group	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,090.00
GOREY YOUTH SERVICES	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,300.00
Grantstown Voluntary Housing	Rosslare	€1,000.00
Hewitsland residents estate	New Ross	€700.00
HFC Concert Band	Wexford	€1,320.00
Hillbrook Lawn Tennis Club	Enniscorthy	€1,780.00

Hollyfort Development Group/ Tidy Towns	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€900.00
Irish Street Arts, Circus & Spectacle Network CLG	Wexford	€1,000.00
Irish Sudden Infant Death Association t/a FirstLight	Wexford	€1,000.00
Killanne Development Group	Enniscorthy	€1,780.00
Kilmore Community Hall	Rosslare	€1,710.00
Kilmore Quay Community Development Association CLG	Rosslare	€1,810.00
Kilmuckridge Memorial Hall Community Enterprise CLG	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,740.00
Kilmuckridge Men's Shed	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Kilrane Tidy Village Group	Rosslare	€1,810.00
Kiltealy Mens & Women Woodhub Shed	Enniscorthy	€1,380.00
Kyle Forge Culture Centre CLG	Wexford	€1,810.00
Loch Garman Brass Band	Wexford	€600.00
Monageer Parish Grotto Group	Enniscorthy	€1,460.00
Monaseed community Development group	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,810.00
Moyne Rangers	Enniscorthy	€1,640.00
Murrintown community centre	Rosslare	€1,000.00
New Ross RFC	New Ross	€1,000.00
New Ross Sparks Basketball Club	New Ross	€1,810.00
Newbawn Development Group	New Ross	€1,810.00
North Wexford Historical Society	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
OULART COMMUNITY CENTRE	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,090.00
Oylegate Community Centre	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€979.00
Oylegate Parish Development Committee	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€820.00
Poulpeasty Hall Committee	New Ross	€1,810.00
Rainbow Youth Club New Ross - FDYS	New Ross	€1,000.00
RAMSGRANGE MENS SHED	New Ross	€1,240.00
Rathangan Parish Hall	Rosslare	€1,000.00
Rathangan Youth Club	Rosslare	€1,275.00
Rathgarogue Community Co-operative Society Limited	New Ross	€1,810.00
Rathnure Development Group	New Ross	€1,810.00
Rathnure Squash Club	New Ross	€1,810.00
Relay For Life Wexford	Wexford	€1,810.00
ROSSLARE HARBOUR KILRANE ENVIRONMENT GROUP	Rosslare	€1,275.00
Sacre Coeur Boxing Club	Enniscorthy	€1,810.00

Seashell Girl Guides	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Senior Citizens Concern CLG	New Ross	€885.00
Shamrocks GAA Club	Enniscorthy	€500.00
Shelmalier GAA Club & Community Grounds	Wexford	€1,160.00
Soul Sanctuary	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,810.00
South East Regional Family Support Network (SERFSN)	Wexford	€996.30
South West Wexford Family Resource Centre	New Ross	€999.95
Southend Family Resource Centre	Wexford	€899.65
St Annes GAA Club Rathangan	Rosslare	€1,090.00
St Fintans Social Club/Taghmon Day Centre	Rosslare	€1,810.00
St Josephs AFC	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,810.00
St Joseph's Community Centre CLG	Wexford	€1,000.00
St Mogue's Community Group	New Ross	€1,000.00
St. John's Volunteers GAA Club	Wexford	€1,060.00
St. Marys Day Care Centre	Rosslare	€1,810.00
St. Michael's Theatre	New Ross	€1,000.00
St. Killians Athletic Club	Wexford	€1,000.00
Summerhill Girl Guides	Wexford	€1,090.00
Synergy Gymnastics	Rosslare	€1,810.00
Taghmon Camross GAA Club	Rosslare	€1,810.00
Taghmon Darts Club	Rosslare	€1,090.00
Taghmon Family Resource Centre	Rosslare	€1,700.00
Templeudigan GAA Handball Club	New Ross	€975.16
Ten Lives Cat Rescue	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,000.00
Terrerath Muintir Na Tire Community Council	New Ross	€1,810.00
The Gap Arts Festival	Gorey-Kilmuckridge	€1,810.00
Tidy Towns Edible Wexford Project	Wexford	€1,000.00
Tohaggard Womens Shed	Rosslare	€1,000.00
Tomhaggard Community Development Group	Rosslare	€1,810.00
Tomhaggard Pastoral Group	Rosslare	€997.00
Wellingtonbridge Tidy Towns Project	Rosslare	€1,810.00
Wexford Girl Guides	Wexford	€1,000.00
Wexford K9 Search and Rescue	New Ross	€1,810.00
Wexford Light Opera Society	Wexford	€1,000.00
Wexford Marathon Club	Wexford	€600.00
Wexford Pride	Enniscorthy	€950.00
Wexford Services - Peter Bradley Foundation T/A Acquired Brain Injury	Wexford	€1,810.00

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Wexford Sub Aqua Club	Rosslare	€1,130.00
Wexford Wildcats (Roller Derby Team)	New Ross	€1,760.00
Wexford Working Mens Club	Wexford	€1,190.00
Woolgreen Walking Club	Enniscorthy	€1,000.00
YMCA	New Ross	€500.00