

**Notes on the Meeting of the Local Community Development Committee
22nd March at 5 pm in the Glenview Hotel.**

- The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted
- Social Inclusion & Community Activation Plan (SICAP)-There was an update from the SICAP Subgroup in relation to the Programme Implementers i.e. Co Wicklow Partnership and Bray Area Partnership Annual Reports (2016).
- The Local Employment and Community Plan (LECP) Annual Report was submitted to the meeting, was passed and it will go the next Council meeting for approval. The report will shortly be available on-line. Implementation in the second half of 2016 was dominated by the development of the new LEADER programme and the urban and rural regeneration schemes. An evaluation committee is monitoring progress of Goals 1-3.
Goal 1 – Developing community capacity in disadvantaged communities and engage in urban and rural regeneration – SICAP, REDZ and Community Grant Scheme
Goal 2 – Promote active citizenship underpinned by good governance and participation in decision making – support for the PPN, Volunteer Bureau and the County Network for Older People, for example
Goal 3 – Integrated services to disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups – SICAP, LEADER, Children and Young Peoples Services, County Age Friendly Strategy
A subgroup is being set up to drive Goal 4. A vibrant and innovative community and social enterprise sector.
A subgroup is also being set up to drive Goal 9 regarding low carbon and climate resilient economic activity, reducing energy dependency, sustainable use of resources and leading in the smart green economy.
- A presentation was made by Adam Byrne, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE CHO Area 6 re “*Connecting for Life*” *Reducing Suicide Together 2015-2020*. The report outlined seven national goals as well as local area suicide prevention plans, information and training programmes which are currently being delivered. The plan aims to provide support to those deemed at risk, such as those with mental health problems, minority groups, the recently bereaved and occupational groups such as farmers. Factors appear to include social media pressures, financial pressures, homelessness, carer burnt-out and high functioning alcoholism. The report may be accessed at www.yourmentalhealth.ie.
- The Community Facilities Scheme was announced with € 2M capital grants scheme of €64,000 per county with a maximum grant of €1,000 for each project. Applications will be received until the end of June by WCC.
- The Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework deadline for community submissions is 31st March, to Deirdre Whitfield in WCC.
- Revised guidelines for the operation of LCDCs were circulated.
- There was no other business
- The next meeting of the LCDC will be Wednesday 17th May.