

Minutes of Meeting of County Louth LCDC

Date and time: 4th February, 2016 at 4.00 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk.

In attendance:	Members:	Cllr. Colm Markey (Chair) Cllr. Dolores Minogue Joe McGuinness, Chief Officer LCDC Thomas McEvoy Kevin Moran Anthony McArdle Breffni Martin Breeda Tuite Michael Gaynor John Cotterell
	Apologies:	Cllr. Liam Reilly
	Officials:	Joan Martin, Chief Executive Liz Duff, Senior Staff Officer
	Guest:	Aibhlín McCrann, Communiqué International

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Cllr. Colm Markey, thanked the members for attending and noted apologies. He also welcomed Aibhlín McCrann, Communiqué International.

2. Local Economic Community Plan

The Chair, Cllr. Colm Markey, invited any comments from the floor and advised that once agreement was reached on the plan, that no further changes could be made. Breffni Martin asked that an amendment be made, ie., that on goal 8, action 1.1, 2.1, 2.4, 2.6, that PPN and local wildlife or nature NGOs? (eg birdwatch and the Louth Nature Trust) be added, as per his earlier e-mail of today to Ms. McCrann.

On the proposal of Michael Gaynor and seconded by Anthony McArdle, the Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 – 2022 was approved with above amendment.

Following a query from Kevin Moran on the implementation of the plan, Joe McGuinness, Chief Officer LCDC, advised that the Plan would go to each Municipal District Council, then to the Regional Assembly and that the final decision would be made by full Council at March Meeting, and that it was a reserved function. He advised that he envisaged that there would be a formal launch of the Plan. The Chair, Cllr. Colm Markey advised that it was likely that working groups would be set up on various aspects of the plan. Joan Martin, Chief Executive, advised that the communication strategy could be discussed at March meeting. The Chair thanked Aibhlín McCrann for all her hard work on Plan.

3. AOB:

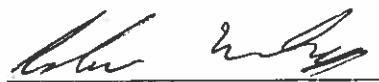
The Chair, Cllr. Colm Markey, extended his best wishes to John Cotterell in his new venture.

4. Date of next meeting: 24th March, 2016, at 4.00 p.m.

The Minutes were confirmed:

Date: 14th April 2016

Cathaoirleach:



Chief Officer :

