



**Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting
held Friday 29th of November, 2019 at 10.30a.m. in the Council Chamber,
County Hall, Kilkenny.**

Present: Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)- Chair
Colette Byrne CE Kilkenny County Council
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Eileen Curtis, ETB
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centre
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Siobhan Kavanagh, Teagasc
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Elected Representative
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar

Apologies: John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership

In Attendance: Lindsey Butler and Cora Nolan Community.

1. Administrative

- **Apologies**
Denis Drennan, Eileen Ryan and John Hurley.
- **Minutes of previous meeting**
Proposed by Derval Howley, Seconded by Mary Barron.
- **Matters arising**
As no formal meeting took place in September it was agreed that minute of meeting would be amended to notes of meeting of 27th September, 2019.
- **Any Conflicts of Interest**
None.

2. Items for discussion and decision

- Review of Local Community Development Committees and Local Review.
- This document had been previously circulated and also a 4-page document on key issues emerging from the National Review. It was agreed to complete the rest of the items on the Agenda before discussing these documents.

3. Oversight and implementation of the community element of the Local Economic and Community Plan including Local and Community Development Coordination and oversight

• Sign off on Healthy Ireland Application

Derval Howley outlined Kilkenny LCDC Round 3 application. Total budget €246,050, Healthy Ireland Fund €184,000 a Community Mental Health Fund of €62,050. 3 Actions are included in the main healthy Ireland Budget including the following:

- Healthy Ireland Communities
- Supporting Outreach and Engagement with lone parents
- Regional implementation of agreed policy priority programmes
- Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator
- Community Engagement & Merchandising
- Community Engagement Facilitator
- Small grants scheme
- CMHF Fund- Pilot Social Prescribing Well Being Coordinator.

Compliments were paid to Lindsey and all who worked on the Healthy Ireland application.

The sign off on the Healthy Ireland application was Proposed by Sheila Donnelly, seconded by Colette Byrne and agreed.

Approval has not yet been received on the application but this is expected in the next few weeks.

• LECP Progress update and review- proposal

Lindsey advised that in April this year the Department circulated a memo to LCDC's asking them to defer midyear reviews of the LECP. No correspondence has been received since. It is proposed to hold a stakeholder workshop in the first quarter of 2020 on the 7th of February to review actions in the current plan, update outcomes and identify new actions. Lindsey will write out to all stakeholders advising them of this workshop and if correspondence is received from the Department in the meantime, Lindsey can advise of same.

4. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

• PPN Report

Liz read out the PPN Report. Cora is to email a list of newly elected PPN reps to the LCDC committee when received from Margaret Whelan in the PPN.

Colette Byrne complimented the PPN on the allocation of funding for a Telesis device which uses laser technology to mark items to combat burglaries and theft.

Derval Howley interested in the Vision for Community Well Being training which had taken place and if there is a report available on same.

5. SICAP Annual Plan 2020 Timeframe, KPIs and Emerging needs group

Sheila Donnelly gave an update on SICAP and advised that the subgroup met with CKLP on the 26th of November for an initial review meeting to discuss the plan. A few small changes were recommended. Martin Rafter will present the plan at the January LCDC Meeting. The SICAP subgroup will meet again on the 21st of January. It was noted that the SICAP budget has increased by 3% for 2020.

6. Items for Information and Information Sharing

- **Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities – A five-year strategy to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland 2019-2024.**

A hard copy of this report is available if anyone would like a copy.

- **Additional Funding for LGBT+ work through the DRCD and the Dormant Accounts Fund 2019**

An allocation of €9,070 from the Department was made to Kilkenny County Council and as LGBTI had been identified as an emerging need the money will be put towards LGBTI work and help organise workshops etc.

7. AOB

- The IPA Directory can be ordered online.
- Lindsey will email to the committee the Social Inclusion Analysis Report 2019 and also Research on Barriers to Inclusion and Employment Immigrants in Kilkenny.
- The new volunteer centre will require help and support to get up and running in Kilkenny.
- Minister Ring allocated an additional €5 million to the top ten performing LEADER Local Action Groups (€500,000 each). The allocations for these were set against national criteria. Kilkenny was not included in the allocations. It was agreed that a meeting between a few members of the LCDC and CKLP members to look at the national criteria could be beneficial to ensuring that Kilkenny meets the criteria for any future allocations. The chair of the LCDC will make contact with Denis Drennan to meet. The following LCDC members expressed an interest in attending the meeting: Cllrs Joe Lyons, Ger Frisby and Niall McManus (PPN)
- Tender for Kilkenny City Local Transport Plan duplication raised by Niall McManus, Colette Byrne responded to this query.
- RDP- It was agreed to hear from 2 other LCDCs that are LAG's to see how the programme is working, the work involved etc. This will be an agenda item for January.
- The position of Chief Officer will be filled by a national competition an acting position will be filled in the next week or two until a permanent appointment.

Date for meetings in 2020. The dates for 2020 were agreed. It was also agreed that the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall.

Friday 24th January 2020

Friday 27th March 2020

Friday 29th May 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Friday 25th September

Friday 27th November 2020