



Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 26th November, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

In attendance: Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar – Chair
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Eileen Curtis, Education Training Board
Colette Byrne, Chief Executive Officer
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Julianne Power, DEASP
Derval Howley, HSE
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Bill O' Keeffe, IFA
Sheila Donnelly, FRC
Cllr. Mick McCarthy Elected Representative
Margaret Clancy, Chamber of Commerce
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Niall McManus, PPN Rep

In attendance: Annette Fitzpatrick and Cora Nolan, Kilkenny County Council.

Administrative

Apologies: Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative, Patricia Brennan, PPN Community and Guy Jones PPN.

Condolences were paid to Cllr. Martin Brett on the loss of his brother Eugene Brett.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby, Seconded by Cllr. Mick McCarthy.

Matters Arising

None.

Conflicts of interest

Declan Gibbons will step out when discussing Social Enterprise Grants due to conflict of interest.

Membership

Niall McManus tenure has ceased on the LCDC committee and this will be Niall's last meeting. New representatives will be also sought from the PPN.

Induction Training

Training will take place in the new year when the new PPN reps have been nominated, invite will be extended to everyone.

1. Oversight and Implementation of the community element of the Local Economic and Community Plan including Local and Community Development Coordination and oversight

LECP Update

Guidelines have been received, Annette gave an update with a presentation which highlighted the following: -

- An overview of the plan which is for 6 years and guidelines state to be completed by 2023.
- Current plan in place from 2016-2021 expires end of this year
- Two elements to the plan - Economic managed by Kilkenny County Council SPC - Economic Development & Enterprise and community element which is what the LCDC will be producing.
- The plan is to be approved by Kilkenny County Council
- What the LECP process will consist of
- The guidelines have outlined a 4-step process
- An advisory steering group is recommended
- The next step is an information session on the 9th December

More information will be available after the information session on the 9th of December, Nominations have been sent to Department.

Declan thanked Annette for the update.

Healthy Ireland Update

Janette was unable to join the meeting, but had prepared a presentation which gave a very comprehensive update Healthy Kilkenny Programme of Work - Round 3.

A number of contributions were made from Derval Howley, Sheila Donnelly and Margaret Clancy on the fantastic work being done under Healthy Ireland.

Declan Gibbons updated on the following: -

- The HIFR3 timeframe is extended to March 2022 and the reporting deadline will be May 2022
- Additional funding will be available for salary costs for the HI Coordinators and salary costs within the actions (if needed). Healthy Kilkenny have requested an additional €3,910.31 for KRSP to sustain the Sports Development Officer's role from January to March 2022. There is sufficient funding for the Social Prescribing Coordinator for the extended period.
- The Healthy Kilkenny committee proposed funding to be reallocated (approx. €4,200) within the Community Engagement budget as events will not likely take place with the rise in COVID numbers. The reallocation will support individuals and families who are affected by Domestic Violence and young people who are isolating themselves in their rooms with self-care resilience packs.
- In Q1 of 2022 Round 4 Planning will commence - we have yet to receive a brief from Pobal and DOH for Round 4

The changes were proposed by Derval Howley, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett.

Pobal just came back yesterday to approve changes and noted the quality and detail of work Janette puts into the proposals.

SICAP Update

Sheila Donnelly gave the update on SICAP, Minister Joe O' Brien is considering options to allocate 10% increase to SICAP Budget. The SICAP subgroup undertook a preliminary review and will meet again once budget increase has been outlined and applied. The SICAP plan will be presented at the next meeting in February.

SICAP - Video of Case Study

A video was shown based on a recent case study which highlighted the work with the Men Sheds around the County under the SICAP programme.

Sheila Donnelly commended the great work under this programme and the worthwhile projects being dealt with.

Colette Byrne highlighted the very positive partnership and co-ordination with different organisations. Need to look into the county as a whole and see where there are gaps.

2. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report and Update

Angela Hayes gave the PPN report- see attached

3. Items for Information and Information Sharing

Induction Training

Training will take place in early 2022 when new nominees are in place. Invite to attend will be sent to all members of the LCDC.

4. Items for discussion and decisions

Social Enterprise Grant Scheme 2021

This Grant is a capital grant administered by the LCDC, Kilkenny was allocated €23,592.80.

The closing date for applications was Friday 15th October and the subgroup met to access applications, Colette Byrne as vice chair of LCDC committee attended the meeting in place of Declan Gibbons due to a conflict of interest, 7 out of the 13 applications were approved and applications were sent to the Minister before the 29th of October. The Minister is expected to make an announcement over the next few days.

Communities Activities Fund

Kilkenny have been allocated € 272,638 and this will be administered as a CEP grant, the subgroup met yesterday of Declan Gibbons, Sheila Donnelly, Fiona Deegan, Annette Fitzpatrick and Cora Nolan. It was agreed the grant would be advertised from 5th of January 2022 with a closing date of Wednesday 2nd of February which will allow 4 weeks for groups to apply and recommendations will be brought to the February LCDC meeting.

31st August 2022 is the latest date for drawdown. The following is proposed: - 30% of budget has to be ringfenced for small grants approximately €82,000 for grants up to €1,000

Maximum 40% on capital works, €90,000- Medium grants up to €5,000
€100,000 for larger projects up to €20,000.

It will depend on amount of applications received and the content of the applications.

Approval to the above is sought to proceed. This was proposed by Colette Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett.

5. AOB

Update from Agencies.

Colette Byrne: - Kilkenny County Council

Mayfair library – should open first quarter 2023

Abbey quarter – Public realm works and fit out of building which is 85% let, Abbey Quarter partnership ready to apply for planning for 2nd building on the site.

A lot of projects around the County. Newsletter issued since last meeting, work started on Sessions house in Thomastown with funding from Leader and RRDF.

Yulefest starting tomorrow, with events outdoors and Butler House gardens open at the weekends, Cat walk which was launched in October is fun for all around the city.

Declan congratulated the Council on award received on the skate park and riverside park

Derval Howley - HSE

Significant reform programme under Slainte Care – enhanced community care, established under 11 health networks across the South East with additional staffing across the health services.

Resources into the management of prevention of chronic conditions, specialised hub to be set up.

Presentation to LCDC from Derval or one of her colleagues in primary care to set out what it will look like for Carlow/Kilkenny and across the region.

Testing capacity in the South East about 10,000 tests per week in the last number of months now reaching 13,000 per week, last week 17,000.

Booster now available for 60-69-year olds, then move to 50-59-year olds mid-December, awaiting confirmation of 5-12-year olds.

Still vaccinating people who haven't had a vaccine 12 and over.

Thank you on behalf of Health Service for nomination and winning Kilkenny Community and Voluntary award really appreciated it.

Angela Hayes - Teac Tom

Last week officially opened 2nd premises in Stradbally in Co. Laois. Looking to recruit a co-ordinator in Laois, will be open on a part time basis to start with.

Team of rugby players from UK - raising awareness of Teac Tom

Working with Carlow IT on a research project, 2-year process, another project with community engagement research project with UCC.

Penny feather restaurant – launching full compostable coffee cups and fund raising for Teac Tom.

Extremely busy and looking for a new premises over 1100 people a week coming in looking for counselling.

Martin Brett thanked everyone for their kind words on his recent bereavement.

He complimented each person who works in the Health Service

Ambulance Services – should be localised.

Well done to Teac Tom on their fantastic services, and also Cois Nore also looking for a premises, and wished Teac Tom them well in Stradbally.

Fiona Deegan LEO

Consider shop local – shop kilkenny campaign in full swing. If shopping online over 500 local businesses online. Follow and share shop kilkenny social media.

Taste Kilkenny supporting restaurants, producers and food in County Kilkenny, launched a hamper to promote local food produce, available on online, also targeting bigger companies in kilkenny to purchase for staff.

Eileen Curtis - ETB

Significant activity of covid at school level, high levels of disruption, with young people and teachers. A lot of activities in school sector have been limited.

All further education and training students have returned on site

Schools under pressure with shortage of teachers. 5000 students across the county and good attendance levels overall.

Planning applications lodged for 2 new schools in Breagagh Valley and thanked Colette and Kilkenny County Council for all the support it has been a complex project.

Mags Clancy Chamber of Commerce

Encouraged support local, chamber of commerce vouchers available, and also hampers available for local business to purchase.

Local Community Radio - Declan Gibbons

Lifelinkk festival last month hosted and broadcast a panel discussion, went very well.

Media course with Ormonde College, students on site with the radio station.

About Kilkenny programme series, Gavin Allman and production won a gold community radio award.

Ongoing training programme with Ossory youth which will result in series of podcasts

Craol Feile 2021 event was held on 22nd October in Ormode hotel, opened by Mayor McGuinness, stations from all over the Country attended.

Declan thanked Niall McManus, Environmental Rep on LCDC for his contribution and wished him good health into the future.

Niall thanked everyone for their support and help over the years, and spoke about Sustainable Development Goals and identifying a course of action and delivering on one, and to use the sustainable goals within the LCDC.

Meetings for Next year scheduled to similar to what we had this year,

18th February

25th March

20th May

24th June

23rd September

25th November all Fridays at 10.30a.m

Possibility of aligning meetings with schemes, but don't know when schemes are going to be announced.

Declan thanked everyone and wished all a happy and peaceful Christmas.