



Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 5th October, 2018 in Butler House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

Present: Colette Byrne, CE, Kilkenny County Council Vice Chair
David Fitzgerald, Elected Representative
Eileen Curtis, ETB
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centres
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar
John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)
Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Elected Representative
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar
Michael Delahunty, Chief Officer.

Apologies: Fergus Keane, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar -Chairperson
Andrew McGuinness, Elected Representative
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Loretto O' Driscoll, Teagasc

In Attendance: Lindsey Butler and Cora Nolan Community.

1. Administrative

- **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Minute of meeting held on Friday 27th of July, 2018 were agreed.

Matters Arising

On the minutes of 27th July the figure under Community Enhancement Programme – Grant Recommendations is to be amended to €136,319 instead of €348,963.

- **Any Conflicts of Interest**
None.

▪ **Election of Chair and Vice Chair at December Meeting**

The Election of Chair and Vice Chair will be listed as the 1st and 2nd item on the Agenda for the next LCDC Meeting to be held on Friday 30th November, 2018. The committee wished to formally acknowledge and thank Fergus Keane for all his hard work and dedication to the LCDC Committee.

A number of queries were raised on the position of the Chair/Vice Chair. It was agreed that Michael Delahunty will follow up on membership details, nominations etc and will issue a letter to all committee members.

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

Presentation from: Joan Dunne, Chris Monahan National Manager Tusla Family Resource Centre Programme – national overview, background and future plans that have local implications.

Chris Monahan gave an overview on the Family Resource Centre Programme including:-

- Background to FRC Programme
- Types of services offered by the FRC's
- FRC Programme essential delivery
- Development of FRC service provision
- Programme Strengths
- Programme funding/development

Chris complimented the great work being done in Family Resource Centres and in the communities.

Marie Kennedy spoke on a number of topics including: -

- The need for additional FRC's in Kilkenny especially in Castlecomer. An application for funding in conjunction with CKLP was submitted last year for Castlecomer and Ferrybank but were unsuccessful this will be resubmitted this year. 3 keys areas around the County have been identified as needing FRC's.
- Preparation of the Area Commission Plan
- Child protection, interventions, family support, referrals, early intervention services etc.

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with a small group to progress and continue on developing a good strategic approach.

The committee asked a number of questions and thanked Chris and Marie for their presentation and discussion.

Items for decision

Mens Shed Funding Grant Proposals

At the end of July the Local Authority were informed by the Department for Rural and Community Development that funding was being provided under the Community Enhancement Programme for Affiliated Men's Sheds in each County. Kilkenny was allocated a budget of €8,696 and has 6 Men's Sheds in the County that are affiliated to the National Men's Shed Association. These 6 Men's Sheds will be receiving funding shortly.

CEP Top-up Grant – Subgroup authority for decision making

A report was circulated to the committee members regarding the further allocation of funding from the Department for Rural and Community Development. Kilkenny's allocation is €144,886.

The report set out the recommended allocation taking into account the Department's guidelines.

- Provide a top up of €65,470 to all eligible applicants under the Medium scale grants
- Provide a top up of €23,130 to all eligible applicants under the Small scale grants
- Provide a top up of €3,970 to all eligible Men's Sheds
- Allocate €31,316 to Castlecomer Community hall in respect of Community hall electrical upgrade and energy saving works and roof repair/replacement.
- Allocate €22,000 to Newmarket Community Hall accessibility and fire safety upgrade.

The recommendation was Proposed by Eileen Curtis and Seconded by David Fitzgerald and agreed.

The committee members complimented the sub group and agreed that more publicity should be undertaken to promote the LCDDC such as the holding of an event night. The meeting were informed that a community event night is already being held annually by Kilkenny County Council and it was agreed to seek to combine both.

SICAP Update

SICAP Plan 2019- Deadlines.

On behalf of the SICAP sub group Sheila Donnelly went through the deadlines and tasks for the remainder of the year.

The SICAP 2018-2022 LOT targets for 2019 were also agreed.

SICAP Case Studies

Sheila Donnelly highlighted the main points from the SICAP End of Year Case Studies 2018 under Goal one: Supporting Communities- Kindred. 2. Collaboration Business, Community Development and Social Inclusion led Regeneration of a Rural Town in County Kilkenny – Community Development & Social Enterprise Animators; a collaborative approach in Castlecomer and Graignamanagh. 3 Goal Two: Supporting Individuals – “What’s Next? Programme.

Emerging Needs for SICAP

As the case studies had to be submitted to Pobal by 5th October, the SICAP Subgroup met with CKLP to discuss the emerging needs category for targeting in the SICAP plan for 2018. It was agreed that the LGBTI group would be the emerging needs category again for 2019.

This was proposed by Eileen Curtis and Seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed.

Sheila Donnelly thanked the staff in the community department for all their support and complimented the really good working relationship with CKLP.

Lindsey Butler advised that all information requested by Pobal will be sent in the afternoon.

Updates On

High Level Strategic Actions

The subgroup met and identified 4 priority actions out of the 11 strategic actions identified from the 84 actions for implementation over 2018-2019.

The Chief Officer recommended that the strategic actions could be broadened and developed The Age Friendly Programme, Traveller Health Programme, Supporting the roll out of National Rural Development Schemes requiring Community Engagement such as Town & Village Renewal, RAPID, Community Facilities, CLAR, and Healthy Ireland Fund etc.

Developing the Socio Economic Plans for Callan, Ferrybank, Castlecomer, and local needs analysis for Disadvantaged areas – Urlingford/Johnstown, Graiguenamanagh, Goresbridge, Callan, Kilkenny Urban 1 & 2.

It was agreed by the committee to add an extra two strategic actions as follows:-

Supporting the roll out of National Rural Development Schemes requiring Community Engagement such as Town & Village Renewal, RAPID, Community Facilities, CLAR, and Healthy Ireland Fund etc.

Developing the Socio Economic Plans for Callan, Ferrybank, Castlecomer, and local needs analysis for Disadvantaged areas – Urlingford/Johnstown, Graiguenamanagh, Goresbridge, Callan, Kilkenny Urban 1 & 2.

3. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report

Liz Dermody read the PPN report which included the following:-

- Kilkenny Access for All Strategy 2018-2021 to be launched on 15th October at 9.30a.m. in the Medieval Mile Museum
- The Community Connects Conference on the 10th of October in the Ormonde Hotel.
- The PPN 2 Day Conference in Athlone on the 11th & 12th of October.
- The PPN also took the opportunity to thank Fergus Keane for his service and dedication to his role on behalf of the PPN and the wider Kilkenny Community.

4. Items for Information and Information Sharing

Healthy Ireland Funding Strand 1 Round 2 for 2018/2019

5 actions have been approved under Healthy Ireland Round 2:-

- Castlecomer Discovery Park
- Foroige
- KRSP
- Buddy Bench
- St. Patricks – Dysphasia Training

The Funding is to be spent by the end of March 2019.

2 Further Decisions on CLÁR Funding

The members were informed that the Department of Rural and Community Development had approved 9 out of the Council's 11 applications under the 2018 CLÁR Scheme. Following further communications the remaining 2 applications have now been approved as follows:- Muckalee €50,000, Crosspatrick €20,000.

Update on the Sudanese Event

Lindsey Butler gave an update on this very positive and successful event held on Friday 31st August, 2018.

AOB

The Chief Executive advised the meeting she had just received an email on the Town & Village Scheme 2018. Kilkenny County Council had 5 successful applications under this year's scheme.

Date for next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 30th November, 2018 at 10.30 in Butler House.