



**Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held
on Friday 28th of March 2025, held in the Council Chamber, County Hall at
10.30a.m.**

In attendance: Mary Mescal, PPN (Chair)
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, KCC
Cllr. Ger Frisby, KCC
Martin Rochford, PPN – Environment
Olive Maher, FRC
Michael A Fitzgerald, Teagasc
Paul O’ Rahilly, PPN Social Inclusion
Kevin Mahon, KLP
Michael Walshe, PPN Community Pillar

Online: Cllr. Michael Doyle KCC
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce

Present: Anne Marie Shortall, Chief Officer LCDDC, Cora Nolan and
Kelley Murphy, Kilkenny County Council.

1. Administrative

Apologies: Lar Power, Chief Executive
Cllr. Stephanie Doheny, KCC
Mary Harding, PPN Social Inclusion
Derval Howley, HSE
Martha Bolger, KCETB
Julieanne Power, DEASP
Katherine Peacock, KCC

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of LCDDC meeting held on Friday 31st January 2025

Proposed by Aileen McGrath, Seconded by Cllr. Mick McCarthy.

Matters Arising

None

Any Conflicts of Interest

Olive Maher, Mary Mescal and Angela Hayes will leave the meeting for the recommendation of the Local Enhancement Grant Scheme.

2. Oversight and Implementation of the Local and Economic Community Plan

LECP Implementation Plan 2025-2026

Mary Mescal advised that the feedback from action holders had been circulated to all members.

Anne Marie updated the members with regard to the Implementation Plan 2025 – 2026. The Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) is a six-year plan, consisting of three two-year Implementation Plans that contain the actions in order to implement the higher-level goals and objectives of the LECP 2023 – 2028. AnneMarie acknowledged the queries received and advised that the incorrect link was sent in relation to Waste Management. It was suggested that a presentation would be made to the LCDC committee by action holders commencing with waste management as lead agency and a presentation on the Climate Action Plan.

Martin thanked Annemarie for the explanation and welcomed presentations from the lead agencies.

Mary thanked the Community and LEO department for all their work on the LECP Implementation Plan.

Anne Marie thanked all the lead agencies, community staff, Aileen and the staff in LEO. The plan was signed off on at the SPC meeting yesterday.

Martin thanked Anne Marie and Aileen for the explanations and would be interested in a presentation on the Climate Action Plan. Angela Hayes also complimented the great work and in favour of receiving presentations from Lead Agencies.

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

3. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report

Angela Hayes presented the PPN Report.

4. Local Enhancement Grant 2025

Mary, Angela and Olive left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Anne marie gave the background on the grant scheme. And advised that the subgroup had met on the

181 applications were received. Anne Marie advised that the document being circulated was confidential until approved by the Department. Applicants will not be notified until Department approval is received.

Cllrs. Mick McCarthy and Ger Frisby thanked the community department for their work on the applications.

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

5. Items for discussion and decision.

LCDC Annual Report 20204

A query arose that their were no conclusions, Anne Marie advised the annual report reports on activities of the year.

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Kevin Mahon.

6. Items for Information and Information Sharing

Community Grants.

Anne Marie Shortall advised that the following grants are now advertised from the Community Department.

CCFCS

Town and Village

The next meeting will take place on Friday 28th March, 2025.

Chair

Date