



**Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting
held on Friday 25th of July 2025, held in the Council Chamber, County Hall
at 10.30a.m.**

In attendance: Lar Power, Chief Executive (Chair)
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office
Julianne Power, DEASP
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, KCC
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce
Paul O' Rahilly, PPN Social Inclusion
Kevin Mahon, KLP
Michael Walshe, PPN Community Pillar

Online: Cllr. Stephanie Doheny, KCC
Cllr. Ger Frisby, KCC
Martin Rochford, PPN – Environment
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Martha Bolger, KCETB

Present: Anne Marie Shortall, Chief Officer LCDC, Katherine Peacock,
and Kelley Murphy, Kilkenny County Council.

1. Administrative

Apologies: Derval Howley, HSE
Mary Harding, PPN Social Inclusion
Olive Maher, FRC
Michael A Fitzgerald, Teagasc
Mary Mescal, PPN (Chair)

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

Matters Arising

None.

Any Conflicts of Interest

None.

2. Presentation from:

Michelle McQuaid Co-ordinator LAIT (Local Authority Interagency Team), in relation to the LAIT actions under High Level Goal 10 in the LECP Implementation Plan.

Action - Identify the full range of suitable supports available to offer to vulnerable households moving into or within Kilkenny.

Action - Work in partnership with State Agencies, public and private sector to provide support as appropriate to improve responsiveness to housing needs.

Michelle gave a detailed presentation to the LCDC.

(Presentation attached)

Contributions were received from Paul O' Rahilly and Kevin Mahon.

3. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report

Michael Walshe presented the PPN Report.

4. Items for discussion and decision

SICAP - Mid Year Review

Katherine Peacock provided the update for the SICAP mid-year review. This review was undertaken using the relevant information available on the Pobal Iris system. The financial costs were reviewed under various headings. A review on Performance, Local Priority Target groups, KPI Targets and data checks was also carried out. Pobal have completed their high-level review of the work to date and concurred with the findings of the subgroup with no issues identified.

Satisfactory progress has been made at mid-year to recommend to the LCDC to approve the mid-year review.

Approval proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by John Hurley.

5. Items for Information and Information Sharing

Additional New Arrivals Funding 2025

Anne Marie Shortall advised that additional New Arrivals Funding of €20,000 has been allocated to Kilkenny Leader Partnership. The annual plan for KLP is updated on IRIS to reflect the additional funding received.

Update on LEP (Local Enhancement Grant Scheme)

Anne Marie advised the members that a total of 124 applications were approved under the above grant scheme and that to date approximately 74 payments have been paid.

6. AOB

Katherine Peacock advised that the Eastern Environs Small Grant Scheme closing date was Friday 27th June, 2025 and that the total grant amount available was €20,000. Applications were assessed by the Healthy Kilkenny Steering Group. There were 9 applications received totalling €27,500. There were 7 applications approved for funding.

Katherine informed the LCDC members that the Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 (2023-2025) has been extended by one year. The current round of funding will run until the end of 2026 with a programme budget of €75,000. This extension is to align with the new National Healthy Ireland Framework being launched.

The next meeting will take place on Friday 25th of September, 2025.

Chair

Date