



Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 24th September, 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
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Julianne Power, DEASP
Derval Howley, HSE
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Patricia Brennan, PPN Community
Margaret Clancy, Chamber of Commerce
Cllr. Mick McCarty, Elected Representative

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

Administrative

Apologies: Sheila Donnelly FRC, Angela Hayes Teac Tom, Niall McManus PPN Rep

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

Declan followed up on a query raised at the last meeting regarding consultation and doubling up on work and clarified that the PPN were carrying out the consultation on behalf of the Department and were glad to share the information.

Conflicts of interest

None

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

Update on LECP

Annette gave an update, Minister to sign off on draft guidelines, should be available within the next 2 weeks. All LCDC's expected to have new LECP in place by 2023. More information will be available once guidelines are received.

SICAP Contract Extension and Statement of Priorities 2022-2023

The SICAP Programme has been extended and will be run up to 31st December 2023.

The minister requested that the remaining two years of the programme nationally will focus on:-

1. New Communities with particular focus on those living in Direct Provision
2. Mental Health (including youth)
3. Long Term Unemployed
4. Travellers / Roma
5. Older People and isolation

The SICAP subgroup have met with Pobal and CKLP and are waiting on the final proposal from CKLP which will highlight the 3 priority areas. The new plan will be presented to the November meeting of the LCDC.

Patricia Brennan raised the issue of Community Development workers. Development workers are required to engage the programmes.

Lindsey advised that the matter of extra resources was raised at meeting with Aileen Gilchrist of Pobal yesterday and Aileen advised that no extra resources would be provided. Patricia asked if community development could feature more on the agenda.

Denis Drennan asked if a half day workshop could be coordinated to discuss SICAP as it is a large budget, if it could be flagged for August/September next year and work in co-ordination with CKLP and LCDC and targeting meetings to where we can have more influence.

This can be progressed after the meeting.

Declan gave an update on Healthy Ireland: -

The interim returns have been submitted

The launch in July went well and Declan thanked Janette Boran for all her work and Barefoot productions and all involved in the launch.

All lead partners are progressing and a budget meeting was held earlier this month and underspends were agreed.

Going forward the Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator position will be advertised along with a Healthy Communities position which will be operated and employed by the Local Authority both positions are 3-year contracts at a grade 6 level. There will be 5 co-ordinator positions covering the South East. Pobal will continue to administer round 4 and a brief on this should be issued shortly. Janette Boran will give an update at the next LCDC meeting in November.

Healthy Ireland Update - Healthy Inclusive Communities - Lauren Walsh Kett - see presentation attached.

Declan thanked Lauren for her comprehensive presentation.

Cllr. Joe Lyons commended the work being done in Callan especially with the Syrian boys and integrating them into the community in Callan.

Patricia Brennan noted the fantastic work being done and asked about the sustainability, to which Lauren replied.

Declan welcomed the integration with freebooter's soccer club and in breaking down barriers.

Derval Howley also commended the fantastic work.

Declan thanked Lauren and wished her continued success.

2. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report and Update

Patricia Brennan gave the PPN report- see attached

Annette confirmed that the judging for Pride and Place took place in early September, results won't be known until early next year, when it is hoped an awards ceremony will take place.

3. Items for Information and Information Sharing

KTCM CDP Pilot Programme

Lindsey advised that the recruitment process has commenced. It was agreed that Declan would write to the Department for information on how the LCDC are to administer this programme.

Lindsey advised that KTCM will be the employer.

Traveller Pride Week

Kilkenny Traveller Pride Week is taking place from Monday 27th of September to Sunday 3rd October. Commencing on Monday 27th with Kilkenny Traveller Oral History Project, recordings at Butler Gallery

Tuesday, images of my community, in O' Loughlin Court from 2.00p.m.- 6.00p.m.

Thursday In Conversation event in St. Canice Cathedral, Friday Traveller Pride Celebrations in O' Loughlin Court from 12-4.00p.m. It was noted that the event in St. Canices is invitation only as numbers are restricted to 50 people.

4. Items for discussion and decisions

Social Enterprise Grant Scheme 2021

This Grant has been advertised in this week's Kilkenny People it's a capital grant and will be administered by the LCDC, Kilkenny was allocated €23,592.80.

The closing date for applications is Friday 15th October with applications to be sent to the Minister before the 29th of October and the DRCD approvals to LCDCs before mid-November. April 2022 is the latest drawdown of funding. It was agreed that the CEP subgroup who assess the CEP grant applications will also assess the Social Enterprise Grants.

Fiona Deegan queried a report prepared on Social Enterprise by the PPN or how many Social Enterprises are there in Kilkenny and could we target them.

Declan advised that the report on Social Enterprises is done and will share as soon as he has it.

5. AOB

Update from Agencies.

Derval Howley gave an update from the HSE on the following: -

- Covid 19 and vaccinations
- Healthy community's initiative - phase 1 piloted in the South East in 3 locations Waterford, Wexford and South Tipperary, the Ferrybank area is included in Waterford. Derval requested if one of her Primary Care Colleagues could present at the next meeting of the LCDC.

Declan thanked Derval.

Derval to contact Colette re the healthy community's initiative in Ferrybank.

Colette Byrne gave an update from the County Council: -

- Funding from Failte Ireland for work on the Town Hall to reinstate it, the mayors office, parlour, council chamber etc will be retained, a lift will be put in to make the town hall more accessible.
- Funding received for animation project in Kilkenny City, placemaking and animating public places, enhanced lighting, digital screens, selfie monument etc.
- Work has commenced on the 2 tea houses, hopefully operational by next March.
- Mayfair library project going ahead and public realm around the library.
- Glanbia anchor tenant in Abbey Quarter by next Easter.

- Public consultation Part 8 car park beside the Watergate to create into an outdoor space, a set of consultants have also been appointed to look at Market Yard and Kieran Street.
- Update on Patrick Street and Ormonde Street.
- Contractor appointed to Sessions house, Thomastown and design team for new library in Thomastown.
- Work on Abbey Hall in Graignamanagh
- Awaiting decision on RRDF in Callan.
- Kilkenny Day is Sunday 10th of October and the Kilkenny Cat Walk.

Fiona Deegan gave an update from LEO.

In the New Year 24 new remote working spaces should be operational in hubs around the County.

Under the outdoor dining scheme 159 applications were received over 100 have been completed, this scheme is closed to applications at the end of September. It has been a very positive scheme for Kilkenny City and County.

Declan thanked Fiona and Colette for the updates.

It was noted that KDOL was provided funding for extra working spaces and is based at 11 Patrick Street.

Declan gave an update from Local Community Radio 88.7FM: -

Community Radio Kilkenny City is a community based, volunteered, station promoting the aims and ideals of the communities it serves in Kilkenny City and environs through either direct participation or listener-ship with over 7,000 voices on air.

Kilkenny Communities in Action on Friday evening with Ann Nolan spoke with Mary Butler, John Ryan and Jimmy Lenehan from Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club. A 4-part drama will be broadcast on the Liam McCarthy Cup. Podcast training in conjunction with Ossory youth and podcasts on Healthy Ireland. On the business side 2 weekly programmes supporting businesses with 388 promos per week, Community Radio Kilkenny City is supporting local with no financial support.

Declan thanked everyone for the high level of participation and engagement at the meeting, and it was agreed that the following would be discussed further: -

- SICAP
- Induction training
- Venue and arrangements for next meeting,
- Letter to the Dept in relation to the KTCM project.

Date for next meeting is Friday 26th November, 2021