



Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 24th of June, 2022 via Microsoft Teams, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

In attendance: Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar- Chair
Sean McKeown, A/ Chief Executive Officer
Aileen Scott, Local Enterprise Office
Margaret Clancy, Chamber of Commerce,
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Julieanne Power, DEASP
Kate Cassidy HSE
Eileen Curtis Education Training Board
Angela Hayes Teac Tom.
Sheila Donnelly - FRC
Cllr. Mick McCarthy Elected Representative
Martin Rochford- PPN Environment Pillar
Toluwani Akaehomen -PPN Social Inclusion
Paul O 'Rahilly – PPN Social Inclusion

Also present: Annette Fitzpatrick and Cora Nolan, Kilkenny County Council.

Administrative

Apologies: Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative, Michael A Fitzgerald, IFA,
Denis Drennan CKLP.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

None

Conflicts of interest

Sheila Donnelly will leave the meeting for vote on Healthy Ireland budget.

Membership

Declan welcomed Kate Cassidy HSE, Sean McKeown A/Chief Executive Officer and Aileen McGrath LEO.

1. Items for discussion and decision

SICAP – Mid Year Review

Sheila Donnelly gave the SICAP report.

The SICAP Mid-Year was approved, proposed by Julieanne Power and seconded by Angela Hayes.

Annette advised of additional funding of €89,268 to support response for Ukrainian crisis. Annette had contacted CKLP and due to the tight time lines, CKLP advised the funding would be allocated to FRC's who have contributed work to the Ukrainian response, immigrant services in Kilkenny and Community element supports.

Eileen Curtis welcomed the allocation and hoped the provision of funding would be put towards services not already being supported.

Allocation proposed by Eileen Curtis, Seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby.

Healthy Ireland Budget

Declan congratulated Janette Boran who was formally appointed as Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator in Kilkenny. Janette joined the meeting and presented the proposal which was passed by the Healthy Ireland Committee.

There is a budget of €40,000 from June to December 2022 for the Delivery of Priority Health and Wellbeing Initiatives - any activities in the health and wellbeing space that have been identified as a priority in 2022. LCDC's may also support a contribution to community health and wellbeing initiatives in response to the arrival of Ukrainian Refugees in the city/county. Funding is also to be allocated to support the Planning process of HIF programme 2023-2025 (Round 4) capacity building and planning for the application process for 2023-2025. This could include organising training to upskill in relation to the new outcomes-based approach being rolled out or a facilitator to undertake a consultation with stakeholders in relation to identifying health risks and priorities

January 2023-December 2025 Update:

- Indicative allocations of €40,000 per annum for the 2023-2025 period. The final annual allocation will be confirmed in Q4 of each year
- Pobal Clarified there will be no Community Engagement or CMHF budgets for Round 4

A number of queries arose as follows: -

Is healthy food made easy linked in with healthy communities. Lack of facilitators is an issue.

The proposal was Proposed by Angela Hayes, seconded by Kate Cassidy and approved.

Janette advised €40,000 budget per year is disappointing. Healthy Kilkenny committee will meet in July to plan for next year and will also be feeding into the LECP, which is a main objective under health and wellbeing.

Declan thanked Janette.

2. ***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

There has been some changes to the Advisory steering group due to staff changes in Kilkenny County Council, Declan Gibbons as Chair of LCDC, Marion Acreman Business Community, Mary Mulholland Director of Services, Chief Officer Annette Fitzpatrick, Denis Malone A/ Director of Economic SPC, Aileen McGrath A/ Head of LEO.

Turley consultants appointed and met with advisory steering group on 9th June. Putting together a framework for a public consultation communications plan and the advisory group will review it, also look at current goals in the LECP. Turleys review all the information and draft socio-economic statement and drafting high level goals, these have to go before SPC and LCDC for review and agreement, proposed to hold a joint meeting of SPC and LCDC on Thursday 21st July in the morning to be held remotely.

The Department very focused on LECP, going forward if any department or group are looking for funding it will be important to be able to refer to a goal or objective in the LECP it will be a very important document over the next 6 years.

Query from PPN rep on wording in relation to terminology in LECP, is it possible to refer to the community and environmental element of the LECP rather than just community. Legislation and guidelines refer to economic and community and are quite specific.

Martin accepts legislation. Is there an environment rep on advisory group? A/DOS covers planning and environment Denis Malone.

Query on Climate Action Officer, Sean McKeown responded to this query. It is hoped the new Climate Action Officer will be in situ over the next few weeks.

There is an internal working group in the County Council and the climate action officer will be on this group.

3. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report and Update

Paul O' Rahilly gave the PPN report- see attached

4. Items for Information and Information Sharing

5. AOB

Invite Helena Power KTCM to present at the September meeting and give an update on the Community Development Pilot Project.

Declan noted Traveller Pride week is commencing the 11th of July with a number of events taking place.

6. Report from Agencies

Sean McKeown gave an update from Kilkenny County Council which included the following- Challenging budget, rising cost of energy costs, climate action, Town Regeneration Officer – open competition, New unit dealing with Ukraine refugees lead by Fiona Deegan, a query was raised on the Access Officer, this will be an existing member of staff, the community department will be co-ordinating the Disability strategy in September.

Eileen Curtis gave an update from KCETB, also involved with Ukrainians from an education perspective REALT (Regional Education and Language Team) The primary role of the REALT is to build on existing regional education support structures and the initial focus will be on assisting families in securing school places. REALT will also support schools in the area to meet the needs of these children as they emerge, to advise and support the Department of Education in developing new capacity where required, and to co-ordinate the provision of education services to schools and families across their defined area.

Aileen McGrath – A/Head of LEO

The 'IDEAS Kilkenny' competition was open to people in Kilkenny with a Tech related business idea or in the early stages of trading (less than 18 months). The final of the inaugural IDEAS Kilkenny competition on Tuesday 31st May. In the Pre-Start-Up Category, Richie Walsh t/a Maximo Ltd was announced the overall winner. Richie is currently in the process of developing a digital fintech platform which helps people easily contribute to a

pension. In the Start-up category, Cait Mackey Maher founder of Yellow Deer Design a greeting card, print and design business was announced the winner.

Launch of South East Regional Food Stories took place at High banks Orchard, the initiative brings together the best local produce and makers from across Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford, Waterford and Tipperary.

Angela Hayes Teac Tom

The number of people visiting Teac Tom has increased especially in women. Teac Tom receive no government funding and are focusing on corporate sponsorship, Angela gave a presentation at the Tower of London recently.

Kate Cassidy – HSE

Update on covid numbers, vaccines, back to basics on handwashing etc.

Query on Disability Plan – Annette advised work on this plan will start in September

Minister Joe O' Brien visited Kilkenny on the 17th June and visited a number of venues, including the Volunteer Centre, the Ukrainian shop on John Street, Butler house and the Local Community Radio Station.

A joint meeting of the LCDC and SPC will take place on the 21st of July on the LECP.

Dates of Meetings for 2022

23rd September

25th November all Fridays at 10. 30a.m