

## **Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 via Microsoft Teams.**

**In attendance:** Colette Byrne, Chief Executive Officer- Vice Chair  
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office  
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative,  
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative  
Michael A Fitzgerald, Teagasc  
Denis Drennan, CKLP  
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Elected Representative  
Eileen Curtis, Education Training Board,  
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom  
Martin Rochford, PPN Environment Pillar  
Toluwani Akaehomen, PPN Social Inclusion  
Paul O'Rahilly, PPN Social Inclusion

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

### **Administrative**

**New Members:** Colette welcomed new members Martin Rochford, Toluwani Akaehomen and Paul O' Rahilly. The 3 new members introduced themselves and a round of introductions took place.

**Apologies:** Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar, Margaret Clancy, Chamber of Commerce, Julieanne Power, DEASP, Sheila Donnelly, FRC, Derval Howley HSE.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Fiona Deegan, Seconded by Angela Hayes.

### **Matters Arising**

None.

### **Conflicts of interest**

None.

### **1. Items for discussion and decision Community Activity Fund Grant**

Annette advised that Naomh Aodhan were approved €10,000 under the above grant scheme, they were subsequently successful under the Town &

Village Grant Scheme. The offer under the CAF scheme was withdrawn, the €10,000 has to be reallocated the following was proposed: -

Owning Care for the Elderly	Piltown	€ 1,488.00	Install CCTV
Galmoy Racquetball Club	Galmoy	€ 1,000.00	Utility Bills
St. Canices Football Club	Kilkenny City	€ 1,000.00	Utility Bills
Ashgrove Pitch and Putt	Mooncoin	€ 1,000.00	Utility Bills
Thomastown River Trust	Thomastown	€ 1,000.00	Insurance costs and accountancy fees
The MS Society of Ireland	Kilkenny City	€ 1,000.00	Rent costs
Kilmacow Community Sports Complex	Kilmacow	€ 1,000.00	Extend CCTV system
Stoneyford History & Heritage	Stoneyford	€ 1,000.00	Install railings
Broadband for our Community	Piltown	€ 1,500.00	IT equipment

This proposal was proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby and seconded by Cllr. Joe Lyons and agreed.

## 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**

Annette Fitzpatrick gave an update. A webinar was held yesterday and attended by Annette Fitzpatrick, Ronan Ryan, Richard Lawder and Fiona Deegan the next webinar will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

The final nomination to the advisory group will be made after the Economic SPC meeting this afternoon. Advertisement on e-tenders went up on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, assessment of tenders and appointment of consultants by mid-April.

### **Review of LECP**

Ronan Ryan gave a presentation and advised that the questionnaire went out to all Stakeholders.

There were a number of observations: -

It is hoped the next plan will be more strategic and focused on priorities.

The guidelines set out the membership of the advisory group which consists of Declan Gibbons as Chair of LCDC, Chief Officer Annette Fitzpatrick, Sean McKeown Director of Economic SPC, Fiona Deegan Head of LEO, nomination from Economic SPC.

The Project plan will be circulated to the committee after the meeting.

### **National Policy – Town Centre First**

Annette gave a presentation which will be circulated after the meeting.

This policy was launched on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to tackle vacancy, combat dereliction and breathe new life into town centres with 33 actions.

Clarification sought on streetscape scheme and paint scheme.

No funding has been received yet for Town Centre Officer, once further information is received it will be brought to the committee.

## **3. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion**

### **PPN Report and Update**

Angela Hayes gave the PPN report- see attached

## **4. Items for Information and Information Sharing**

### **Induction Training**

A new date will be arranged and sent to all members it is hoped the induction training will take place in person in April.

### **SICAP Audit Report 2019/2020**

The SICAP Audit Report had been circulated to all members. Annette went through the findings and recommendations.

## **5. AOB**

Annette gave an update on successful Town & Village Schemes recently announced. 6 out of the 7 applications were approved.

<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Gowran</b>	The proposed project will result in the development of an intergenerational outdoor activity hub in Gowran town centre. The amenity will be designed to enable people of all ages to socialise, exercise and play in an inclusive, stimulating and safe outdoor environment.	<b>€250,000</b>
<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Kilmanagh</b>	The proposed project will involve the redevelopment of the former school and ballpark in Kilmanagh, vacant since the 1970's, for future community usage. The project will result in the creation of a multi-purpose community activity hub.	<b>€43,542</b>

<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Urlingford</b>	Urlingford Remote Working Hub: The proposed project will result in the repurposing of a vacant Bank on the Main Street in Urlingford into a Remote Working Hub.	<b>€250,000</b>
<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Graiguenamanagh</b>	Enhance the successful Barrow Activities Hub in Graiguenamanagh, County Kilkenny. This will increase usage of associated facilities by visitors and residents	<b>€92,242.84</b>
<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Piltown</b>	Piltown Remote Working Hub: The proposed project will result in the regeneration of the Garda Station in Piltown. The redevelopment of this heritage building will see it repurposed as a remote working hub, which can accommodate up to 20 people.	<b>€500,000</b>
<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Johnstown</b>	Public Realm Plan	<b>€42,075</b>

Eileen Curtis and Colette Byrne gave an update on Ukraine on behalf of the County Council and the ETB. At the moment a lead is being taken by government agencies at a National level. Locally agencies have met.

Angela Hayes congratulated all involved in the St. Patrick's Day celebrations and the fantastic atmosphere in Kilkenny.

Colette Byrne acknowledged all the hard work of staff in the Corporate Department, and in City Hall who worked with Marian Flannery and the St. Patrick's Day committee on a very successful weekend.

Colette Byrne also acknowledged the hard work and commitment of Katherine Peacock Civil Defence Officer and all her volunteers.

The next meeting is due to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, a decision will be made closer to the time on whether to meet in person or operate a hybrid model.

Dates of Meetings for 2022

20<sup>th</sup> May

24<sup>th</sup> June

23<sup>rd</sup> September

25<sup>th</sup> November all Fridays at 10.30a.m