



Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 18th of February 2022 via Microsoft Teams.

In attendance: Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar – Chair
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative,
Colette Byrne, Chief Executive Officer
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Julieanne Power, DEASP
Derval Howley, HSE
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Michael A Fitzgerald, IFA
Denis Drennan, CKLP
Sheila Donnelly, FRC
Cllr. Mick McCarthy Elected Representative
Margaret Clancy, Chamber of Commerce
Patricia Brennan, PPN Community

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

Administrative

Apologies: Eileen Curtis Education Training Board, Angela Hayes Teac Tom.

Declan welcomed Michael Fitzgerald from Teagasc replacing Siobhan Kavanagh.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Sheila Donnelly.

Matters Arising

None.

Conflicts of interest

Denis Drennan when discussing SICAP Annual Plan and SICAP EYR.

1. Items for discussion and decision

Presentation –SICAP Annual Plan 2022

Martin Rafter and Alison Irenmonger gave a very comprehensive presentation on the SICAP Plan. A number of queries arose as follows: -

- Social Prescribing- A letter to be sent to Greg Stratton from Kilkenny LCDC
- New initiative examples
- Working with all cultures and communities – Martin will follow up with Cllr. Joe Lyons.

Total budget for 2022 is €748,753

Sheila Donnelly, Derval Howley and Declan Gibbons thanked Martin and Alison for the great work under SICAP and the support, collaboration and good working environment with the SICAP subgroup and Kilkenny LCDC.

Signoff on recommendation from SICAP Subgroup re EYR 2021 and Annual Plan 2022.

Denis Drennan left the meeting due to conflict of interest.

Lindsey gave the SICAP report and advised that the subgroup had met and are happy to sign off on this plan, Pobal have also carried out their high-level review with no issues. The Annual Plan for 2022 is also to be approved. The SICAP subgroup have reviewed and agreed a potential case study on Muckalee Community Café.

Recommended approval of the SICAP end of year 2021 and to approve SICAP Annual Plan 2022. Proposed by Sheila Donnelly, Seconded by Colette Byrne. Both reports to be circulated after the meeting.

Community Activity Fund Grant

Kilkenny received €272,638, under the above grant scheme, the total amount comprises €166,612 for use towards running/operating costs and €106,026 capital funding, as with previous rounds 30% of the overall funding was to be made available for small grants of €1,000 or less.

Kilkenny LCDC received 102 applications with a total amount requested of €800,537.94 as follows:

- 19 applications for small grants up to €1,000
- 42 medium grants up to €5,000
- 41 applications for large grants up to €20,000

Annette went through the list of successful and unsuccessful applications.

Declan thanked, Cora, Annette and Lindsey for all the work on the applications and to the subgroup for their recommendations.

The geographic spread and various committees supported is very welcome. It is hoped funding for another round of CEP Grants will be advertised during the year.

The recommended grants were proposed by Julie Ann Power, seconded by Cllr. Mick McCarthy.

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

LECP Update

Annette Fitzpatrick gave an update. The Department held an information session in December which is to be followed up with a number of workshops with 5 thematic events. Annette will update on workshop when details received. A working group has been set up of Annette Fitzpatrick, Ronan Ryan, Richard Lawder, Fiona Deegan and Daorin O' Connor. The Department have requested completion of the LECP by 2023. A member of the LCDC is required for the advisory group. Declan Gibbons was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett and Seconded by Cllr. Joe Lyons. There is a vacancy for another LCDC representative.

Annette went through the 6 stages and the key dates, there is a possibility the dates of the LCDC meetings may need to be changed. LCDC need to sign off on stage 1, 2 and 3.

Annette will amend questionnaire and circulate to agencies and bring back to March meeting.

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

PPN Report and Update

Declan Gibbons gave the PPN report- see attached

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

Induction Training

An email was sent to all LCDC meeting for induction training to take place on the 22nd of February

There was a low uptake it will be rescheduled again when new PPN Reps have been ratified.

5. Items for discussion and decisions

Social Enterprise Grant Scheme 2021

This Grant is a capital grant administered by the LCDC, Kilkenny was allocated €23,592.80.

The closing date for applications was Friday 15th October the subgroup approved 7 out of the 13 applications and these were sent to the Department, the Department allocated extra funding and approved 9 applications, all groups were contacted.

Update on CDP Pilot Programme

An information session was held on the 15th February. A project team has been established to support the implementation and framework development for the programme. Each project will report and agree workplans to their LCDC. It was agreed that the projects will submit brief reports to the project team every two months for the first 6 months. Projects will report to the LCDC every 6 months. It was agreed to invite KTCM to a meeting before the mid term review.

Healthy Ireland Update

Declan Gibbons gave an update on Healthy Ireland

With the support of the Healthy Ireland Community Engagement budget, 85 Resilience Packs were delivered to Droichead and Newpark FRC, Amber Women's Refuge and Foroige in Kilkenny.

The Domestic Abuse Signposting and Support Leaflets have been printed and disseminated.

Kilkenny County Council is creating a Masterplan for the HSE's St. Canice's Campus in Kilkenny, which has enormous potential for development and is in close proximity to many other City amenities.

The progression of Kilkenny One-Parent Community Network is supported by the Lone Parents Steering Group and the Development/Support Officer in the Fr Mc Grath Family Resource Centre.

The Healthy Ireland Fund Actions and Community Mental Health Fund are progressing and are on track to end on the 31st of March 2022.

The End of Programme reporting is due on the 6th of May 2022. There is no update on the recruitment of the Healthy Ireland Coordinators for the next round of funding. There has been no brief issued from Pobal or DOH for the next round of funding

6. AOB

The LCDC Annual Report 2021 was circulated with the LCDC documentation but was omitted from the Agenda. The Annual report was approved Proposed by Colette Byrne and Seconded by Sheila Donnelly.

Declan Gibbons read out communication he had received from Edward Carroll in Ossory Park.

This correspondence was also sent to Annette and Martin Rafter and a response was issued.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Declan Gibbons on his recent bereavement.

Declan thanked and wished Lindsey Butler well as this is her last LCDC Meeting she is retiring on Friday 4th of March, Lindsey has been a huge support to the LCDC and to all the communities in Kilkenny. Sheila also thanked Lindsey who will be missed by all and thanked Lindsey for her enormous contribution over the last 20 years. Cllr. Martin Brett wished Lindsey well and advised her work rate will be remembered in Kilkenny for years to come.

Colette Byrne also acknowledged the huge contribution made in supporting communities in Kilkenny. Cllr. Mick McCarthy personally thanked Lindsey for all her help over the last number of years and wished her a very happy retirement. Annette thanked Lindsey for her support to her as Chief Officer during the last 2 years.

Lindsey thanked the LCDC committee who have achieved a lot and it was an honour and a privilege to work with everyone. Declan will make a presentation to Lindsey on behalf of the LCDC.

The next meeting is due to be held on 25th March, a decision will be made closer to the time on whether to meet in person or operate a hybrid model.

Declan thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Meetings for Next year scheduled to similar to what we had this year,

25th March

20th May

24th June

23rd September

25th November all Fridays at 10.30a.m