



Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 24th of July, 2019 in Butler House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

Present: Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)- Chair
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Colette Byrne CE Kilkenny County Council
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centre
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative

Apologies: Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Eileen Curtis, ETB
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Siobhan Kavanagh, Teagasc
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Elected Representative
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar

In Attendance: Michael Delahunty, Chief Officer, Lindsey Butler and Cora Nolan
Community.

1. Administrative

Apologies

- Chair Anne Corr read out apologies from Denis Drennan, Fiona Deegan, Eileen Curtis, Elizabeth Dermody, Declan Gibbons, Cllr. Ger Frisby, Siobhan Kavanagh, Cllr. Mick McCarthy and Niall McManus.
- John Bambrick congratulated Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh on her recent election and thanked Cllr. Cavanagh for her great work and attendance at the LCDC meetings.
- New incoming members were welcomed onto the LCDC Committee.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minute of meeting held on Friday 3rd of May 2019 were agreed.

Proposed by Mary Barron, Seconded by Derval Howley.

It was noted that there was not a quorum but it was agreed to proceed with the meeting as no item on the agenda required a decision to be made.

Colette Byrne asked that a correction be made to the May minutes regarding the RRDF Funding, ½ a million is the minimum funding not the maximum.

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

Lorraine McMahon – Presentation on Lone Parents Needs Analysis – Findings and Research

In attendance from the Task force were Nora Roberts TUSLA and Bernadette O' Rourke CKETB. The task force comprised of members from the following agencies :- Carlow Kilkenny Education and Training Board, Children and Young Peoples Services Committee, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Kilkenny County Childcare Committee, Kilkenny County Council, Kilkenny Leader Partnership and Tusla.

Lorraine began the presentation by discussing the background, the membership, and what the brief was: – To undertake a detailed county profile, a comprehensive needs analysis and develop an integrated action plan.

The process that was undertaken through desk research, a mapping exercise and a consultation process. 35 lone parents engaged including 2 members of the travelling community and 3 members of migrant communities and covered a wide range of geographic locations including, Ballyragget, Callan, Urlingford and Thomastown. Lorraine presented the finding and the priorities identified by lone parents.

The findings and priorities identified by agencies and formed an Integrated Action Plan – Voice and Visibility – 5 core goals, S.M.A.R.T, Interrelated, directly aligned to LECP and SICAP.

Goal 1. Develop a pilot project to meet identified needs and provide real and tangible outcomes for and with lone parents

Goal 2. Establish a support network and enhance visibility of lone parents

Goal 3. Develop and implement a campaign to address the stigma and isolation

Goal 4. Increase the availability of and access to affordable and flexible childcare.

Goal 5. Develop and implement an information campaign on supports and services available to lone parents in Kilkenny.

Chair of the LCDC Anne Corr thanked Lorraine and the Task Force for all their work.

A number of questions were asked by the committee, which included the following:-

- The research is very welcome and how the national childcare programme will not support lone parents,
- Research is very focused

- Pity more males did not contribute
- Jobseekers national policy
- The next steps for the task force
- Budget, needs to be built into next SICAP programme and all agencies to contribute. A realistic plan needs to be put in place.

It was suggested that the childcare committee would be asked to give a presentation at the September meeting of the LCDC.

SICAP mid Year Review

Sheila Donnelly went through the highlights of the SICAP midyear review report. The subgroup recommended approval of the report and as Chair of the subgroup Sheila thanked all for great work and the good working relationship with CKLP.

The Midyear review was approved.

CEP Recommendations

The allocation of 2019 is €136,300. A total of 69 applications were received and an overall amount sought was €368,000. The LCDC subgroup met on Tuesday 2nd of July and considered the applications in the context of the terms of the scheme. At the LCDC meeting in May the LCDC gave its approval to its subgroup to allocate the funds necessary and the CEP allocation will be noted at the July meeting.

The CEP allocation was noted and agreed by the committee.

It was suggested that a letter would be sent to the Department to carry out a review of the scheme and to include painting e.g. of a community hall.

Healthy Ireland – Proposed draft programme of work

Derval Howley gave an update on Healthy Ireland and advised that the Kilkenny LCDC HI Working Group met Thursday 18th of July to discuss HIF round 3 funding. In Round 3 a Healthy Ireland City/County Co-ordinator must be employed and must promote community engagement in Healthy Ireland Initiatives in Year 1. A completed programme of work must be submitted to Pobal by email before Friday 20th of September. There are 6 thematic areas, the minimum budget for each action is €7,500 and the maximum number of actions that can be delivered is five for a single submission. Grantees must have written agreements in place with each delivery partner for each action and can only distribute funding to one partners per action.

The HI Working group are meeting again next week to discuss and it is hoped that a separate budget for mental health will be announced.

It was agreed that €5,000 would be set aside for merchandising across all of the actions and €25,000 towards community engagement, a website page etc has to be developed. It was agreed that workshops would be held across the county promoting Healthy Ireland and the branding would be Healthy Kilkenny. It was also suggested to link in with

the various festivals in Kilkenny, Savour, Iverk Show, Yulefest, Fairytale Festival etc and to develop a merchandise library.

All the committee agreed with this approach and thanked Derval for her presentation.

4. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report – Eileen Ryan read out the report from the PPN and reported the following:-

- Kilkenny PPN undertook Climate Action Workshop in conjunction with the Environment Section of Kilkenny County Council.
- The Access for All Committee hosted a training programme for staff members of Kilkenny County Council on Monday 24th of June. 26 people took part.
- Preparations are currently being undertaken for the forthcoming PPN Election process which is due to take place in September.
- Applications were received from community groups to support small projects, this was a small budget and 19 applications were received from across the City and County.
- A social inclusion conference will take place in early October.
- Kilkenny PPN will undertake training on 2nd of October with Social Justice Ireland in relation to the formulation of a vision for Community well being in each Municipal District.

5. Items for Information and Information Sharing

a) Men's Shed Funding

An allocation of €11,000 has been granted to Men's Shed closing date is the 30th of September, 2019. Application forms have been sent to all registered men's sheds, the men's shed have to registered with the Men's Shed Association.

b) Decisions on CCFCs Applications

The Council received 16 applications under the Community and Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2019. The Budget is €250,000 and 7 grants were awarded to the following:-

Freshford Playground Committee, St. Canices Neighbourhood Hall, The Butts, Thomastown Scouts, Pil River Park Piltown, Trasna Productions Ltd Callan, Mooncoin Celtic and Paulstown Development Association.

Michael also gave updated on Town & Village, Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, CLAR, Capital Grant Scheme for Play and Recreation Grant 2019, National Play and Recreation Grant Scheme 2019, Events Grants, Callan Town Renewal Plan, Age Friendly Programme update

Anne thanked Michael for the update on the relevant schemes. An update on the Outdoor Rural Recreation scheme will be given in future update reports. Derval Howley complimented all those working with Age Friendly on the great work being done. And also Cllr. Joe Lyons on the great work being done in Callan.

AOB

Sheila Donnelly going to send copy of the Lone parents presentation to FRC's.

John Bambrick asked that try to avoid LCDC meeting end of July/August to try ensure a better attendance this was noted.

Joe Lyons was also officially welcomed to the meeting.

It was agreed to Invite Kilkenny Childcare committee to September meeting.

Date for the next meeting is Friday 27th of September, 2019.