



Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 26th June, 2020 at 10.30a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Colette Byrne CE Kilkenny County Council, Vice Chair
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Elected Representative
Eileen Curtis, ETB
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centre
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Patricia Brennan, PPN Community Pillar
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar
Siobhan Kavanagh, Teagasc
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar
John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership

Apologies: John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative

In Attendance: Lindsey Butler, Annette Fitzpatrick and Cora Nolan Community.

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Fiona Deegan, Seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed.

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

LECP Action Review 2019-2019.

Lindsey Butler gave an update.

Planned workshop for March was unable to go ahead. The final reporting for the 2018-2019 Community Implementation Plan is based on 14 stakeholders reporting on 58 actions or 65% of our stakeholders reporting on 66% of the total actions in the 2018-2019 Community Implementation Plan. Awaiting direction from the Department on the next steps.

SICAP Update – Mid Year Review, revised process under Covid 19 Government Restrictions.

Lindsey advised that the mid-year review process has been reviewed with a reduced approach agreed for 2020. The LCDC must confirm with Pobal Coordinator if any issues have been identified as part of the review by Monday 10th of August. Pobal will undertake a check and provide feedback to LCDC's by 12th August. The deadline to have all fin and mon reports checked and the stage moved to Approved on IRIS is Friday 11th September.

Healthy Ireland Report – Janette Boran.

The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator Janette Boran joined the meeting and gave an update on Healthy Ireland actions including: -

- Healthy Inclusive communities – Healthy Streets programme, Delivery of PA/Education courses and Part 3 Consultation process: spaces and places for Health and wellbeing
- Lone Parents – The LCDC Lone Parents Steering group will support and direct actions for a private consultant to implement in Kilkenny.
- Regional Action – Positive ageing, Healthy food made easy, Tobacco
- Community Mental Health Fund – Social Prescribing
- Small Grants Scheme – Mental Health
- Community Engagement – Merchandising, promotional campaigns/events, workshops etc. Community Engagement consultations and care box initiatives.

The committee complimented Janette on all the great work and initiatives being undertaken through Healthy Ireland and the LCDC are happy to endorse the Healthy Ireland initiative and proposals being sent to Pobal.

2. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion PPN

Angela Hayes gave an update on behalf of the PPN and noted that the PPN has now moved from 42 Parliament Street to Unit 1 Hebron House, Macdough Junction. This will be a shared office space with Kilkenny Older People's Forum.

- The workshops "A Vision for Community Wellbeing" have been put on hold, a guidance and consultation document have been uploaded to the PPN website.
- A "Fly the Flag Initiative" launched in April.

- Kilkenny PPN has organised a series of practical one hour webinars to help organisations with Good Governance etc.
- Developing a Migration Integration Plan with KLP and Kilkenny County Council.
- Currently working with KLP in developing a series of workshops which will focus on Back to Work Protocol and template which will assist community groups/organisations, volunteer led bodies and Social Enterprises in re-opening their doors.

A question was raised on protocols and resources for community centres to get back up and running. Lindsey advised as outlined above that information sessions in conjunction with the PPN and Kilkenny Leader Partnership are being organised, schedule to be confirmed over next few days this will run in conjunction with the CEP small grant scheme for community facilities.

A formal letter will be sent to the relevant Department regarding the community voluntary sector to make the Department aware on the lack of guidance for the community and voluntary sector.

3. Items for Information and Information Sharing Interim Report Integration Strategy Review

In March 2020, Kilkenny County Council, in partnership with County Kilkenny Leader Partnership and Kilkenny Public Participation Network, commissioned Barncat Consulting to carry out a review and update of Kilkenny's Integration Strategy. The next stage of the process will be in disseminating the online survey. The final phase of consultation will likely take place after September. A proposal for how to deliver this consultation will be prepared by the researcher for input by project partners nearer the time, when it is clearer what type of consultation will be feasible.

4. AOB

As the LCDC committee had not met since February, the Chair Colette Byrne asked if anyone had any information or comments they would like to make.

- Denis Drennan gave an update from KLP and the funding supports available to community groups.
- Fiona Deegan LEO updated the committee on the supports and grants available from the LEO office and the many initiatives coming up in Kilkenny including the Saturday market, Kilkenny welcome team of volunteers, more seating etc.
- John Hurley Kilkenny Chamber advised they are working closely with the Local Authority, LEO and KLP in supporting local and getting people back into the city.
- Eileen Curtis gave an update from the ETB and the difficulties and challenges facing the ETB. All schools have completed the calculate grades and the next focus is on reopening schools in September and are

awaiting guidance on this. Also looking at long and short term programmes going forward.

Contributions were also made from Angela Hayes Teac Tom, Cllr. Ger Frisby, Derval Howley HSE who wanted to thank everyone for all the great work being done in these very challenging times. Sheila Donnelly advised the FRC's are doing what they can but there are facing a lot of challenges. Niall McManus noted how important amenity areas are during these difficult times. Contributions also from Cllrs. Mick McCarthy and Martin Brett.

Annette Fitzpatrick Community Section gave an update on the funding schemes available at the moment from Kilkenny County Council including Town & Village, CLAR, ORIS and CEP Scheme due to be advertised shortly.

Colette gave an update on the community call helpline which was set up and is still in operation, she acknowledged the great work being done throughout the communities, through the GAA Clubs etc., the Civil Defence, the library service and advised that a Tourism recovery task force has been set up. All housing construction sites are back up and running, Colette also noted the significant challenges facing Kilkenny County Council financially.

Colette expressed sympathies to the HSE in Kilkenny on the loss of 2 of their own staff members and acknowledged the fantastic work of the HSE, Gardaí and local authorities in the region.

It was noted that John Bambrick from the IFA tenure is to cease and a new IFA rep will be nominated. John was thanked for his contribution to the LCDC over the years and wished the best of luck for the future.

5. Date for next Meeting.

The date for the next meeting is Friday 25th September 2020