



Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 26th March, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

Attendance:

Declan Gibbons PPN Community Pillar – Chair
Cllr. Mick McCarty, Elected Representative
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centre
Margaret Clancy, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office,
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Derval Howley, HSE
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Julianne Power, DEASP
Bill O Keeffe, IFA
Patricia Brennan, PPN Rep
Paul Clifford, PPN Rep

In attendance:

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

Administrative

Apologies

Colette Byrne CE, Kilkenny County Council,

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby and Seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett.

Matters Arising

Proposed amendment to minutes of February Meeting, John Hurley listed as in attendance to be amended to Margaret Clancy. Noted.

Any conflicts of Interest

None.

Annual Report 2020

Annette presented the Annual Report for 2020 which was circulated to the committee. This was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett and Seconded by Sheila Donnelly and approved.

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

- **Chairperson update LECP invitation**

- A meeting of the LCDC Chairs took place on the 24th March, Declan Gibbons attended and gave a report and outlined the main points: -

Need for co-ordination of Community & Economic elements of LECP

Six years too long for duration of LECP

Guidelines need to be framed in the reality of the day e.g. Climate Change and homelessness and less prescriptive.

The need to engage with Government Departments and to get them to engage more with LCDC's and to recognise the role of LCDC's.

Key issues that should be part of new LECP's, Youth, Mental Health, Lone Parents, Unemployment, Upskilling, Asylum Seekers/New Communities, Access/Disability.

Public Service duty will be embedded in the new guidelines

Census has been delayed to 2022.

The DRCD feels that current LECPs are out of date and need to be replaced this year.

Guidelines will be available the first half of 2020, next advisory group meeting is 8th April, DRCD expects to have skeleton guidelines available after that.

Annette also gave an update from the Chief Officers Meetings

Asked to give feedback on LECP process

Census – information out of date

An advisory group is duplication of reporting

Monitoring and implementation of the LECP

12-month timescale in preparation of LECP

Review period is very important.

Hoping to have guidelines available before the end of June.

A number of comments and queries were raised including the following: -

Last LECP a lot of individual actions, better to focus on high level strategic actions

The implementation of actions – no follow up from Department

Lindsey to circulate the last report which will highlight the high level of implementations, no national monitoring framework to feed into. No comparison with other counties etc.

Community Development Pilot – Support for application from KTCM and monitoring role if same is successful

The aim of the 2021 Community Development Pilot Programme is to trial community development initiatives that address poverty, social exclusion and inequality, and promote human rights. This scheme invites expressions of interest from community development organisations working to address issues in areas such as racism (including Travellers and Roma), domestic or sexual violence, migration, gender, people living in direct provision or seeking international protection, climate action and just transition. Up to eight projects will be selected to be part of the pilot which has overall funding of €1 million for 2021.

The KTCM group are working together to prepare an application for submission before the 31st of March, maximum funding available is €120,000-€140,000 per annum with a possible roll out of the programme over 3 years. If this application is successful the funding and monitoring will be run through the LCDC with the plan to expand the current SICAP committee.

The committee were delighted that community development is coming back to the fore and the LCDC committee unanimously support this application

Lindsey will circulate the application.

Application was proposed by Cllr. Joe Lyons and seconded by Trish Brennan.

2. Citizen Engagement and promotion of social inclusion

PPN Report.

Angela Hayes went through the PPN Report outlining the main highlights as follows: - Kilkenny PPN Climate Action conversation will take place on Tuesday 30th of March at 7.00p.m. this is part of a pilot programme by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to host a climate action conversation.

The draft Social Enterprise Survey and Resource Guidebook is now before the Kilkenny PPN Secretariat for their perusal and review. A meeting is taking place next week in respect of the draft next week with the Consultant.

Kilkenny PPN will be taking on the administration of the new Transport Mobilisation Hub in line with the Local Authority Community Response Forum to support the roll out of the Vaccination Programme in Kilkenny. Protocol will be drawn up with the Civil Defence next week in this regard.

Declan gave an update on the Social Enterprise Survey which was prepared by consultant Sinead Doody and at the moment is with the Secretariat for approval, once approved it will be formally launched and will be on the Agenda for the May LCDC Meeting.

A structural review of the PPN will be taking place no how it works and strengthen the PPN for the future.

3. Items for Information and Information Sharing

Kilkenny Integration Strategy

The Strategy was approved by the Elected Representatives at their last Council Meeting.

DRCD – Statement of Strategy 2021-2023 (LCDC Implications)

The full strategy was circulated by the Department. The values within the Strategy and the DRCD are outlined as Integrity, Equality & Inclusion, Leadership and Collaboration and their people. There are five strategic goals.

Goal 1: Advance the economic and social development of rural areas, including the offshore islands

Key action with LCDC implications:

- *Develop and Deliver a Transitional LEADER Programme for the period 2021-2022 and a new LEADER Programme to commence in 2023 in line with the next EU funding Framework*

Most concern to LCDC is Goal 3.

Goal 3– Support empowered, inclusive and resilient communities and a thriving volunteer culture.

- Continue to work with stakeholders in delivering the SICAP to assist vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and groups
- Engage with Stakeholders and explore programme review recommendations to further develop and enhance the next iteration of the SICAP Programme, including the development of a Just Transition approach
- Support the enhancement of community facilities in disadvantaged areas through the Community Enhancement Programme
- Enhance the capacity of the LCDCs by implementing the recommendations of the LCDC review
- Support Las to develop and implement new LECs, taking account of the impact of COVID-19 on local businesses and communities

Goal 4: Enable the community, voluntary, charity, philanthropic and social economy sectors to contribute fully to civil society

Key action with LCDC implications:

- Engage on an ongoing basis with the sectors to support the full implementation of the actions in Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Five-Year Strategy to Support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland 2019-2024.
- Building on the existing Strategy, develop a new Anti-poverty, Social Inclusion and Community Development Action Plan in consultation with stakeholders and in partnership with other Government Departments.
- Commission a review of the Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and support them to further develop their capacity, in conjunction with the National Advisory Group

4. Items for discussion and decision – Conflicts of interest to be declared

Healthy Ireland update and budget projections – sign off

Janette Boran Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator gave an update and advised that all reports will be circulated after the meeting.

Launch of Healthy Kilkenny, the launch will be pre-recorded. The Healthy Kilkenny Committee agreed a “soft virtual launch”. The purpose of the Launch is to increase the awareness of “Healthy Kilkenny”. The Healthy Kilkenny website will be launched at the same time, the community radio will be involved in organising the launch.

Janette gave an update on the Healthy Ireland Round 3 actions.

Healthy Inclusive Communities (Healthy Streets). The Healthy Streets programme will not progress with the HIFR€ timeframe. The Healthy Kilkenny Committee have proposed that the funding for this action (€18,050) be reallocated to KRSP to sustain funding for the Sports

Development Officer and programme costs for the action between July 2021-December 2021. A number of queries were raised, this was proposed by Sheila Donnelly and Seconded by Trish Brennan. Janette will submit the change request to Pobal.

Projected Cashflow template, Pobal requested a projected cashflow template which included a breakdown of previous and current expenditure and predicted spend from July 2021 to December 2021. The template was requested to estimate what further allocation of funding was needed for the HI Coordinator position. HIF Actions and Social Prescribing role from July 2021-December 2021.

Derval Howley advised that the national framework for Social Prescribing in areas of high deprivation in addition to existing social prescribing, Derval will also flag additional funding required.

Healthy Ireland role put in for 5 days a week due to demand in work, currently 4 days allocated to Healthy Ireland and 1 to Keep Well Campaign.

Round 4 Planning, workshop with the Healthy Kilkenny Committee is planned for Tuesday the 7th of September 2021. The next round of Healthy Ireland Funding is due to commence in January 2022 with no breaks between HIFR3 and HIFR4. It is likely the HIFR4 action plan will be presented to the LCDC for submission to Pobal before the end of 2021.

Derval Howley, Lindsey Butler and Sheila Donnelly complimented Janette on the fantastic work with Healthy Ireland and acknowledge the work of the agencies and the steering committee.

5. AOB

Launch of Rural Ireland Development Policy, relevant to the work of the LCDC – Noted.

Condolences to Declan Gibbons on the loss of this sister, Agnes Gibbons White.

Derval Howley gave an update on Covid, Cilin Hill up and running as a covid vaccination centre, overall Kilkenny is doing well. No issue on delivery of PPE Gear, slight increase in demand for testing and referrals from doctors. A definition of key workers is being drawn up for vaccinations.

Cllr. Martin Brett thanked the HSE and all the agencies for their tremendous work.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date for next meeting is Friday 21st of May, 2021.