



Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 19th May, 2023, Via Microsoft Teams at 10.30a.m.

- In attendance:** Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar- Chair
Sean McKeown, Interim Chief Executive
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office
Sheila Donnelly – FRC
Julieanne Power, DEASP
Cllr. Mick McCarthy
Cllr. Ger Frisby
Cllr. Joe Lyon
Paul O’ Rahilly PPN Social Inclusion
Denis Drennan
Cllr. Martin Brett
Martin Rochford- PPN Environment Pillar
Eileen Curtis- Education Training Board
Angela Hayes -Teac Tom,
Toluwani Akaehomen -PPN
Mary Mescal, -PPN
Derval Howley, HSE
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce
- Also present:** Declan Rice KLP, Anne Marie Shortall and Cora Nolan,
Kilkenny County Council.

Administrative

Declan welcomed everyone to this online meeting.

Apologies: Michael A Fitzgerald, IFA,

1. Local Development Strategy Consultation

Declan Rice gave introduction to consultation on the new Leader Local Development Strategy which covered the following items:-

- The financial basics – Kilkenny with a budget of €6.1 million for 2023-2027 has a 21% reduction on previous funds.

- An overview of indicative leader themes
- Theme 1 – Economic Development and Job creation
- Theme 2 – Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
- Theme 3 – Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Community Consultations
- Stakeholder and Partners Consultations
- Principles for selection of LDS Actions

Declan Gibbons as Chair thanked Declan Rice for his comprehensive presentation and a number of contributions were made from Sean McKeown, Derval Howley, Paul O' Rahilly, Martin Rochford, Cllr. Martin Brett and Aileen McGrath.

It was agreed that all contributions would be emailed to Anne Marie or Cora as soon as possible who would compile and send directly to Declan Rice. This was agreed.

2. Agree the timelines on the arrangements set out in the MOU.

Declan advised that the two PPN members nominated for the board are to be from the voluntary /community sector in accordance with the MOU and also request a gender balance for nominations. There will also be two councillors nominated to the board. Declan advised that the KLP annual general meeting will be held in July.

The new board will be formed at the July AGM. Sean requested that KLP officially write to the Council seeking the nominations of the two Elected members.

It was noted that Anne Marie Shortall, Chief Officer of LCDC will be part of the new evaluation committee which will be formed when new programme is in place and after the new board is back at the end of the Summer.

3. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 23rd of June, 2023.

Items for Agenda

Agree process for nomination of 2 community representatives on the Board of KLP from the PPN/LCDC.

It was agreed that the June meeting will be in person.