



**Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held
on Friday 28th of March 2025, held in the Council Chamber, County Hall at
10.30a.m.**

In attendance: Mary Mescal, PPN (Chair)
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, KCC
Cllr. Ger Frisby, KCC
Martin Rochford, PPN – Environment
Olive Maher, FRC
Michael A Fitzgerald, Teagasc
Paul O’ Rahilly, PPN Social Inclusion
Kevin Mahon, KLP
Michael Walshe, PPN Community Pillar

Online: Cllr. Michael Doyle KCC
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce

Present: Anne Marie Shortall, Chief Officer LCDCC, Cora Nolan and
Kelley Murphy, Kilkenny County Council.

1. Administrative

Apologies: Lar Power, Chief Executive
Cllr. Stephanie Doheny, KCC
Mary Harding, PPN Social Inclusion
Derval Howley, HSE
Martha Bolger, KCETB
Julianne Power, DEASP
Katherine Peacock, KCC

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of LCDCC meeting held on Friday 31st January 2025

Proposed by Aileen McGrath, Seconded by Cllr. Mick McCarthy.

Minutes of LCDCC Meeting held on Friday 27th of February, 2025

Proposed by Angela Hayes, Seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby.

Matters Arising

None

Any Conflicts of Interest

Olive Maher, Mary Mescal and Angela Hayes will leave the meeting for the recommendation of the Local Enhancement Grant Scheme.

2. Oversight and Implementation of the Local and Economic Community Plan Draft LECP Implementation Plan 2025-2026

Mary Mescal confirmed that feedback from action holders has been circulated to all members.

Anne Marie provided updates regarding the Implementation Plan 2025–2026. She explained that the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) is a six-year strategy, comprised of three two-year Implementation Plans that outline the specific actions necessary to achieve the overarching goals and objectives of the LECP 2023–2028. Anne Marie acknowledged the questions received and clarified that an incorrect link was sent regarding Waste Management. It was proposed that a presentation from the action holders, starting with Environment as the lead agency for some Waste Management Actions, will be delivered to the LCDC committee. Additionally, there will be a presentation on the Climate Action Plan.

Martin thanked Anne Marie for her explanation and welcomed upcoming presentations from the lead agencies.

Mary extended thanks to the Community and LEO departments for their efforts on the LECP Implementation Plan.

Anne Marie also expressed gratitude to all the lead agencies, community staff, Aileen, and the LEO staff. She noted that the plan was formally approved at yesterday's SPC meeting.

Angela Hayes commended the excellent work being undertaken and expressed support for receiving presentations from the lead agencies.

Adoption of the LECP Implementation Plan 2025 – 2026 by LCDC members:-
Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby.

3. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report

Angela Hayes presented the PPN Report.

4. Local Enhancement Grant 2025

Mary Mescal, Angela Hayes, Olive Maher, Michael Walshe and Paul O' Rahilly excused themselves from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Anne Marie provided an overview of the grant scheme and informed the group that the subgroup convened on Tuesday, 25th March 2025 to assess the grant applications. A total of 181 applications were received. Anne Marie emphasized that the document outlining the grant recommendations which was circulated is confidential until such time as it receives approval from the DRCD. Applicants will be notified only after Department approval has been finalised.

Councillors Mick McCarthy and Ger Frisby expressed their appreciation to the Community Department for their efforts in managing the applications process.

The LECP Grant allocations and recommendations for 2025:-
Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby.

5. Items for discussion and decision.

LCDC Annual Report 20204

A query was raised regarding the lack of conclusions or recommendations in the annual report. Anne Marie informed the committee that the format of the annual report is required to detail the activities for the past year.

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Kevin Mahon.

6. Items for Information and Information Sharing Community Grants.

Anne Marie Shortall announced that the CCFCS – Community Culture Facilities Capital Grant Scheme and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025 are now open for application through the Community Department with more detailed information available on Kilkenny County Council's website.

The next meeting will take place on Friday 30th of May, 2025.

Chair

Date