



**Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting  
held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, held in the Council Chamber, County Hall  
at 10.30a.m.**

**In attendance:** Mary Mescal, PPN (Chair)  
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom  
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  
Lar Power, Chief Executive  
Cllr. Stephanie Doheny, KCC  
Mary Harding, PPN Social Inclusion  
Derval Howley, HSE  
Martha Bolger, KCETB

**Online:** Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office  
Cllr. Michael Doyle KCC  
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce

**Present:** Anne Marie Shortall, Chief Officer LCDC, Katherine Peacock,  
Cora Nolan and Kelley Murphy, Kilkenny County Council.

**1. Administrative**

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mick McCarthy, KCC  
Cllr. Ger Frisby, KCC  
Julianne Power, DEASP

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

Proposed by Michael Walshe, Seconded by Michael Fitzgerald.

**Matters Arising**

The minutes have been amended to reflect that Paul O' Rahilly and Michael Walshe left the meeting during the discussion of the Local Enhancement Grant Scheme.

**Any Conflicts of Interest**

None.

## 2. Presentations from:

**Margaret Whelan, Environment Education Awareness Officer** in relation to High Level Goal 1 for Climate Action in the LECP Implementation Plan.

Margaret gave a detailed presentation to the LCDC members on the actions being undertaken on Environmental Education and Awareness, Waste Management, the Litter Management Plan, Anti -Dumping Initiatives and the Circular Economy.

**Catherine Cunningham, Executive Engineer Environment**, gave a presentation in relation to Waste Regulations enforcement, details of the RMECI ( Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections) and presented information and statistics on the use and operation of the Dunmore Civic Amenity Site.

(Presentation attached)

Contributions were received from Martin Rochford, Kevin Mahon, Derval Howley, Martha Bolger, and Michael Fitzgerald.

Anne Marie Shortall and Mary Mescal both thanked and expressed their gratitude to Margaret and Catherine for their comprehensive and informative updates, and also extended their appreciation to all staff at the Dunmore Civic Amenity Site and the wider Environment Department for their dedication and commitment.

**Dearbhala Ledwidge, Climate Action Co-Ordinator** presented on the Implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

Dearbhala presented to the LCDC members an update on the implementation of Kilkenny County Council's Climate Action Plan, detailing climate action initiatives and some case studies.

(Presentation attached)

Contributions were made by Derval Howley, Martin Rochford, John Hurley, and Angela Hayes.

Mary and Anne Marie both expressed their thanks and appreciation to Dearbhala for her engaging and informative presentation on the implementation of the Climate Action Plan and relevant actions in the LECP Implementation Plan.

Mary informed members that if a member from the LCDC would like to deliver a presentation or hear from another lead agency with actions in the LECP implementation plan, they should contact Anne Marie or Katherine.

Derval Howley has offered to deliver a presentation on the changing structures within the Health Service.

### 3. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

#### PPN Report

Paul O' Rahilly presented the PPN Report.

It was agreed that the PPN Report and the two presentations from the Environment Department and the Climate Action Office would be circulated to all LCDC members after the meeting.

#### 4. AOB

Katherine Peacock outlined to the members that Healthy Ireland is seeking approval for the roll out of the Eastern Environs Small Grant Scheme. It is proposed to open the scheme for applications, with a closing date of Friday, 27 June, 2025 and that grants will be assessed by the Healthy Ireland Committee during the first week of July.

The proposal was approved by Derval Howley and seconded by Martha Bolger.

**The next meeting will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2025.**

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Chair

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Date