



Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 25th September, 2020 at 10.30a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Attendance: Colette Byrne CE Kilkenny County Council, Vice Chair
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Bill O' Keeffe, IFA
Julianne Power, DEASP
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Elected Representative
Eileen Curtis, KCETB
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centre
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Patricia Brennan, PPN Community 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
Paul Clifford, PPN Community Pillar

In attendance: Annette Fitzpatrick, Lindsey Butler & Cora Nolan, Kilkenny County Council,

Administrative

The Chair Colette Byrne, welcomed Bill O' Keeffe from the IFA and Julieanne Power DEASP.

Apologies: -

Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were proposed by Fiona Deegan and seconded by Cllr. Gerard Frisby.

Matters Arising

Lindsey advised that induction training for new members will take place shortly

Conflicts of Interest

None.

No. 1 Oversight and Implementation of the community element of the Local Economic and Community Plan including Local and Community Development Coordination and oversight: -

➤ SICAP Mid-Year Review – Sign off.

Lindsey went through the mid-year review which was done as a desk top exercise on IRIS. KPI (1) and KPI (2) were overachieved.

A comprehensive update on actions had been provided by CKLP detailing activities delivered, the impact of Covid-19 and highlighted where activities were modified, cancelled or postponed.

The action progress report for mid-year demonstrates the level of flexibility and adaptability shown by CKLP in delivering on the actions and supporting LCGs and clients during the pandemic.

Due to the impact of Covid 19 and flexibility given on spend the SICAP Sub-group are working with CKLP to monitor the budget for the remainder of the year, in particular where budget spend is high or low for specific budget lines, and where possible will engage regularly to ensure that all underspends and overspends are rectified and in line with agreed flexibility given on Programme Requirements.

The mid-year review sign off was proposed by Cllr. Joe Lyons, Seconded by Angela Hayes.

Cora will email SICAP report after the meeting to all committee members.

➤ Healthy Ireland – New addendum agreed

Due to Covid-19- Two changes were made to two community events

(1) KNITTED Together Project now April/May 2021 and

(2)Launch of Healthy Kilkenny/Showcase of Round 3 funded projects (May/June2021)

This was Proposed by Fiona Deegan, Seconded by Sheila Donnelly.

➤ Sign off on Mental Healthy small grant scheme

11 applications were received under this grant scheme, 2 small grants and 5 large grants have been proposed by the sub group, some follow up documentation is required before sign off, it was agreed that once the 7 grants

have been finalised. The list of the grants approved will be sent by email this was Proposed by Eileen Curtis, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett.

2. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion PPN Report

Angela Hayes went through the PPN report which included the following: -
A series of online webinars and supports are currently being organized for the month of October in the areas Financial Management and Planning for Community Organisations, Health and Safety Protocols for Community Groups and Centre's, Funding and Fundraising, Learning about the Sustainable Development Goals and Food & Waste Management.

Kilkenny PPN is hosting a virtual meeting as part of **Make Way Day** this Friday 25th at 11am with local disability group representatives where issues can be highlighted from personal experience in respect of access around our city

Kilkenny PPN is on the board of the new Volunteer Centre for Kilkenny. The board has met on 4 occasions to date and is in the process of completing all governance related aspects

Kilkenny PPN in conjunction with Kilkenny Leader Partnership and Kilkenny County Council are currently developing a Migration Integration Action Plan for the County. This is nearing completion and will be reported on at today's meeting.

As part of the National Enterprise Town Awards (NETA) prize money, Kilkenny PPN recently advertised a tender via Activelink for a Scope and Survey of Social Enterprise in Kilkenny City and County. A comprehensive mapping process will be undertaken through a mixed method approach which includes desk research, surveys and interviews with a variety of stakeholders including the Local Authority.

3. Items for discussion and decision

Report on CEP 2020- Reopening of Community Facilities under Covid 19 Restrictions Small Grant Support Scheme.

In June 2020 Kilkenny was awarded €58,150 under the CEP scheme.

The LCDC awarded 64 grants to a maximum of €500 in July 2020 totalling €30,700.

Cora will circulate report on grants awarded after the meeting.

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

Sign off on Community Enhancement Grant Programme 2020

In August 2020 Kilkenny LCDC were awarded €127,249 under the CEP Scheme.

The CEP subgroup agreed to ring-fence €39,000 for small grants to a maximum of €3,000 or 30% of new allocation of €127,246 as outlined by the DRCD.

It was also agreed to use the remainder of the €127,246 (€88,250) and combine the remaining funding from the July CEP allocation of €27,450 giving the LCDC funding for larger grant scheme of €115,276. It was agreed that this scheme would be to a maximum of €20,000 to fund 5 (ish) projects across the county.

- ✓ Received 30 in total
- ✓ 5 applications diverted to the Covid Grant scheme
- ✓ 7 deemed ineligible or duplication of other funding streams

Recommendation to support 18 applications **total €39,420**

The following are the projects being prosed for funding to the LCDC CEP Subgroup*:

1. SPA Development Association (Johnstown – North MD)	€20,000
2. Mooncoin Parochial Hall (South MD)	€12,000
3. Piltown Community Centre (South MD)	€8,000
4. Freshford Community Group (North MD)	€20,000
5. Graiguenamanagh Hall (East/West MD)	€20,000
6. Clogh/ Mooneenroe (North MD)	€20,000
7. Callan Hall Racquetball (East West MD)	€7,276
8. Kilkenny Involvement Centre (East/West MD City)	€8,000

Total: €115,276

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by John Hurley.

Election of Chair.

Anne Corr resigned as chair in January 2020. Colette Byrne as Vice Chair took over as chair In the interim, until all vacancies were filled and a full LCDC committee was in place.

Declan Gibbons was proposed by Denis Drennan, Seconded by Sheila Donnelly and agreed by all.

Declan Gibbons was elected as Chair of Kilkenny LCDC and Colette Byrne to remain as vice chair. Declan thanked Denis for the nomination, and Sheila, the committee wished Declan well as the new chair.

4. Items for information and information sharing

In April Barncat undertook to review the old strategy and develop a new strategy. Each local Authority is responsible for a strategy and setting up a forum. Kilkenny County Council working with CKLP and PPN undertook the review.

A desktop review was undertaken, along with an online survey which was produced in August this year and Lindsey will circulate after the meeting. The final stage of the strategy is the consultation phase, it was hoped to hold some face to face focus groups and some online. But now will just do online only.

It is proposed to hold focus groups over the week of the 5th and 12th of October. Lindsey will send an email and if interested please contact Lindsey. It is hoped to have it complete by the end of October/November.

AOB

Fiona Deegan updated the committee on Kilkenny Day which is happening on Sunday 11th October and a number of events will be held showcasing what Kilkenny has to offer. A brochure will be available shortly and a social media campaign will begin. "Embrace our place and join in".

A new website and new branding for Kilkenny will also be launched.

Kilkenny animation – Cartoon Saloon new film Wolf Walkers exhibiting in Butler Gallery on 23rd October.

Town & Village

Annette advised that the 6 applications submitted in the 1st round of the Town & Village Scheme were approved. 7 applications were submitted in the second round, no results yet. The closing date for the standard Town & Village is Wednesday 30th September 10 applications can be submitted.

10 applications were submitted under CLAR.

John Hurley gave an update from the Chamber of Commerce and Eileen Curtis KCETB on the great work in schools around the county.

Colette Byrne and Derval Howley from the HSE gave an update on Covid 19 and asked that everyone stay safe.

Date for next Meeting is Friday 27th November and it was suggested if everyone could be on camera for the next meeting.