



**Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee
Meeting held on Friday 2nd of December, 2022, The Pembroke Hotel,
Patrick Street, Kilkenny at 10.30a.m.**

In attendance: Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar- Chair
Sean McKeown, A/ Chief Executive Officer
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office
Sheila Donnelly – FRC
Michael A Fitzgerald, IFA,
Julianne Power, DEASP
Cllr. Mick McCarthy Elected Representative
Martin Rochford- PPN Environment Pillar
Paul O 'Rahilly – PPN Social Inclusion

Also present: Annette Fitzpatrick, Katherine Peacock and Cora Nolan,
Kilkenny County Council.

Administrative

Apologies: Eileen Curtis Education Training Board, Angela Hayes Teac Tom,
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Derval Howley HSE, Cllr. Joe Lyons, Patricia Brennan PPN,
Toluwani Akaehomen PPN.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 23rd September 2022

To be proposed at next meeting.

Minutes of Joint Meeting of SPC 1 & LCDC held on 16th November, 2022.

To be proposed at next meeting.

Matters Arising

None

Conflicts of interest

None.

Membership

Mags Clancy Chamber of Commerce has changed positions and is unable to sit on LCDC Committee, awaiting nomination from Chamber.

1. Items for discussion and decision

Leader Programme 2023-2027.

Annette gave an update, the Department produced guidelines and held an information session on the 10th of November, the closing date for Expression of Interest is the 16th of December. The Department will assess all expressions of interest and then proceed to the next step. The LCDC now have to decide if they wish to submit an expression of interest. A pre-meeting took place between representatives from the LCDC Annette and Declan, Kilkenny County Council Mary Mulholland and Sean McKeown and Leader Declan Rice and Denis Drennan, a discussion took place and the following was put forward by Leader: -

Kilkenny LCDC will nominate 2 no. community reps from the PPN/LCDC on the Board.

Kilkenny County Council will nominate the 2 Elected Members to sit on board
Chief Officer to be included on Evaluation Committee

It was agreed that the preference is not to have a competitive bid but that the LCDC has to have a role.

Declan Rice CEO, Leader joined the meeting, Declan gave apologies on behalf of Denis Drennan. Declan gave a presentation to the committee which covered the following: -

- Membership
- Structure
- Local Development Strategy – The basics
- Local Development Strategy – Budget and actions
- The proposal on LDS content
- LDS action and timelines
- Changes to KLP structures proposed

Declan Gibbons thanked Declan Rice for this presentation and opened the floor to questions.

A number of queries were raised: -

- Clarification on members to the board
- Could membership be increased
- Environment Representation
- Has the proposal been discussed with the board
- Membership/beneficiaries
- Timeframe LDS

Declan Rice thanked the LCDC for their time and welcomed a response as soon as possible.

A discussion took place with committee members.

It was proposed by Sean McKeown, Seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett: - "That Kilkenny LCDC committee agree in principle not to submit an Expression of Interest on the receipt of a signed MOU from Leader for commitment on the following: -

- Work in collaboration with LCDC
- 2 members of Kilkenny LCDC to sit on the board of Leader
- Elected Representatives on Board of KLP will be nominated not invited
- Chief Officer on Evaluation Committee
- Membership fixed at 15 people

2. Oversight and Implementation of the community element of the Local Economic and Community Plan including Local and Community Development Coordination and oversight

LECP Update

Annette Fitzpatrick gave an update on the LECP.

A joint meeting was held on the 16th of November, Turley's finalising documents, advisory steering group to meet in December. Next stage is to implement phase 2, there will be a need for a further joint meeting of LCDC and SPC 1 end of January, early February to agree final actions. Plan is on schedule.

3. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report and Update

Martin Rochford gave the PPN report.

4. Items for Information and Information Sharing Presentation Karin Todd- One Parent Families

Karin Todd Development worker spoke and gave an update on the Kilkenny One Parent Community, who are a volunteer led network of parents with the support of an inter-agency steering group which was established in 2020. The KOPC aim to have the voices of one parent families heard and increase visibility of one parent families in a positive and empowering way across Kilkenny. Karin spoke about the structure and an advisory group of parents who had engaged for the last 12 months.

There has been a number of programmes and activities carried out over the last 2 years, building a community and a connection.

Karin outlined the challenges facing KOPC in making this sustainable. A number of committee members commended Karin for her commitment and work and Kilkenny One Parent Committee have the support of the LCDC. Declan thanked Karin for updating the committee.

Healthy Ireland Update

Janette Boran Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator gave a presentation and updated the committee on the Healthy Ireland 2023-2025 which covered the following:-

- Overview of HIF 2023-2025, more strategic with new outcomes led approach
- Budget, total budget for the 3 years €155,000
- The focus, target groups
- HIF round 4 outcome areas
- Programme outcome indicators
 - Outcome area lifestyle and behaviour risk
 - Wellbeing factors
 - Mortality and morbidity
 - Environmental factors
 - Socio Economic factors

Consultation process took place through the following an online survey that captured information from local agencies on target groups, health needs and priority areas and health and wellbeing outcomes in Kilkenny.

31 stakeholders present at workshop, which identified 2 priority outcome indicators to be proposed to Kilkenny LCDC.

Consultation process data sources examples were CSO, LECP draft, Healthy Kilkenny Community Plan, local health data Kilkenny and physical activity data Kilkenny.

Janette advised that the Healthy Ireland committee met last week and went through the actions to decide on target groups. The 3-year plan will be presented to the LCDC at their February meeting.

Declan thanked Janette for her very comprehensive presentation. The LCDC are happy with the 2 outcomes, it was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Declan Gibbons that the LCDC committee authorise the subgroup to agree target group and actions with partners.

SICAP Annual Plan 2023.

Katherine Peacock gave an update: -

Draft Plan 2023 has been submitted, an increase of 3% to the 2023 budget with a further allocation of Ukrainian budget for 2023 to be finalised.

Final approval of the plan is due on the 23rd of February, the subgroup will be meeting in January to review before making a recommendation on approval to the LCDC at

the February Meeting. A detailed review will be available at the February LCDC meeting and KLP will make a presentation on the annual plan.

5. AOB

Community Support Fund Launch

Annette advised that Kilkenny LCDC have been notified of this grant with a budget of €290,749, the Community Support Fund will support groups particularly in disadvantaged areas with their non-pay running costs or to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment etc. A proposal for this grant will be discussed with the CEP sub group and the proposal brought to the February LCDC Meeting for approval before advertising. The closing date for this scheme is 31st March.

Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme

The closing date for this scheme is today, and provides a once off payment to eligible charities and community and voluntary sector organisations towards their energy costs for 2022.

Quorum

A brief discussion took place on the difficulty in getting a quorum for meetings, this is to be followed up in the New Year, it was agreed that 50% of the meeting would be held in person.

Dates of Meetings for 2023: -

Friday 17th February,

Friday 24th March

Friday 19th May,

Friday 23rd June,

Friday 15th September,

Friday 24th November.