



Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 25th of January, 2019 in Butler House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

Present: Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)- Chair
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Eileen Curtis, ETB
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centres
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar
John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Angela Hayes Teac Tom
Andrew McGuinness, Elected Representative
Cllr. Joe Malone, Elected Representative
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar

Apologies: Colette Byrne CE Kilkenny County Council
Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Elected Representative
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection
Siobhan Kavanagh, Teagasc

In Attendance: Michael Delahunty, Chief Officer, Lindsey Butler, and Cora Nolan
Community.

- **Administrative**

Anne Corr welcomed Angela Hayes from Teac Tom and Cllr. Joe Malone to the LCDC Committee.

Apologies

Chair Anne Corr read out list of apologies.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minute of meeting held on Friday 7th of December 2018 were agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Seconded by Liz Dermody.

Matters Arising

None

Any Conflicts of Interest

Chief Officer Michael Delahunty explained conflicts of interest to new members.

LCDC Annual Report 2018

Chief Officer Michael Delahunty outlined the Annual Report to the committee which included the following:-

- Engagement with Stakeholders
- LECP – Local Economic and Community Plan
- SICAP – Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme
- PPN – Public Participation Network
- South Sudanese Kilkenny Community 10 Year Celebration
- Mapping of Funding awarded to community groups
- Audit of Community Arts Sports Facilities
- Code of Conducts and Declarations of Interests
- Community Funding Schemes
- Information Sharing

Chief Officer Michael Delahunty was thanked for all his work on the Annual Report.

The Annual Report was agreed and adopted. Proposed by Sheila Donnelly and Seconded by John Hurley

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

End of Year Report LECP – Presentation

Lindsey Butler gave a presentation to the committee on Kilkenny LECP End of Year Report Actions 2018 which included the following which had captured 13 of the 23 stakeholders responses:-

- The key LECP Achievements in 2018

- Overall progress on actions reported on
- Barriers to achieving LECP Actions
- Outcome success rate of actions reported on

A full report will be produced next year at the end of the 2 year Implementation Plan. A workshop will be held towards to the end of 2019 to engage people to look at any issues and to work with a more integrated approach.

The committee were asked if they had any suggestions on how to get more agencies reporting back this was discussed and the following suggested as barriers to agencies responding:-

- Need more support/staff
- Funding
- Time
- Resources
- Scale of need

It was agreed that this could be a topic at the workshop due to be held at the end of this year.

Work Programme – Prioritising Actions

Michael Delahunty Chief Officer gave an update on the LCDC's work programme. He advised that seeking to expand the number of Family Resource Centres and the need for new FRC's is a priority. Lindsey Butler is organising meeting with Marie Kennedy TUSLA.

SICAP – Progress reports during the year

The following had been suggested as new actions:-

- Health Checks in towns – Socio Economic Plans
- LGBTI – link in with HSE and ETB
- Olders People Programme – Expand to every town and village in the County.

Match funding was also discussed.

Items for Decision

SICAP – End of Year Review

Sheila Donnelly advised the committee that the SICAP Sub Group are meeting next Tuesday. Today the subgroup are seeking permission from the LCDC Committee to sign off on the 2019 Annual Plan and End of Year Review.

Proposed by Derval Howley, Seconded by Eileen Curtis and agreed.

National Community Weekend

This is a new stream of funding announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development. €10,000 will be allocated for local community events over the May Bank Holiday weekend. It is an LCDC managed programme. The community section are waiting for further guidance from the Department. A subcommittee of the following people was agreed: - Niall McManus, Declan Gibbons and Eileen Ryan who will meet in February once the guidelines are received and revert back to the LCDC March meeting.

- **Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion**

PPN Report

Liz Dermody read out the report from the PPN. She reported the following:-

- Additional funding allocated for support worker to PPN
- To encourage further active participation under the Environmental Pillar the Secretariat is allowing all Tidy Towns groups to register under the Environmental Pillar as opposed to community pillar within Kilkenny PPN.
- The PPN is offering small grants for the St. Patricks Day Parade, applications are currently being received.
- Further interest has been expressed by several organisations in the business, hospitality and retail sectors for Kilkenny Access for all Programme.
- The venue for the Regional Environmental Conference of the PPN on February, 23rd is the Ormonde Hotel. This is an open conference and not exclusive to PPN registered members.
- A series of training workshops are currently being developed surrounding the areas Biodiversity and Natural Habitat conservation. These workshops will be rolled out during the months of February and March.

The PPN were commended on the great work being done.

Support Worker PPN

The Department of Rural and Community Development have allocated €25,700 for PPN Support Worker. Kilkenny County Council will also contribute €5,000 for a one year fixed term contract. Kilkenny County Council will be recruiting worker in conjunction with the Secretariat.

- **Items for Information and Information Sharing**

Derval Howley shared information from the HSE to the group, including (COPD), Flu and Age Friendly initiatives.

Lindsey Butler updated the committee on the Lone parents Analysis; an interagency group has been established. Lindsey will send link to LCDC Members.

Michael Delahunty – Age Recognition Programme being lead by the Chamber of Commerce, leaflets have been sent to businesses and a training day will be held in the Ormonde hotel on the 19th of February.

Thomastown Town Plan should be finalised next month, hoping to get Age friendly status for Thomastown.

Also work being done on securing Age Friendly status in St. Lukes Hospital.

Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting is Friday 29th of March, 2019.