



## **Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, Via Microsoft Teams at 10.30a.m.**

**In attendance:** Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar- Chair  
Sean McKeown, Interim Chief Executive  
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office  
Sheila Donnelly – FRC  
Julianne Power, DEASP  
Cllr. Mick McCarthy  
Cllr. Ger Frisby  
Cllr. Joe Lyon  
Paul O’ Rahilly PPN Social Inclusion  
Denis Drennan  
Cllr. Martin Brett  
Martin Rochford- PPN Environment Pillar  
Eileen Curtis- Education Training Board  
Angela Hayes -Teac Tom,  
Toluwani Akaehomen -PPN  
Mary Mescal, -PPN  
Derval Howley, HSE  
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce

**Also present:** Declan Rice KLP, Anne Marie Shortall and Cora Nolan,  
Kilkenny County Council.

### Administrative

**Declan welcomed everyone to this online meeting.**

**Apologies:** Michael A Fitzgerald, IFA,

#### **1. Local Development Strategy Consultation**

Declan Rice gave introduction to consultation on the new Leader Local Development Strategy which covered the following items:-

- The financial basics – Kilkenny with a budget of €6.1 million for 2023-2027 has a 21% reduction on previous funds.

- An overview of indicative leader themes
- Theme 1 – Economic Development and Job creation
- Theme 2 – Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
- Theme 3 – Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Community Consultations
- Stakeholder and Partners Consultations
- Principles for selection of LDS Actions

Declan Gibbons as Chair thanked Declan Rice for his comprehensive presentation and a number of contributions were made from Sean McKeown, Derval Howley, Paul O' Rahilly, Martin Rochford, Cllr. Martin Brett and Aileen McGrath.

It was agreed that all contributions would be emailed to Anne Marie or Cora as soon as possible who would compile and send directly to Declan Rice. This was agreed.

## **2. Agree the timelines on the arrangements set out in the MOU.**

Declan advised that the two PPN members nominated for the board are to be from the voluntary /community sector in accordance with the MOU and also request a gender balance for nominations. There will also be two councillors nominated to the board. Declan advised that the KLP annual general meeting will be held in July.

The new board will be formed at the July AGM. Sean requested that KLP officially write to the Council seeking the nominations of the two Elected members.

It was noted that Anne Marie Shortall, Chief Officer of LCDC will be part of the new evaluation committee which will be formed when new programme is in place and after the new board is back at the end of the Summer.

## **3. Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2023.

Items for Agenda

Agree process for nomination of 2 community representatives on the Board of KLP from the PPN/LCDC.

It was agreed that the June meeting will be in person.