



Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee Meeting held on Friday 2nd July, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

In attendance: Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar – Chair
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Colette Byrne, Chief Executive Officer
Cllr. Mick McCarty, Elected Representative
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Niall McManus, PPN Rep
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Julianne Power, DEASP
Derval Howley, HSE
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Patricia Brennan, PPN Community
Margaret Clancy, Chamber of Commerce

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

Administrative

Apologies: Sheila Donnelly, FRC.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby, Seconded by Cllr. Mick McCarthy

Declan Gibbons congratulated Cllr. Mick McCarthy on being elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council and Cllr. Pat Dunphy as the Chair of the Piltown Municipal District.

Matters Arising

None

Any Conflicts of Interest

CEP Scheme – Angela Hayes and SICAP – Denis Drennan.

1. Oversight and implementation of the community element of the Local Economic and Community Plan including Local and Community Development Coordination and oversight

• Community Enhancement Programme Scheme 2021

Annette Fitzpatrick gave an overview of the CEP Scheme.

Kilkenny received €136,319 under the CEP Grant Scheme for 2021 as with previous rounds 30% of the overall funding was to be made available for small grants of €3,000 or less. Kilkenny ringfenced **€41,000** for grants of €3,000 or less and **€95,319** was made available for grants up to €10,000.

Kilkenny LCDC received 74 applications; 43 applications for small grants up to €3,000 and 29 medium grants up to €10,000.

Under the small grants 28 are recommended for approval with 15 deemed ineligible or duplication of other funding streams and did not meet the criteria.

Under the medium grants 14 are recommended for approval with 15 deemed ineligible.

The CEP subgroup membership includes Declan Gibbons, Fiona Deegan, Sheila Donnelly, Niall McManus and Annette Fitzpatrick. Any conflicts of interest with regards any of the applications being assessed were declared and that member excused themselves for that element of the assessment.

The CEP report was shared on screen and Annette went through them. The CEP Grants 2021 were approved. Proposed by Patricia Brennan and Seconded by Cllr. Mick McCarthy. Cora will circulate the report after the meeting.

• Update on Social Enterprise - PPN

This report will be presented at a later date.

• Update SICAP Mid -Year Review

The SICAP sub-group met in 29/06/2021 to undertake the midyear review of SICAP- The process involved an analysis and discussion with regards the following documents on the IRIS system:

A Lot Cost Charged Report - which details costs charged to SICAP and comprises details of costs charged for administration, direct salary costs and action costs.

The Lot Summary Report - outlines key performance information and allows for a centralized view of IRIS data. It also offers a national comparison, where appropriate

The Action Progress Report - provides a narrative on progress in relation to each action, it also provides rationale for lack of progress and identifies key issues, barriers and supports received that cannot be captured on IRIS.

Some of the issues identified in the Action progress report are mentioned in the report.

It was agreed to highlight the work and progress with the Men's Sheds for the case study 2021.

Sufficient progress is being made at mid-year to recommend that the LCDC Approve the Mid-year review subject to no outstanding issues being identified by the POBAL high level review.

Declan thanked Lindsey for her update on the SICAP Programme.

The SICAP Mid-Year review was Proposed by Derval Howley and Seconded by Colette Byrne for approval.

Cora will circulate the SICAP report after the meeting.

2. Citizen Engagement and Promotion of Social Inclusion.

Trish Brennan gave report on the PPN and highlighted the following: -

As part of a national initiative, the PPN has been tasked by Government with the development of a **Vision for Community Wellbeing at a Municipal District and County level**. This work will help identify actions that can be undertaken by communities to increase the quality of life in Kilkenny.

Under this programme, Kilkenny PPN will consider all the aspects of community wellbeing together to help identify actions that can be undertaken by communities. These aspects include social and community development; environment and sustainability; work, economy and resources; health; values, culture and meaning; and participation, democracy and good governance.

Kilkenny PPN is held its Plenary of the year on Tuesday 15th of June. This is where members are updated on the progress of the PPN's work plan and where they can put forward motions to be passed and implemented as well as ratify new representatives. Kilkenny PPN formally ratified three new representatives to the Migrant Integration Steering Group- Toluwani Akaehoman, Samuel Morgan and Syed Rahman.

Kilkenny PPN is undertaking a Workshop on Monday 5th of July on the Interim Report of the National Anti-Racism Committee. Members of migrant communities within Kilkenny city and County as well as intercultural groups have been contacted to attend to discuss the contents of this report and formulate a submission.

The management of the Age Friendly tablets remains ongoing. The cost of the Grandpad tablets per month proved too expensive and unrealistic for many of the participants. Agreement was reached with the supplier that the tablets would be returned at the end of July. Any of the participants currently in receipt of the Grandpad tablets are being approached to assess whether they wish to transition on to the more affordable Acorn tablets. The Older Person's Council are also in the process of purchasing further tablets due to the demand and the PPN will be reaching out to Active Retirement groups, Men's Sheds and other organisations that have an older person focus in the coming weeks.

Declan thanked Trish and advised that the study on the structure of the PPN is continuing he also wished Mags a speedy recovery.

A number of issues were raised including
Focus on workshops, internet access, training, WIFI
Keep well campaign- digital pilot scheme through FRC's with iPad and training provided.
Update give on Granpads through the Age Friendly Scheme
ETB also running basic IT courses as pilot projects over the last 3 months.
More focus on SICAP – courses and help is always available
Better co-ordination required.

Denis Drennan advised that CKLP have a lot of supports available through SICAP and are offering a lot of one to one support. It was suggested that Martin Rafter could attend a future meeting of the LCDC to give an update on the work being done.

Community Wellbeing report will be available to LCDC once complete, piloted by Wicklow PPN- Cora will circulate after the meeting.

3. Items for Information and Information sharing

Update from Agencies

Kilkenny County Council - Colette Byrne

Colette gave an update from County Council – including Grants for outdoor dining, Market Yard area will be developed further, contract started for the Greenway Project.

Local Enterprise Office- Fiona Deegan

Fiona Deegan gave an update from LEO, 130 grant applications received for outdoor dining grant scheme. The Kilkenny Welcome team was launched with 20 volunteers out and about in the city. Taste Kilkenny in conjunction with Carlow County Council, 6 applications submitted for remote working spaces, throughout the city.

Community Department - Annette Fitzpatrick

8 applications submitted under the CLAR Programme, no decisions yet. Town & Village applications are being worked on at the moment by the Community team, applications to be submitted to Department before the 16th of July.

New Community Development Programme- Lindsey Butler

Seven projects out of 123 submissions were selected to be part of the pilot which has overall funding of €1 million for 2021. The KTCM applied under the scheme in partnership with CKLP and KCC Community Section

The scheme will be administered locally through the LCDC - which will have an oversight established for the monitoring of that programme will be expanded to take on the role of the CDP Pilot programme. The KTCM sought €140,000 per annum over a 3-year period - this funding will enable the KTCM to employ a Coordinator, a Traveller Community Development Worker, and an Administrator as well as to establish a base or office, Lindsey will update again once further information is received.

Huge achievement for KTCM and all the agencies involved, Declan congratulated Lindsey for all her work on this application.

HSE - Derval Howley

Derval gave an update from the HSE
430,000 now are fully vaccinated and 270,000 have received one dose, with 166,000 with 2 doses. No cases of the Delta variant confirmed in the South East, with pop up testing in neighbouring counties. Derval will update on Enhanced Community Care once services become operational.

Declan congratulated all involved in the vaccination process.

4. Items for discussion and decision

None

5. AOB

Launch of Healthy Kilkenny Tuesday 13th of July at 10.30.

Declan gave an update from Healthy Kilkenny

- Healthy Ireland Extension of Funding: An addition of €45,203 has been made available to the Healthy Ireland Fund in Kilkenny. This funding is to support the continuation of the HI Coordinator and the Social Prescribing Coordinator

from July-December 2021. A new addendum was issued to Kilkenny County Council.

- The Coordinator is currently completing returns for Pobal (CRF and HIF) from July 2020 – June 2021. The deadline for the CRF and HIF returns is July 30th 2021.
- The new Healthy Ireland Action Plan 2021-2025 was launched on Monday the 21st of June. The new Action Plan builds on the previous seven years of implementation
- **Healthy Communities**
In 2021, the Department of Health, through the HSE, is investing €10m to provide health services to support healthy communities. Implementation areas will follow the 51 Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) areas. Kilkenny are **not** part of the pilot areas but it is envisaged that the roll-out of Healthy Communities will be implemented across all the SICAP areas in 2022.

This will be led locally through a partnership approach between the HSE Health and Wellbeing Healthy Communities coordinator, Local Authority Healthy Ireland coordinator, Local Community Development Organisation, and other local identified key stakeholders.

There is current discussion and intention for the pilot areas: A Healthy Communities Coordinator to be recruited by the Local Authorities and will work alongside the Healthy Ireland Coordinator for the implementation of the Healthy Communities Initiative. There will also be recruitment within the HSE for posts/roles to implement and support the roll-out of the initiative.

Outcomes and Impact:

Impact and Initiatives targeting key health and wellbeing indicators aim to improve the health and wellbeing of some of the most disadvantaged areas of society:

Date of Next Meeting: - Friday 24th of September, 2021.