



Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 29th of March, 2019 in Butler House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

Present: Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)- Chair
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Angela Hayes Teac Tom
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
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

Apologies: Eileen Curtis, ETB
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centres
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Andrew McGuinness, Elected Representative
Cllr. Joe Malone, Elected Representative

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

The meeting commenced with the presentations:-

Presentations were made from the 4 Healthy Ireland Funding Partners:-

- Buddy Bench
- Foroige
- Castlecomer Discovery Park
- KRSP

Buddy Bench – Sam Synnott & Michelle O’ Brien

- A programme for courage and resilience
- Aims and targets
- LCDC Funding – Enabled Buddy Bench to reach 735 children in early years setting in County Kilkenny to date.
- Positive outcomes
- What is working well – Puppets, floor puzzle, nest
- What they would do differently
- Challenges
- What’s next?

Foroige – Jimmy Ryan

- Foroige Kilkenny – Background
- 9 volunteer lead clubs providing universal youth work facilities to 200 young people across Kilkenny.
- Overview of Programme
- Programme Content
- Evaluations
- To Do
- Challenges
- Potential for Development.

Castlecomer Discovery Park – Jo McCarthy & Nicola Salmon

- A well-being and resilience building programme for youths
- What we do
- Who does it?
- Participant groups
- How we do it
- Funding rewards
- Programme reception
- Participant benefits
- Participant reflection
- Feedback
- Programme challenges
- Programme continuation

KRSP – Ollie Walsh

- Background on KRSP and Healthy Ireland
- Engagement with hard to reach groups, identifying needs and maximising resources

- Guiding principles
- Working with children and young people
- Case studies
- Active retirement and members from the Traveller community
- Capacity building
- Outcomes
- What worked well
- Challenges
- Future recommendations
- Conclusion

A number of questions were asked and all presenters were complimented on the great work being done.

The chair Anne Corr thanked everyone for their very informative presentations.

- **Administrative**

Apologies

Chair Anne Corr read out list of apologies.

Congratulations were offered to Eileen Curtis on being appointed CEO of Kilkenny/Carlow ETB, also to Cllr. Andrew McGuinness on the birth of his daughter and to Angela Hayes in Teac Tom on a recent successful fundraising event.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minute of meeting held on Friday 25th of January, 2019 were agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Declan Gibbons, Seconded by Derval Howley.

Matters Arising

None

Any Conflicts of Interest

None

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

SICAP End of Year Review – Update

As Sheila Donnelly was absent from the meeting. Lindsey Butler advised that the SICAP End of Year Review had been completed and no issues arose.

Healthy Ireland Update – Extension

Lindsey Butler advised that an extension has been granted until June 2019, the previous deadline was the end of March.

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

PPN Report

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

- Membership has increased since January, 2019
- A regional conference took place on 23rd of February, 2019 the theme was “Creating a Local Sustainable Future – Practical actions for your Community - which was a very successful event with over 120 participants
- Mags Whelan, Development Officer gave a presentation before the South East Regional Water Framework Directive in Kilkenny County Council Chamber on 8th of March and also presented before the Municipal District of Kilkenny City and Castlecomer Municipal District.
- The Access for all Committee will host a training programme for interested businesses and organisations on the 4th of April in the Springhill Hotel.
- Kilkenny PPN will host their first plenary of the year on Wednesday 24th of April in the Ormonde Hotel at 7.00p.m.
- Interviews took place for a new Support Worker for Kilkenny PPN on Friday 22nd of March.

- **Items for Information and Information Sharing**

Lone Parents Needs Analysis – Update

Lindsey Butler gave an update, Consultants have been appointed and they are undertaking an initial desk top funding exercise. It is hoped to have a report late summer, early autumn.

Community Funding Report

Michael Delahunty gave an update on recent funding schemes and initiatives including the National Community Event Grants – The Big Hello and Clár 2019.

Declan Gibbons read out a report on the Big Hello grant scheme, the sub group had met in March and will meet again mid April after the closing date to assess the applications received.

- **AOB**

Michael Delahunty gave an update on the following:-

- Age Friendly Recognition Programme
- Thomastown Age Friendly Plan
- Callan Town Improvement Plan.
- It was suggested that a presentation could be made to the LCDC on the Age Friendly Programme.

Derval Howley from the HSE informed the committee on the various screening programmes available. Need to create a lot more awareness to people and more campaigning to encourage people to attend these screening checks.

Anne Corr thanked Derval.

Declan Gibbons complimented the work and preparation involved in the Ministers Visit to Thomastown.

Presentation request from South East Family Support Network.

It was agreed that the South East Family Support Network could be invited to make a presentation at the May Meeting.

- **Date of next meeting**

Date of next meeting is Friday 3rd of May, 2019.