



Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 14th February, 2020 at 10.30a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Kilkenny.

Present: Colette Byrne CE Kilkenny County Council, Vice Chair
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Elected Representative
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar
John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Paul Clifford, PPN Social Inclusion.

Apologies: Eileen Curtis, ETB
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centre
Siobhan Kavanagh, Teagasc
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar
Patricia Brennan, PPN Community Pillar

In Attendance: Lindsey Butler, Annette Fitzpatrick and Cora Nolan Community.
Martin Rafter, KLP

A formal vote of sympathy was passed to the family of Mary Barron on their recent bereavement. A donation was made on behalf of Kilkenny LCDC to a charity Mary was involved with. A minute's silence was held.

1. Administrative

• Welcome New Members: -

The following new members have been appointed from the PPN, Patricia Brennan Community Pillar, Paul Clifford Social Inclusion and Emanuel Tacima Social Inclusion. Colette welcomed Paul Clifford to the meeting. Emmanuel and Patricia were unavailable to attend.

- **Proposal re: Election of Chair**

Colette Byrne advised that Anne Corr had resigned as Chair of LCDC.

It was agreed to postpone the filling the role of the chair until the June meeting when full membership of the LCDC is in place. In the meantime, Colette Byrne to continue to chair the meetings. The following positions have been recently filled 2 new Social Inclusion Reps PPN, 1 new Community PPN Rep and the vacancy from the DEASP is yet to be filled.

- **Apologies**

Niall McManus PPN, Cllr. Joe Lyons, Siobhan Kavanagh Teagasc, Derval Howley HSE, Sheila Donnelly FRC, Patricia Brennan PPN, Eileen Curtis ETB.

The issue of attendance was raised again. It was agreed that a letter would issue to all members of Kilkenny LCDC to include the dates of the next two meetings and the LECF Workshop on Friday 13th of March in the Ormonde Hotel. Also, the membership of the LCDC to be circulated to the committee, including all new members.

- **Minutes of previous meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Fiona Deegan.

- **Matters arising**

None.

- **Any Conflicts of Interest**

Sign off on recommendation from SICAP sub-group – Denis Drennan will leave the meeting for this item.

- **LCDC Annual Report 2019**

Lindsey Butler went through the Annual Report 2019.

This was Proposed by John Hurley and Seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and approved.

2. Presentation – SICAP Annual Plan 2020 – Martin Rafter.

A presentation was made by Martin Rafter from CKLP on the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2020 (SICAP Plan for 2020), which covered the following: -

- The Aim of SICAP 2018-2022 is to promote an equality framework, apply community development approaches, develop collaborative approaches.
- Under Goal 1.1 Needs analysis, Participatory Planning and informing participation
- Goal 1.2 Building the capacity of Local Community and Interest Groups

- Goal 1.3- Promotion of Community Engagement and Stronger Communities
- Goal 1.4 Develop Interagency supports, leveraging resources into priority communities identified by area of disadvantage/issue-based groups.
- Goal 1.5 Contribute to Social enterprise sector locally and support social enterprises in achieving SICAP outcomes.
- Goal 2.1 Develop robust referral/joint working agreements with specialised support services, offering 1-1/Group Personal Development and wellbeing supports.
- Goal 2.2 Supporting access to education and development through the provision of signposting, information and individual one to one supports.
- Goal 2.3 Supporting access to education, training and development opportunities for aged 15-24 YPS's group.
- Goal 2.4 Supporting access to employment through engagement with employers, 1-1 supports and delivery of Pre-Employment Programmes.
- Goal 2.5 Information and signposting individuals on employment initiatives available through the various support agencies.
- Goal 2.6 Offer support and guidance to individuals in a diverse range of business/enterprise ideas, referral to LEO and other industry sectors.
- Goal 2.7- Work in collaboration local partners to explore an approach to the linkage of unemployed and others identified as disadvantaged and removed from the labour market.
- Target and budgets for 2020- Target for 2020 is 26 Community Groups, 468 Individuals, Total budget is €651,000.

Colette thanked Martin for his comprehensive presentation and a number of questions were asked.

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

- **Update change of date for LECP Workshop 13th March and EYR 2019.**
LECP Workshop will take place on Friday 13th of March in the Ormonde Hotel. Each Stakeholder/agency will have an opportunity to display information/other material with regards to their work, a representative from the Department of Rural Community Development on the future of the LECP, Paul Murphy will give an overview on the Climate Adaption Plan. The committee will also review current status of actions and develop a new implementation plan 2020-2021. The day is to commence at 9.30 and conclude by 4.00p.m.

4. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

- **PPN Report**
Declan Gibbons read out the PPN Report. It was noted that there are workshops taking place throughout the County in conjunction with the

Department of Rural and Community Development and Social Justice and it was suggested that these should feed into the LECP.

5. Items for discussion and decision

- Sign off on recommendation from SICAP sub-group re: EYR 2019 and AP 2020.

Denis Drennan left the room for this item. Lindsey went through the report that was circulated and the report was agreed and approved, proposed by Fiona Deegan, seconded by Cllr. Mick McCarthy.

6. Items for Information and Information Sharing

- Input on the experience of the LCDC role in monitoring the RDP 2014-2021. Mr. Pat Slattery, Chief Officer Tipperary County Council spoke on this item and distributed a handout to everyone on the role of the Local Action Group (LAG) in the implementation of Local Development Strategies (LDS). He spoke about the experiences of Tipperary LCDC as Local Assessment Group and also provided details of the role, responsibility and operation of the LAG in general. In general, the LCDC as LAG works very well in Tipperary with good relationships established.

A number of questions were asked and Colette Byrne thanked Pat for attending and for sharing the experiences of Tipperary County Council.

7. AOB

Items for March Agenda.

Invite Ann Phelan LAWCO to make a presentation

Declan Gibbons – Women in Community Work

Update on the Volunteer Centre

A different County to give feedback on being a LAG.

Letter to issue to Anne Corr thanking her for all her work with Kilkenny LCDC and all outgoing members.

8. Date for Next Meeting: -

Friday 13th March, LECP Workshop – Ormonde Hotel

Friday 27th March 2020 in the Council Chamber, County Hall.

This concluded the business of the meeting.