



Memo of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 27th of September, 2019 in Butler House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

Present: Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)- Chair
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Derval Howley, Associate Member
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar

Apologies: John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Angela Hayes, Teac Tom
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar
Colette Byrne CE Kilkenny County Council
Cllr. Martin Brett, Elected Representative
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centre
Cllr. Joe Lyons, Elected Representative
Eileen Curtis, ETB
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative
Siobhan Kavanagh, Teagasc
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Elected Representative

In Attendance: Michael Delahunty Chief Officer, Mary Mulholland and Cora Nolan
Community.

Anne Corr commenced the meeting with introducing Jane Heffernan and Julieann Tynan
Both Development Officers with Kilkenny County Childcare Committee.

Jane gave a presentation on the National Childcare Scheme, which covered the following:-

- What is the National Childcare Scheme and why it is being introduced
- Transitional arrangements
- Application Types and unlocking the award details
- Childcare Identifier code key, use of the CHICK
- Registrations and confirming the registration

- Deductions under the Scheme
- Subsidy calculator
- Family case studies
- Sponsor Referral for Vulnerable families
- English and Irish Language Training support and material
- Supports to Applicants
- Timelines Table/Graph

The Chair Anne Corr thanked Kate and Julieann for the very informative presentation and a number of questions were asked and suggestions raised including the following:-

- Meeting with frontline housing staff and various agencies who will be dealing with families on a daily basis for information and training. KCCC to link in with the County Council.

Before formally commencing the meeting, the issue of a quorum was raised by John Bambrick. This was acknowledged by the Chair and the Chief Officer and it is an ongoing issue and needs to be addressed. The Quorum for an LCDC meeting is 11. The quorum has to be maintained throughout the meeting.

It was suggested that all members should notify Cora by Wednesday if not attending the LCDC Meeting on the Friday. If there is not a quorum then the meeting should be postponed. The issue of non attendance has to be highlighted to all LCDC Members.

A schedule of meetings is circulated at the start of the year.

It was proposed by John Bambrick, Seconded by Fiona Deegan to abandon this LCDC meeting as there was not a quorum.

The Chair and the Chief Officer to meet and decide on a date for the next meeting. The November meeting is due to be held on Friday 29th of November, 2019.

Declan Gibbons passed his condolences to Eileen Ryan on the death of her husband Noel Ryan.

Michael Delahunty was thanked for his hard work and contribution to the LCDC over the last 2½ years, especially for putting structures in place with the LCDC and also his work on Age Friendly.

To Note: - Wednesday to be cut off day for attendance/non attendance at the LCDC Meetings.

New date if required before the November meeting will be notified.

Chair and Chief Officer to follow up on issue of non attendance.