



## **Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 in the Drum, MacDonagh Junction.**

**Present:** Fergus Keane, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar- Chairperson  
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership  
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar  
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association  
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection  
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office  
Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Elected Representative  
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centres  
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar  
Eileen Curtis, KCETB  
Michael Delahunty, Chief Officer.

**Apologies:** John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce  
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar  
Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)  
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative  
Colette Byrne, CEO, Kilkenny County Council  
Derval Howley, Associate Member  
Loretto O' Driscoll, Teagasc  
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar  
Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Elected Representative

**In Attendance:** Cora Nolan, Community Section ,

It was agreed to take the presentations as the first items on the Agenda and it was agreed that any questions would be taken at the end of the 3 presentations.

### **Presentation from KCETB- Youth Work Plan, Sandra Roe, Researcher.**

Ms. Roe gave an overview of the development and role of Kilkenny and Carlow ETB. KCETB are in the process of developing a Youth Work Plan for 2018-2022. A template for Youth Work Plans was agreed nationally by Youth Officers, consultations took place with young people and the key issues have been identified also key issues have been identified by adult stakeholders and the next steps were outlined.

The Chair thanked Ms. Roe for her presentation

### **Presentation from Ossory Youth- Mary Mescal CEO**

Ms. Mescal outlined the priorities as regards the LECP Plan and provided a comprehensive overview on Ossory Youth Implementation of its LECP Actions and of the activities of Ossory Youth. The Chairman thanked her for her presentation.

### **Presentation from Foroige –The Drum Youth Cafe – Bernie Mealy, Manager The Drum.**

Ms. Mealy gave an overview of Foróige including their staff, funders, targeted services etc. The presentation was based around the LECP Plan and an update on their actions, outputs and the progress to date.

The Chairman thanked her for presentation. The chairman then invited members to comment.

A number of questions were asked as follows:-

- Has the gap in reaching disadvantaged communities being looked at?
- Query on the term equity which was used in the Ossory Youth presentation
- Are there too many groups trying to cover the same ground?
- The running costs for the different centres
- Youth Work Plan – always a time to look at how plans are delivered
- Are the public aware of all the work that they do
- Are the 3 groups working together in preparation of the Youth Work Plan

Ms. Mescal and Ms. Mealy responded to all queries raised.

The Chair thanked Ms. Roe, Ms. Mescal and Ms. Mealy for attending the meeting and for giving very informative presentations.

The Chief Officer also thanked the presenters and was very impressed with the range of services offered from KCETB, Ossory Youth and Foroige.

It was agreed when the Youth Work Plan is completed it would be presented to the LCDC Committee.

### **The next item to be taken was the SICAP Plan 2018- Presentation from Martin Rafter SICAP Manager CKLP.**

Martin Rafter gave an overview of the SICAP Programme and the focus of the programme, Goal 1 supporting communities and Goal 2 supporting individuals and the targets to be reached.

The Chair thanked Martin for his presentation.

Sheila Donnelly complimented CKLP on the overachievements in the SICAP Programme and on the work done with community groups the hard work is starting to show on the ground.

The Chief Officer advised that the plan was approved as part of the tender document but that the LCDC should also approve the 2018 Annual Plan. The 2018 SICAP Work Plan was then agreed. It was also noted that the LCDC have to identify an Emerging Area of Need for the SICAP 2019 Plan.

At this stage the Chair reverted to the Agenda for the meeting.

**1. Administrative**

- **Apologies** -as outlined above.
- **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
Minutes were proposed by Fiona Deegan, Seconded by Andrew McGuinness and agreed.
- **Matters Arising**  
The response of Department in relation to LCDC letter concerning the short time frame for the RAPID Scheme was noted. The Chief Officer advised that the RAPID Programme and the Communities Facilities Scheme may be amalgamated for 2018 but a final decision has not yet been made on this. Once decision is made a workshop may be held between LCDC members and Municipal District Members to agree on joint approach.
- **Any Conflicts of Interest**  
None.

**2. Oversight and implementation of the community element of the Local Economic and Community Plan.**

- **Presentations.**  
As above.
- **Final Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Report on actions June – December 2017**  
Michael Delahunty Chief Officer outlined the key achievements. The monitoring report for the six month period January – December 2017, which had been circulated, was noted.
- **LECP Community Implementation Plan 2018-2019**

The Chief Officer highlighted that the work programme for 2018/2019 has 84 Actions, most of which are now business as usual for many implementation partners and he highlighted this as substantial progress in Agency commitment to the LECP.

The Chief Officer asked the Committee members if that there is a need to identify key strategic actions for 2018-2019 and focus on those and report back to the LCDC more often than the twice per year, while at the same time report on the business as usual items also so as to demonstrate implementation of the LECP.

It was agreed to form a subcommittee to assist and identify the strategy's action for this purpose – Chief Officer to issue invitations.

**3. Citizen Engagement**

**PPN Report** – The PPN Report was taken as read. Chief Officer Michael Delahunty asked if the PPN was working to increase membership of the PPN as there are many benefits for its members. Eileen Ryan to raise this query at the next PPN meeting.

#### **4. Local and Community Development Coordination and oversight**

- **SICAP EYR (End of Year Report) 2017 Review Report – Sheila Donnelly.**

Sheila Donnelly went through the report and recommended approval of the End of Year report.

Fergus Keane as Chair thanked the subgroup for all their hard work.

The approval of the SCIAP EYR for 2017 was proposed by John Bambrick, seconded by Andrew McGuinness and agreed.

- **SICAP Plan 2018- Presentation Martin Rafter SICAP Manager CKLP.**

As above.

- **Task Force proposal – Mapping of Funding in the County – Michael Delahunty, Chief Officer LCDC.**

The LCDC, at a workshop held previously, agreed to undertake a mapping exercise that will analyse allocation of resources, identify gaps and identify links between gaps and levels of need and of engagement. The Chief Officer outlined his report to date on this matter. He stated that he had gathered significant amounts of information in relation to grants awarded over the past 5 year period from 14 Council Departments. 26 funding streams had been identified. He indicated that the next step is the identification of GIS Co-Ordinates for each grant award location and the County Wide mapping of that data which he envisaged being undertaken by the Councils GIS Officer on his/her recruitment.

He highlighted that the work undertaken to date refers only to Kilkenny County Council data and that the same details are required from other community funding agencies in the County.

It was agreed to establish a small Task force of the LCDC and to send an invitation to the relevant agencies to appoint a nominee to the task force. It was agreed that the Chairperson of the task group should be a member of the LCDC Committee.

#### **5. Items for Information and Information Sharing.**

- **Healthy Ireland Local Strategic Plan**

Chief Officer Michael Delahunty gave a short overview of the work to date in preparing a strategic plan. He advised that the Department had given a 3 month extension to the timeframe for implementing the Healthy Ireland funded actions. The subgroup will be meeting in early April with a view to bringing an update to the May Meeting of the LCDC.

- **Healthy Ireland Working Group Feedback- Update on Actions**

A progress report was circulated to the committee members and it was noted.

- **Summary of Community, Arts, Sports Facilities Audit – Lindsey Butler, LCDC Support – for follow up in May.**

The meeting was informed that the Audit report will be brought to the May meeting.

**6. AOB**

▪ **Identification of Thematic areas for remaining 4 meetings (May, July, September, November)**

The Chief Officer invited the committee to put forward further thematic areas for the 2018 Work Plan. It was agreed that the Youth theme at this meeting was very interesting and beneficial. The meeting was informed that mental health is the theme for the May meeting and that Lifelink are lined up to make a presentation. It was suggested a presentation could also be given by Angela Hayes from Teach Tom. It was suggested that the meeting could be held in Teach Tom. Both of these suggestions were agreed.

▪ **Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting was informed that the next meeting had been agreed for May 25th but this could possibly be the date for the Referendum.

It was agreed that if this is the date for the referendum, the meeting will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 10.30 in Teach Tom, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny.

This concluded the business of the meeting.