



**Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee  
Meeting held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023, in the Council Chamber,  
County Hall at 10.30a.m.**

**In attendance:** Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar- Chair  
Sean McKeown, Interim Chief Executive  
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office  
Cllr. Mick McCarthy  
Cllr. Joe Lyons  
Paul O' Rahilly, PPN Social Inclusion  
Cllr. Martin Brett  
Toluwani Akaehomen , PPN Social Inclusion  
Derval Howley, HSE  
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce  
Michael A Fitzgerald, Teagasc

**Also present:** Anne Marie Shortall Chief Officer, Katherine Peacock and Cora Nolan, Kilkenny County Council.

**Administrative**

**Declan welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**Apologies:** Sheila Donnelly – FRC  
Julianne Power, DEASP  
Cllr. Ger Frisby  
Eileen Curtis- Education Training Board  
Angela Hayes -Teac Tom  
Mary Mescal, -PPN  
Martin Rochford – PPN

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2023**

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Aileen McGrath

**Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023**

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Aileen McGrath.

## **Matters Arising**

Cllr. Mick McCarthy queried when would the successful applicants of the Community Support Fund Grants be notified. Anne Marie advised that the community department have been in contact with the DRCD and it is expected that a press release will be issued soon.

## **Any Conflicts of Interest**

None.

## **2. Items for discussion and decision**

### **Two nominations – Board of Kilkenny Leader Partnership**

Katherine advised that a meeting took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, between the PPN representatives of the LCDC, to discuss the nomination of two representatives of the PPN being nominated to the board of Kilkenny Leader Partnership, in accordance with the MOU between KLP and Kilkenny County Council.

The two nominations from the PPN are:-

Martin Rochford and Angela Hayes

Proposed by Cllr. Mick McCarthy, Seconded by Toluwani Akaelhomen.

## **3. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion**

### **PPN Report**

Paul O' Rahilly gave the PPN report.

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

### **New SICAP Programme – Priorities for 2024-2028**

Katherine advised that the SICAP Subgroup met on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June to set the key performance indicators and the local priority group for the new SICAP Programme 2024-2028. The tender for the programme will be published on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.

There was a list of 12 priority groups to choose from, these are local priorities in addition to the National priorities set by POBAL that they would like to see targeted.

The subgroup had to pick at least one priority up to 3, the subgroup picked 3 priority areas. Confidentiality agreements had to be signed prior to the meeting and the subgroup are not permitted to disclose these groups to anyone outside of the subgroup until they have been published in the tender. An update on the tender process will be given at the September meeting.

## **Update on Healthy Ireland**

Anne Marie gave an update on the Healthy Ireland plan that was presented to the LCDC in January 2023. The plan has now been approved by POBAL and the Department of Health. Kilkenny County Council are in the process of signing the funding agreement and locally the SLA's have been prepared to present to the partners over the coming weeks.

This will allow the commencement of the actions in the plan to begin throughout the summer months. The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator Janette Boran will update the LCDC on the progress of the actions later in the year.

#### **Nomination for new LCDC Chair**

Anne Marie thanked Declan for his time as chair and advised the committee to consider the nomination of chair for the September meeting. Declan outlined the work involved as chair of the LCDC and that there are various subgroups and steering groups including the Healthy Ireland Committee.

#### **AOB**

Derval complimented Declan on his role as Chair. Derval advised that the HSE has developed its own Healthy Ireland Plan for the Health Service and it will be launched on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Following this the HSE will be developing local and regional plans and will consult with members of the LCDC when developing the plan for the South East.

#### **Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.