



## **Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting (as Adopted held Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in Butler House.**

**Present:** Fergus Keane, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar- Chairperson  
Cllr. Ger Frisby, Elected Representative  
Colette Byrne, CEO, Kilkenny County Council  
Denis Drennan, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership  
Eileen Ryan, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar  
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association  
Derval Howley, Associate Member  
Loretto O' Driscoll, Teagasc  
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection  
Fiona Deegan, Local Enterprise Office  
Declan Gibbons, PPN Community Pillar  
Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Elected Representative  
Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Elected Representative  
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource Centres  
Michael Delahunty, Chief Officer.

**Apologies:** John Hurley, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce  
Elizabeth Dermody, PPN Community Pillar  
Niall McManus, PPN Environmental Pillar  
Anne Corr, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar (Disability)

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

Before the meeting commenced a photograph was taken and a press release was issued to mark the signing of the SICAP Contract 2018-2022 between Kilkenny LCDC and County Kilkenny LEADER Partnership.

### **Presentation from Family Resource Centres**

It was agreed that the 1<sup>st</sup> item to be taken on the agenda would be the presentation from Olive Maher on behalf of the 4 Family Resource Centres -Newpark Close, Fr. McGrath, Droichead Family Resource Centre and The Mill Family Resource Centre. Olive gave a very comprehensive presentation which included the following: - An overview of the FRC Program, background on services provided, update on FRC LCDC Actions/Objectives.

The Chair thanked Olive for her presentation. Sheila Donnelly also thanked Olive and acknowledged the hard work done by the staff in all 4 FRC's.

Sympathies were extended to Sheila Donnelly and Sheila Ryan on their recent bereavements.

## 1. Administrative

### ▪ Apologies

John Hurley, Elizabeth Dermody, Anne Corr and Niall McManus.

### ▪ Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were proposed by Loretto O' Driscoll, Seconded by Andrew McGuinness and agreed.

### ▪ Matters Arising

None

### ▪ LCDC Draft Annual Report

M. Delahunty gave a summary of the draft Annual Report which included details of LCDC Membership, the role of the LCDC, Engagement with Stakeholders, Monitoring of Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), Contracts for the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), Reports from the Public Participation Network (PPN), Information Sharing matters, Community Funding Schemes and Healthy Ireland Funding.

The report was proposed by Colette Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed. Michael Delahunty was thanked for all his work on preparing the Annual Report.

### ▪ Any Conflicts of Interest

None.

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

### ▪ Feedback LECP Workshop

M. Delahunty outlined this report and the positive feedback was noted.

## 3. Citizen Engagement

**PPN Report** – The PPN Report was read by Eileen Ryan. Sheila Donnelly thanked the PPN for all their work in the communities. Colette Byrne also thanked the PPN for their contribution to the Yulefest Festival.

## 4. Local and Community Development Coordination and oversight Rapid Scheme – Proposal for Workshop

M. Delahunty outlined his report which had been circulated with the agenda. He advised that an allocation of €64,500 is expected under the Rapid Scheme in 2018 and possibly another €64,500 under the Communities Facilities Grant Scheme. It was agreed to organise a workshop for LCDC members and that 2 elected members from each Municipal District will be invited to work in collaboration to identify agencies and groups locally.

It was agreed to write to the Minister regarding the short timeframes and deadlines.

**“Access for All” Project.**

M. Delahunty and the Chair encouraged attendance at the Access for all Workshop in the Ormonde Hotel next week which is being arranged by the PPN.

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

**Healthy Ireland Working Group Feedback**

Derval Howley gave an update on the work of the group and advised that Quality Matters were appointed as consultants to undertake the Strategic Plan which is one of 6 actions approved under the 2017 funding allocation.

**SICAP – EYR and 2018 Plan**

The meeting was informed that end of year process’s will conclude in February 2018 and final sign off of the LCDC will take place at the March meeting. The 2018 Plan was agreed as part of the tender process and will be presented at the March meeting by KLP.

**Resettlement Programme**

The meeting noted that 6 Syrian Refugee families, comprising 25 people, have been resettled in Kilkenny - 2 families in Piltown and 4 in Urlingford. It was also noted that the Resettlement Worker and Intercultural Worker have commenced employment. It was suggested that the resettlement worker could be invited to make a presentation to the LCDC Committee in future.

**LCDC Minutes – Available online**

It was agreed to make LCDC minutes available publically on-line for the future, following adoption and subject to appropriate editing in the cases of confidential information and Information Not for Sharing.

**Extract from ESF Newsletter – KLP/Rob Bresnan.**

The progression of Rob Bresnan from unemployment to running his own Gym, with the assistance of the SICAP programme, was congratulated. It was noted that he had already been presented with an award for his achievement.

**6. AOB**

**Next Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March ( Changed from 30<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday) will focus on Youth with presentations from Ossory Youth, Foroige (The Drum), Youth Officer with KCETB.**

It was agreed that meeting would take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Venue for March Meeting**

Michael Delahunty to follow up on a venue.

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

Michael Delahunty asked the committee if they have any suggestions for further thematic areas for future meetings to email either Cora or himself.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**