



**Minutes of Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee
Meeting held on Friday 26th July, 2024, via Microsoft Teams at
10.30a.m.**

In attendance: Mary Mescal, PPN (Chair)
Lar Power, Chief Executive
Angela Hayes -Teac Tom
Mary Harding, PPN Social Inclusion
Paul O' Rahilly, PPN Social Inclusion
Aileen McGrath, Local Enterprise Office
Cllr. Ger Frisby, KCC
Cllr. Stephanie Doheny, KCC
Cllr. Mick McCarthy, KCC
Cllr. Michael Doyle, KCC
Martin Rochford, PPN – Environment
Michael Walshe, PPN Community Pillar
John Hurley, Chamber of Commerce
Julianne Power, DEASP
Denis Drennan, KLP

Also present: Katherine Peacock and Cora Nolan, Kilkenny County Council.

1. Administrative

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Anne Marie Shortall, Chief Officer
Michael A Fitzgerald, Teagasc
Olive Maher – FRC
Derval Howley, HSE

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of LCDC meeting held on Friday 24th of May, 2024

Proposed by Aileen McGrath, Seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby.

It was noted by Paul O' Rahilly that the attachment referred to in the minutes of the May Meeting - Presentation on SICAP was not sent with the minutes. Katherine advised the committee that the presentation will be circulated after this meeting.

Matters Arising

None.

Membership

Mary Mescal welcomed new members, Cllr. Michael Doyle and Cllr. Stephanie Doheny to the LCDC.

Any Conflicts of Interest

None.

2. Items for discussion and decision

SICAP Mid-Year Review

Katherine Peacock provided the update for the SICAP mid-year review and advised that on the 25th June the SICAP subgroup met to review the mid-year report and performance. This review was undertaken using the relevant information available on the Pobal Iris system. The financial costs were reviewed under various headings and the LCDC Subgroup were satisfied with the information provided. A review on Performance, Local Priority Target groups, KPI Targets and data checks was also carried out. It was agreed to highlight The Life Skills Programme as part of the employment services through the case study for 2024. Pobal have completed their high-level review of the work to date and concurred with the findings of the subgroup with no issues identified.

Satisfactory progress has been made at mid-year to recommend to the LCDC to approve the mid-year review.

Approval proposed by Julieanne Power, Seconded by Michael Walshe.

Mary Mescal congratulated KLP on reaching their targets.

3. Citizen Engagement and promotion of Social Inclusion

PPN Report

Paul O' Rahilly presented the PPN Report.

Paul O' Rahilly noted that at the December meeting it was agreed that minutes of the LCDC Meeting would be circulated earlier. Paul proposed that the Standing orders be amended to state that minutes be circulated no less than 10 days before the meeting, instead of 5 days.

Mary Mescal advised that the minutes of this meeting will be circulated in a timely manner and Paul will write a formal proposal to the Chair before the next LCDC Meeting in September.

Martin Rochford informed the LCDC of KLP's resignation from Social Prescribing. The LECIP Implementation Plan refers to Social Prescribing in Goal 9, it is important that this is continued.

Mary Mescal confirmed that KLP's delivery of Social Prescribing ceased on the 30th of June and the HSE are looking for new a new service advisor.

4. Items for Information and Information Sharing

Update on KTCM Management Committee

Katherine Peacock provided an update to the members on the KTCM Management Committee.

Interviews were set for May of this year for the Project Manager position.

There was only one application for the position and this candidate withdrew prior to the interview stage. The board took the decision to second Catherine Lennon, the manager of the Traveller Health Project for a period of 6 months to allow time to fill the position. Recruitment will take place in 2025. The project worker position has not been filled but it is planned to extend the part time hours of one of the Traveller workers to take on some of the responsibilities for this position.

The new board have met on 3 occasions since their formation in April and a training programme is currently being planned in order to build capacity with all members. The yearly plan has been reworked to make it more manageable and was resubmitted to Pobal. Pobal are undertaking the 2024, 6-month review and once completed will send their findings and Katherine will call a meeting of the CDP subgroup for review of same.

Induction Training for new LCDC Members

Katherine Peacock will be organising induction training for members of the LCDC committee. The training is open to all members. Any member who wishes to attend should contact Cora Nolan by email. The training will be held the end of August.

Community Cultural Facilities Capital Scheme (CCFCS) 2024

Katherine Peacock informed the members of this grant for information purposes. This grant is administered by the Community Department and the community goals and objectives in the LECP are considered when assessing the grants. The Community and Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme (CCFCS) is funded from development contributions with an annual budget of €250,000.

The CCFCS 2024 advertised with a closing date for receipt of applications of Friday, 10th of May, 2024. The Council received a total of 23 applications and the overall amount being sought in grant funding was €704,902.

The applications were evaluated having regard to the 2022-2024 Scheme. The applications recommended for grant funding were approved at the council meeting held on Monday 14th July, 2024. The list of successful applicants will be sent to the LCDC committee.

Community Centre Investment Fund

Katherine Peacock informed the LCDC members of the Community Centres Investment Fund 2024 where community organisations can apply for grant aid of between €10,000 - €100,000 to develop and enhance their existing community facilities.

There are two categories of funding:

- Category 1:
Small scale projects/improvements to facilities: €10,000 - €25,000.
- Category 2:
Larger scale projects: €25,001 to €100,000.

The scheme will be delivered in conjunction with Pobal and the staff of the Community Department are available to assist community groups with developing applications.

All applicants must register as 'users' on the online portal in advance of the application process which will open on **29th July 2024**.

Community groups are strongly advised to get their application and paperwork prepared in advance of the application process opening on 29th July, 2024.

The closing date for applications is the **29th August 2024**.

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Date for next meeting

Friday 27th of September, 2024 in the Council Chamber, County Hall.