

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report

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| Date: 31 st January 2025 | Time: 10:30am | Venue: County Hall |
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Reporting Representatives Name: Paul O’Rahilly

Committee: Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Were you in attendance at the last Committee Meeting? Yes

Did you consult with the wider PPN / Linkage Group before this meeting? Yes

Please outline the key issues discussed at the meeting:

LECP

- Review actions with lead agencies, relating to the first phase of the plan (2023/4)
- Process to set out new actions for the next phase (2025/6) - All lead agencies have been contacted.
- Completed actions will not be included in the new plan. Unviable actions will be removed.
- Information will be fed back to LCDC and SPC 1, followed by a joint meeting to approve the new plan.
- Clarified that LCDC can propose an action. A new action would require setting up a new owner.

Timeline:

- Review complete in January.
- Joint meeting in spring with SPC.
- Final adoption in mid-2025

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No issues to note. (Delivered by Martin Rochford.)

Upcoming Grants

- Local Enhancement Grant 2025
 - This was advertised in January and is open for submissions until February 14th.
 - The subgroup will make recommendations for approval at the LCDC March meeting.
 - It is anticipated that the Department will sanction funding in May, until which time the entities may not draw down their respective grants.
- Community Event Grant 2025
 - For community events that promote local engagement Grants of between €100 and €1,000. The closing date for this event grant is February 14th
- Expression of Interest to provide management services for Croker's Hill (5-year term) - The Croker's Hill, Kennyswell Road development comprises of 88 housing units, including 19 disability housing units.

- Council has received approval from department to build a community centre Open to groups or community organisations to manage community events and manage services.
- It is possible for this group to be based at this location.
- The closing date has been extended to February 14th

Were any decisions made at the meeting?

- Healthy Ireland Activity Plan and Budget 2025
 - Activities in 2025 will continue from their 2024 base, with some minor adjustments for underspends in 2024.
 - In relation to the "Not Around Us" (anti-smoking campaign), agencies have been signed up to reach a minimum of 60 young people.
 - Health Needs Analysis - The final report will be circulated, for which the draft version was presented to the LCDC in December. Before approving the Healthy Ireland budget there were some probing questions. It was noted that the traveller component of the budget was underspent and this cohort always appeared to be connected to such underspends. It was acknowledged that this had been recognised, and that it was the nature of working with a group of people that are difficult to engage with. It was further clarified that a new manager and project worker have been appointed to the KTCM and that they are "getting back to basics". The budget was approved and seconded.
- Review and sign of SICAP Annual Plan 2025 - Recommendation from SICAP Subgroup broken into two sets of recommendations.
 - Oversight and governance between the LCDC subgroup, KLP, the council and Pobal is complex.
 - The budget and plans for 2024 and 2025 were summarised, including associated shifts due to underspends and new funding allocations.
 - We were reminded of the many objectives, actions and the locations in which projects are delivered.
 - There is an overlap with Healthy Ireland and the Needs Analysis (Eastern Environs). The Needs Analysis will help secure new grants.
 - The findings from the subgroup, reported to Pobal are that the 2025 work will be a continuation from 2024, with the addition of "New Arrivals" projects.
 - Pobal responded with a request for additional information by January 31st.
 - Additional time is needed to close out this correspondence.
 - Chair, Mary proposed a plan for LCDC to sign off, in one week, incorporating a final review by the subgroup.
- The second proposal from SICAP was passed by the LCDC, following some questions around targets, which, it was explained, are set countrywide.
 - The budget was approved and seconded.

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| <p>Date of next meeting: Friday 28th March 2025</p> |
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