

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report on Committee Meeting

Date: 28 th May 2025	Time: 10.30 am	Venue: Council Chamber
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Reporting Representatives Name: Paul O’Rahilly

Committee: LCDC Committee

Were you in attendance at the last Committee meeting? Yes

Did you consult with your Linkage Group /Wider PPN prior to this meeting? Yes

Please outline the Key Issues discussed at the meeting?

- After approving the minutes, there were three presentations
- Presentation 1: Margaret Whelan, Environment Education Awareness Officer
Basis: National Waste Plan
Focus: Sustainability
Model: Waste Hierarchy / Circular Economy
Medium: Air, Water, Noise, Aspects of CA
Initiatives
 - Litter Plan for City and County
 - Green Schools
 - Team Up to Clean Up
 - Green Dog Walkers
 - Solid FuelOther
 - Clothes Swapping
 - Green Club Program
 - Paint Recycle
 - Anti-Litter / Anti-Graffiti Grant
 - Anti-Dumping
 - Dunmore Civic Amenity Furniture Amnesty
- Presentation 2: Catherine Cunningham, Executive Engineer Environment Technical
Framework: RMCI and EPA
Tasks: Inspections in accordance with Waste Management Act
Kilkenny: 5,000 inspections last year
 - Waste Facilities
 - Construction Sites
 - Commercial Premises
 - Households
 - Public Complaints

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Enforcement

- Powers to inspect, enforce and prosecute
- Compliance explained to 70 complainants

Circular Economy

- Support and promote local businesses

- Presentation 3: - Dearbhala Ledwidge Climate Action Co-ordinator

Vision: A climate resilient organisation that inspires and supports the counties transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, sustainable and carbon neutral economy by 2050

- Healthy Kilkenny
Katherine Peacock advised a decision was needed

Were any decisions made at the meeting? Yes

Items for discussion and decision

- Healthy Ireland
The proposal was approved that the Healthy Ireland steering committee can assess and approve the small grant scheme in the Eastern Environs.

Items for Information and Information Sharing

- Grants
- No update

Are there any actions to be taken as result of this meeting? Who by?

- Healthy Ireland Team

Did you or another PPN rep make any contributions to this meeting?

- Yes. The speakers were thanked for their presentations.

Do you require feedback from the wider PPN/Linkage group on any issues raised? (Specify issue)

- No

Are there any issues/difficulties for you as a representative of the PPN arising from this meeting?

- No

Any other comments:

- None

Date of Next Meeting: 25 th July 2025
