

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report

Date: 26/09/2025	Time: 10:30am	Venue: Kilkenny County Council County Hall
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Reporting Representatives Name: Martin Rochford

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:

- Angela Hayes presented on the valuable work of Teac Tom including the outreach work they do with schools around the county and beyond, as far away as Donegal, as well as with the traveller community and isolated farmers. She relayed some frustration over the lack of awareness among some people of the issue of suicide and of Teac Tom itself despite the many years that it has been active in this area. Angela also highlighted the limits to their capacity due to lack of funds and hopes that more secure funding will be available in future which will facilitate further outreach.
- Angela mentioned that Teac Tom would be giving a talk about its work in the Set Theatre on 2nd October at 5:30pm
- Katherine Peacock presented the Healthy Ireland update.
- Katherine Peacock presented the KTCM (Kilkenny Travelling Community Movement) Mid-Year review. Katherine highlighted approx. €17,000 of funds from last year had not been fully spent, and that KCC was withholding its contribution of €25,000 for this year until a credible plan was presented on how the money from both years would be spent.

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

- Martin Rochford presented the PPN update

Any other comments?

- Anne Marie Shortall suggested that going forward, of the 6 meetings in a year, 4 would be hybrid in the Council Chamber and 2 would be solely online. Some discussion followed raising the difficulties in catching everything while attending hybrid meetings remotely and the far better experience of attending in person, but for some people there was no alternative.

Date of next meeting: 5 TH December 2025
