

Kildare Local Community Development Committee

Review and Planning Session

Minutes

Held at 11:30 am on Wednesday 7th March 2018

At Áras Chill Dara, Naas

Members in Attendance:

Statutory	Non-Statutory
<p>Local Government Elected Members Cllr. Fintan Brett Cllr. Mark Wall Cllr. Suzanne Doyle</p> <p>Local Government Officials Peter Carey, LCDC Chairperson & Chief Executive KCC Jacqui McNabb, Head of LEO</p> <p>State Agencies Brena Dempsey, Head of Health & Wellbeing HSE Eoghan Ryan, Principal Officer DEASP Trish Finlay, Service Director Tusla</p>	<p>Local Community Interests Anthony Egan, Chair, C&VF Allan Shine, CEO County Kildare Chamber Pat Doyle, CEO McVerry Trust David Walsh, An Taisce Sarah Shakespeare, Manager, Teach Dara</p>

Also in Attendance: Sonya Kavanagh (Chief Officer LCDC); Susan Bookle (Co-ordinator LCDC); Marie Kane (Administrator LCDC)

Apologies: Mary Waters (IFA); Patricia O'Brien (CKLP); Lisa Baggott (SWRDATAF)

1. Introduction

Susan Bookle facilitated the review of the LCDC/LECP session. Susan thanked all the LCDC members she met recently on a one to one basis as part of the LCDC/LECP review.

Susan presented details of the LECP and its goals, objectives and actions with a status update on each action.

The following is the feedback/actions raised by LCDC members on the LECP actions and the LCDC in general:

LECP Goal/Action	Update	Action
Goal 2 Urban/Rural Mix	(SK) Public Realm Projects – Mairead Hunt in KCC has been assigned to the Town & Village Renewal Programme	<i>(SK) CKLP have been asked by the RDP Subgroup to look at all the LEADER EOIs who haven't progressed to a full application. Also, KCC are looking at groups who are not applying to the Town & Village Scheme. Sonya requested LCDC members to inform her of any groups they are aware of who may need support.</i>
Goal 3 Economy & Employment	(PC) Development of Broadband – A new Broadband Officer has been appointed in KCC	
Goal 4 – Sustainable Transport	(DW) Increase measures to encourage more cycling and walking. Discourage cars in town centres. (PC) Invite Allan Kerry from Local Link Transport to present to LCDC (JMN) Excellent example of transport links with Mojo and the ETB for the Crookstown programme (FB) Local link provide a superb non profit making service (SB) Proposal for LCDC members to scope out their transport needs	<i>Rural Transport was agreed as a priority for the LCDC and Alan Kerry will be invited to the LCDC meeting in May.</i>
Goal 6 - Education		<i>Susan will follow up and clarify the status of these actions</i>
Goal 7 – Healthy Communities	(BD) Healthy towns and transport are linked. It's important to develop communities concentrating on young people with adults supporting. Kildare Sports Partnership are key to success. (SD) GAA can be a catalyst.	
Goal 8 – Safe Communities	(FB) CCTV Grants are now available for communities	

<p>Goal 9 – Children & Young People</p>	<p>(TF) Concerns were raised about the recent FRC call in terms of the very limited number of applications. There is a lot of capacity building required in communities to support them to be in a position to apply for an FRC. A call might come again next year.</p> <p>(PC) Could Tusla inform the LCDC as to what needs to be in place before an application could be submitted for an FRC?</p> <p>(SS) Suggestion to link FRCs applicants with SICAP & LEADER in relation to developmental work</p>	<p><i>Preparing for the next FRC round of applications was agreed as a priority for the LCDC</i></p>
<p>Goal 10 – Community recreation</p>	<p>(ER) Community employment schemes are becoming more difficult to fill in rural areas, for example working in community centres, GAA clubs and Tidy Towns.</p> <p>(SD) The Age Friendly programme could link in with the Kildare Volunteer Bureau to provide further community supports.</p> <p>(PC) There is a gap in civic amenity centres in the north of the county. KCC have requested further funding to develop this action.</p>	
<p>Goals 11 & 12 – Environmental Quality and Sustainability</p>	<p>(PC) KCC now has a Climate Change Action Plan Committee in place.</p> <p>DW) Kildare residents need to be encouraged to recycle more – it can be easily measured and Kildare has a low recycling rate.</p>	<p><i>Susan will follow up and clarify the status of these actions</i></p>

LCDC/LECP - General

Description	Update	Action
<p>Athy (MW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Library in Athy is very positive • Tremendous positive change in LEADER Programme • EOI deadlines for LEADER are too tight • High quality of agencies and great engagement around the LCDC table • FRCs need focus – vital for Athy • Some disagreement regarding the plans for increased social housing in Athy – similar concerns in Kildare Town • Integration of Travellers needs urgent attention 	

Housing	(SD) A more balanced approach to housing is required	
LCDC	(PC) An LCDC strategic overview at the end of each year should take place. Kildare LCDC is highly regarded by the Dept due to joined up thinking, collaborative actions, influencing key decisions, trust is huge around the table. (SB) It would be useful to set priorities for the year	
Social Enterprise	(JMN) Social Enterprise Ireland have launched their fund this year. Mairead Hunt in KCC and CKLP (LEADER) would need to review if there are groups out there that would be suitable to apply for the fund.	
AIRO	(SK) Infographics are very important and easy to call on, well worth producing. (PC) An evidence based approach is hugely important (SS) Teach Dara could feed real life case studies into the stats to bring them alive. (SD) – look at what are the factors that are the common thread across the case studies.	
Funding Schemes	(SK) Important to identify those groups on the application list for the Community Facilities Grant and help them to develop their applications for 2018 – there were a lot of applications in the south and only a few in the north. There is a real issue with groups not established in the north of the county (AS) Groups need to be ready for funding opportunities as they emerge (SB) It would be useful to have the discussion about priority projects before the funding arrives. (AE) Low level of funding with high levels of administration isn't practical. LCDC need to let the Dept. know what we need as opposed to the reverse.	

Peter Carey thanked members for their input and Susan agreed to send the LECP details on an updated spreadsheet to the LCDC members in a more formalised way.