Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held 10th July, 2015

**Present:** Cllr David Fitzgerald, Elected Representative  
 Declan Rice, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership   
 Elizabeth Dermody, Social Inclusion Pillar  
 Fergus Keane, Social Inclusion Pillar  
 John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association  
 John Mulholland, A/CEO Kilkenny County Council  
 Loretto O’Driscoll, Teagasc  
 Martin Carroll, Community Pillar  
 Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Elected Representative  
 Sean McKeown, Local Enterprise Office  
 Sheila Donnelly, Community Pillar  
 Sadhbh O’Neill, Substitute for Environmental Pillar  
 John Hurley, Substitute for Chamber of Commerce

**In Attendance:** Nickey Brennan, Interim Independent Chairman, Kevin Hanley, A/Chief Officer, Lindsey Butler, Brid Hynes, Lisa Bourke, Aisling Hayes, Stephen O’Connor

**Apologies:** Eileen Curtis, Carlow Kilkenny Education Training Board  
Martin Costello, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce  
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection  
Niall McManus, Environmental Pillar  
PJ Cleere, Social Inclusion Pillar

**Absent:** Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Elected Representative  
Eamon Aylward, Elected Representative

Nickey Brennan commenced the meeting by welcoming the new members to the committee  
nominated via the Public Participation Network.

**Item 1 –** **Minutes**The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th April, 2015 were adopted on the proposal of Sheila Donnelly and seconded by Loreto O’Driscoll.  
  
**Item 2 – Correspondence**  
Kevin Hanley, Chief Officer gave details of all correspondence received, a listing of same was included in the meeting pack, copies of all correspondence were available at the meeting for inspection.

**Item 3 – Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Update**Sean McKeown presented on the LECP, the purpose of which was to provide an update on submissions received and feedback from the public consultation phase, to note the validity of the draft socio-economic statements and high level goals and to secure approval of the LCDC to progress to the next steps in preparation of the LECP.

Lindsey Butler, Senior Community Development Officer outlined submissions relating to the Community high level goals with Stephen O’Connor detailing submissions received relating to the Economic high level goals (full report included in meeting pack). It was proposed by Sheila Donnelly and seconded by Martin Carroll that:

*“The draft socio economic statements and high level Economic and Community goals outlined in the LECP be adopted by the LCDC”*

It was agreed that a copy of the report be circulated to those who made submissions.

**Item 4 – Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**Martin Rafter, County Kilkenny LEADER Partnership (CKLP) presented on the SICAP programme giving details of the background to the programme, goals , the team members and the budget. Alison Allan gave details of targets (copy of presentations and Annual Plan Report included in the meeting pack). Some discussion followed with Nickey Brennan complimenting CKLP on the work to date.

**Item 5 – Rural Development Programme Update**It was agreed to deal with this issue last on the agenda.   
  
Declan Rice left the room for the duration of this discussion.

Nickey Brennan outlined the background to the issues in Kilkenny in relation to the delivery of the RDP LEADER programme; members were given a proposal document on the agreement of a joint LAG from County Kilkenny Leader Partnership at the meeting. Sean McKeown outlined the summary of the proposed delivery of the LEADER Programme (document circulated at meeting) as outlined in Government Policy. Nickey Brennan outlined the possible effects of a dual LAG on funding for Kilkenny. He also stressed the importance of full attendance at LCDC meetings given the nature of what the committee were being presented with. Some discussion followed with contributions from David Fitzgerald John Mulholland, Sadhbh O’Neill, Martin Carroll and Mary O’Hanlon.

To enable members time review the CKLP proposal it was agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss it in detail and make a decision on same at 9am on Friday 7th August, 2015. Any member who is not in a position to attend on this date may give their decision to the Chief Officer in advance of the meeting.

**Item 6 – Regional LCDC meeting feedback**Kevin Hanley reported on a recent regional LCDC attended by Chief Officers, the purpose of which is for Chief Officers to share information, support staff and give feedback to the Department. It was confirmed at this meeting that updated LCDC guidelines would issue shortly, the next meeting of the group will take place in September, 2015.

**Item 7 – Public Participation Network (PPN) Update**Brid Hynes gave an update on the PPN detailing the background, progress to date utilising a four phased approach including details of the PPN election process the results of which were ratified at a plenary session of the PPN held on 16th June, 2015. She also outlined details of work to be completed from July to December, 2015.

**Item 8 – LCDC – Identity**Kevin Hanley spoke about the importance of an identity for the LCDC, he presented two options for a LCDC logo, it was unanimously decided to go with the following logo:



He also confirmed that the domain name [www.kilkennylcdc.ie](http://www.kilkennylcdc.ie) had been registered and will be updated with information shortly.

**Item 9 – Standing Orders**It was agreed to defer this item for discussion at the September, 2015 meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday 7th August, 2015 at 9am the focus of this meeting will be to discuss the KLP proposal on the agreement of a joint LAG.

The meeting dates for the remainder of 2015 were set as follows, all with a 10.30am start

* 11th September, 2015
* 11th December, 2015