**Minutes Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting held on 24th April, 2015**

**Present:** Sean McKeown, Local Enterprise Office
Loretto O’Driscoll, Teagasc
John Bambrick, Irish Farmers Association
Sheila Donnelly, Family Resource CentresFergus Keane, Kilkenny Forum for Social Inclusion and Participation
Trish Brennan, Kilkenny Forum for Social Inclusion and Participation
John Mulholland, Acting CEO, Kilkenny County Council
Mary Barron, Department of Social Protection
John Connolly, Community & Voluntary Forum
Martin Costello, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Elected Representative
Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Elected Representative
Denis Drennan, Kilkenny Leader Partnership

**In Attendance**: Nickey Brennan (Interim Chairman), John McCormack, Martin Mullally, Brid Hynes, Lindsey Butler, Lisa Bourke

**Apologies:** Sadhbh O’Neill, Environmental Pillar
Declan Rice, County Kilkenny Leader Partnership
Shirley Power, Community & Voluntary Forum

**Absent:** Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Elected Representative
Martin Costello, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce
Eileen Curtis, Carlow Kilkenny Education Training Board
Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Elected Representative

**Item 1 – Minutes**The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February, 2015 were adopted on the proposal of Mary Hilda Cavanagh and seconded by Loretto O’Driscoll.

**Item 2 – Correspondence**John McCormack went through 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 – LECP Update**Declan Rice, John Connolly and Eamon Aylward left the rooms and abstained from the discussion regarding LECP updates (economic and community)

Sean McKeown, CEO, Local Enterprise Office gave an update on the LECP including the work to date regarding community profile including data and report collection and analysis which lead to the identification of five key themes as follows:

* Poverty
* Social Inclusion
* Community Facilities & Infrastructure
* Health & Well-being
* Environment

The next stage in the process will include the completion of the Community Profile, agreeing key themes and priority needs, consultation with the LCDC/SPC, organisations and service providers through targeted workshops and consultation with the public at municipal district level. It is proposed to have the plan finalised by end October, 2015. Some discussion followed.

**Item 4 – Presentation on Socio-Economic Profile and High Level Themes**Maria Power, Community Consultants gave a presentation on the work to date on the community high level needs analysis at local/county level under the following themes:

* Poverty and disadvantage
* Poverty and Social Exclusion (NAPS)
* Community Facilities, Infrastructure and Development

**Item 5 – Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**John McCormack gave an update on the process to date. Volunteers were requested to form a LCDC SICAP monitoring group. Membership of same was agreed as follows (proposed by Fergus Keane and seconded by John Mulholland)

2 x Social Inclusion
1 x to be agreed at the next meeting once statutory committee is in place

Lindsey Butler spoke about the future role and supports for SICAP by Pobal, Kilkenny County Council and the LCDC and also the terms of reference for the LCDC SICAP Monitoring Group. She confirmed that herself and John Ryan from the Kilkenny County Council IT department have been appointed to assist in operational and technical support for IRIS.

Some discussion followed.

**Item 6 - Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020**John McCormack gave details on the background to the programme (copy of the RDP 2014 – 2020 included in meeting pack), CKLPs intention to submit an expression of interest and correspondence with CKLP in relation to same. He stated that the preferred government policy is for one LAG for the county and that the LCDC be that LAG. A meeting with CKLP has been arranged for next week to discuss the matter. Some general discussion followed with contributions from various members about the possibility of two LAGS, challenges involved in same and possibility of splitting/ loss of funds. The work of CKLP over the past number of years was acknowledged as was their concerns over possible changes facing the company. The deadline regarding expression of interest is 15th May, 2015. IT was agreed to form a working group to include three members of the LCDC, the role of this group is to support the development of the expression of interest from the LCDC. It was agreed that due to time constraints communication with the LCDC regarding same would be conducted via email.

**Item 7 – AOB**Nickey Brennan acknowledging John McCormack’s forthcoming retirement wished to thank him for his contribution to the LCDC to date and wished him well in the future.

This concluded the business of the meeting.