



Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN

LCDC Meeting Date – 2nd October 2024

Note: Due to the funeral of former Councillor and Mayor of Kildare, Michael (Spike) Nolan taking place this morning, today's meeting was held online and focused on Agenda items that required LCDC/LAG approval only

| Agenda Item | Information for dissemination to PPN Members | Date for dissemination |
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| <p>LCDC Membership</p> <p>Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028</p> | <p>Following nominations, Cllr Tracey O'Dwyer was elected as Chair of the LCDC, with Michael Kenny as Vice Chair. Work is ongoing to finalise membership of the Subgroups. It was Lisa Baggott's final attendance as she has now stepped down from the LCDC. Breda Stewart has resigned from CKLP with recruitment of her replacement underway.</p> <p>Additional funding for New Arrivals of €24,380 was allocated to Kildare from DRCD in July. The needs of the new arrivals were reviewed with CKLP/LCDC Chief Officer and additional funding was allocated to Action 2.6 to deliver sport and recreational activity in the larger centres during the period Aug-Dec 2024. This was approved by the LCDC members at the meeting today.</p> <p>For further information on SICAP contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership www.countykildarelp.ie, or telephone 045-895450</p> | <p>Immediately</p> |
| <p>EU LEADER Programme</p> | <p>Karl Dufy has been appointed the new CEO of Kildare County LEADER Partnership, with Maeve Howe and Linda Walch appointed as the new Project Officers.</p> <p>The LCDC LEADER Subgroup met on 10th September.</p> <p>Two Projects were approved by the LCDC/LAG at the meeting today totalling €242,819.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cnoicin Park Ltd (Kildare Maze) were grant aided €42,819.91 to undertake a number of upgrades to their tourism business, Kildare Maze. These include the installation of a replacement obstacle course and the laying of tarmacadam in their car park. The funding will also cover the purchase of picnic tables, a rainwater harvesting tank, and timber & fencing products. | <p>Immediately</p> |

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| | <p>2. James & Emer O'Dwyer, Kildare Agritourism Glamping & Cycling were grant aided €200,000 to for the construction and finishing of three glamping chalets and associated groundworks and external works, including paving and erection of bike stands.</p> <p>For further information on LEADER contact: County Kildare LEADER Partnership www.countykildarelp.ie, or telephone 045-895450.</p> | |
| <p>Slaintecare Healthy Communities Athy</p> | <p>Slaintecare Healthy Communities are working on an application to support Traveller development. The application is being prepared with Kildare Traveller Action to support their focus on engaging men.</p> <p>For further information contact: Maria Healy, Slaintecare Local Development Officer: Ph: 087 9974155 email: mhealy@kildarecoco.ie</p> | <p>Immediately</p> |
| <p>Kildare Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) Update</p> | <p>A report from CYPSC was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The Kildare CYPSC/LCDC application for Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan was successful and a press release was issued. The research for the application was supplemented by information from the Housing Department of Kildare County Council.</p> | |
| <p>Other Funding</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application for the new Home Visiting Programme from Tusla, with support from the LCDC, which was submitted in August, was successful. From this 2 home visiting posts for the Athy area will be filled. Funding of €40,000 has been allocated for this year. The government has approved funding for the expansion of the Home Visiting Programmes for a period of 5 years from 2024, based on estimated costs of €2m per year from 2025. Subject to funds being available, we anticipate the full year funding requested in our application will be made available to our area in 2025. • An application for LGBTI+ 2024 Dormant Account funding is being prepared, building on work with InSync and CKLP. | |

Signed:



Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer