



**Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN members**

**LCDC Meeting Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Information for dissemination to PPN members</b>	<b>Date for dissemination</b>
<b>Representation</b>	A letter was received from Allan Shine, Chief Executive, County Kildare Chamber outlining that Sinead Ronan will replace Mairead Hennessy as the Chamber's LCDC representative. Sinead is the Chamber's full time Public Affairs Manager.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Community Response Forum</b>	Since the last meeting, the war on the Ukraine commenced. The members of the COVID 19 Community Response Forum, were called to a meeting to share information on March 14th. This allowed members to hear the direct experiences and responses currently being put in place. As the time of the LCDC meeting Kildare County Council were awaiting guidance on a) membership of a similar forum for Ukraine and b) the LCDC role. Since this meeting clarification has been received and a Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum is being established by Kildare County Council.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Communities Activities Funding 2022</b>	The LCDC approved the CAF Evaluation Committee's recommendation for the Communities Activities Fund 2022. 77 applications were received, with 53 recommended for approval. Funding of €76,282.72 under running costs could not be allocated as there were not enough applications with the appropriate procurement/compliance received. It was not possible to allocate this funding to capital under Department rules. A list of the successful applicants is attached.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Youth Mental Health</b>	A meeting took place on 9 <sup>th</sup> February between HSE, Tusla, KCC/LCDC to progress the recommendations from the Youth Mental Healthy Report. Work is ongoing to expand the counselling, CAHMS team and psychology supports as agreed in 2021. This is very	<b>Immediately</b>

	positive. Ongoing expansion and securing the financial commitment post 2022 are now the focus.	
<b>Perinatal Mental Health: Supporting new &amp; expectant mothers</b>	Launch has taken place of recently developed resource for new & expectant mothers: <i>Post Birth Wellbeing Plan</i> . The resource is being translated into Arabic, French, Romanian & Polish. Work is on-going to plan for Maternal Mental Health week in May 2022. Kildare CYPSC-funded video available here: <a href="#">MentalHealthinPregnancy&amp;Beyond</a>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Celbridge Outdoor Teen Space</b>	A Youth Engagement team has been established to ensure voice of young people is at the centre of this project. A contract has been awarded to DCU (Dr Carol Barron) for consultation with young people in Celbridge which is due to commence shortly to progress this initiative.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>iScoil e-learning programme for young early school leavers</b>	A pilot project to support Children in Care who are out-of-school to access iScoil has commenced. The iScoil Working Group has been working closely with the consultancy team to finalise the iScoil Framework for Co. Kildare. This is due for completion by end of April. Click here for more information about iScoil: <a href="https://youtu.be/tY7ZDbswyho">https://youtu.be/tY7ZDbswyho</a>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Families in Direct Provision</b>	Participatory research project under development in partnership with Maynooth University Research Live initiative, focussing on the needs of young people in Direct Provision.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Social Inclusion Activation Fund</b>	The Annual Plan 2022 and the End of Year Review 2021 are both approved by the LCDC at their meeting. Work is progressing within local communities and with individuals through the SICAP team. For further information contact County Kildare LEADER Partnership 045 895450 or <a href="mailto:info@countykildarelp.ie">info@countykildarelp.ie</a>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Connected Hub – Osprey Business Centre</b>	The Prem Group who operate the Osprey Hotel are making office and meeting space available for free to local community/voluntary organisations. This is part of their funding agreement with DRCD. The LCDC are the channel for recommending groups. An expression of interest process was developed and advertised. Five applications were received, with four groups being recommended for the Prem Group to follow up on. This expression of interest process will be advertised through PPN, KCC and other website and social media platforms on a rolling basis.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Healthy Ireland</b>	The HI projects funded under Round 3 are now concluding with final reports for submission to Pobal in early May. The Healthy Kildare plan is at a final stage. Communication has been received that HI Round 4 will commence in 2022 with further details awaited. Clarification was received that the HI Coordinator post is agreed nationally as a three-year local authority contract. Recruitment for the post in Kildare will commence shortly.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Slaintecare</b>	Maria Healy has been appointed as the Athy Slaintecare Local Development Officer. Since her appointment on the 21 <sup>st</sup> March, she has participated in national training and has been meeting with other agencies and groups with a focus on Athy.	<b>Immediately</b>

<b>Local Economic and Community Plan Update</b>	<p>Progress to commence the development of the LECP has been impacted by the Ukraine Crisis and resourcing/competing priorities. On the 24<sup>th</sup> March, the LCDC Co-ordinator attended a department webinar on datasets. Kildare County Council are at the same stage of the LECP process as the other LCDCs nationally.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
	<p>A meeting took place between the LCDC Co-ordinator and Planners to clarify the stages, information available and consultation taking place with the County Development Plan. This was a very positive meeting where it was agreed that a lot of information/datasets are now in place, in addition to, the consultation and submissions received, that will be shared to inform the LECP. The Draft County Development Plan is now out for submissions and consultation workshops are being held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm - 9pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10am -12pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2pm - 4pm</li> </ul> <p>Members were requested to engage and book into the consultation workshops to comment on the draft presented. This plan is important as it determines the land and spatial use for the county and will complement the LECP.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>Projects Approved by the LAG</b>	<p>Five Projects were approved by the LCDC/LAG on 30<sup>th</sup> March for LEADER grant aid totalling €260,827.95.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CKLP – Barrow Blueway Placemaking Plan were grant aided €29,663.10 to develop a placemaking plan for the Barrow Blueway.</li> <li>2. Athgarrett Farms Ltd t/a Athgarrett Malt were grant aided €138,187.50 to invest in a larger plant to increase production capacity for its malting business.</li> <li>3. Brogan Hoof Care and Scanning Ltd were grant aided €38,863.75 towards the purchase of specialised equipment to start a new farm services business specialising in cattle and hoof care and livestock scanning.</li> <li>4. Robertstown Community Amenities CLG were granted aided €41,051 towards “Phase 2” Restoration of Heritage Barge 52M for use as a heritage museum, community facility and visitor attraction.</li> <li>5. Solas Bhríde Centre and Hermitages CLG were grant aided €13,062.60 for a landscape architect to develop a detailed design for a proposed “Cosmic Garden” at Solas Bhríde Centre and Hermitages.</li> </ol> <p>Contracts are currently being finalised for these projects.</p>	<b>Immediately</b>

<b>Publicity and Promotion of Transitional Programme</b>	The position paper on the next LEADER Programme post 2022 was circulated to Minister Humphrey's and presented to her on her tour of Kildare where she visited some projects and developments funded through the LEADER Programme.	<b>Immediately</b>
<b>LEADER Administration Budget &amp; EU LEADER Programme 2023 - 2027</b>	Current indications are that the CAP negotiations, from which the EU LEADER budget is obtained, is delayed. It is unclear if the transitional programme will be continued into 2023. A meeting with Oireachtas members is being scheduled to discuss the current and future programme.	

**Signed and date:**

*Marian Higgins*

8/4/2022 | 4:41 PM BST

**Marian Higgins, LCDC Chief Officer.**

**Community Activities Fund 2022 – Projects approved by Kildare LCDC**

<b>No</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Amount Applied For</b>	<b>Capital Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Running Costs Recommended</b>	<b>Total Amount Recommended</b>
1	13th Kildare Clane Scouts	Painting and running costs	€10,000.00		€3,355.00	€3,355.00
2	7th Kildare Rathangan Scouts	Running costs	€2,676.00		€2,214.00	€2,214.00
3	Allenwood Scouts	Running costs. Shelving for kayaks and related equipment.	€1,167.18	€369.70	€682.48	€1,052.18
4	Ardclough Youth Theatre	Laptop, rent and printing costs	€4,238.96	€2,979.00	€1,259.96	€4,238.96
5	Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch	IT equipment	€1,000.00	€1,000.00		€1,000.00
6	Ashgrove Derrinturn Residents Association	IT equipment and tools	€1,000.00	€1,000.00		€1,000.00
7	Athy Community Family Resource Centre	Insurance for laptops, MS Office, Deep Freeze App, laptop bags	€3,873.20	€3,873.20		€3,873.20
8	Brownstown Community Laney Hall	Running costs	€5,000.00		€5,000.00	€5,000.00
9	Caragh Celtic FC	Lawnmower. Running costs	€10,000.00		€2,082.15	€2,082.15
10	Carbury Ladies Group	Insurance and transport	€1,000.00		€935.00	€935.00
11	Celbridge Community First Responder Group	Insurance	€1,170.77		€570.77	€570.77
12	Community Cancer Caregivers	Running costs	€6,175.00		€5,076.92	€5,076.92
13	Foroige Drug Prevention and Education Initiative	Renovate the Rosconnell Community Centre and outdoor area laptop, signage.	€4,130.00	€3,991.67		€3,991.67
14	Griese Youth Theatre and Children's Drama	Running costs. Extendable ladder, skip hire, storage.	€3,800.00	€1,961.47	€1,180.28	€3,141.75
15	John Sullivan Centre (Irish Wheelchair Association) Clane	IT equipment	€10,000.00	€10,000.00		€10,000.00

16	Kilcock Scouts	Roof repairs	€9,999.00	€9,914.60		€9,914.60
17	Kilcullen Community Centre	Chairs	€9,711.77	€7,372.62		€7,372.62
18	Kildare Down Syndrome Ireland	Running costs	€8,700.00		€5,746.39	€5,746.39
19	Kildare Town Community Garden	Fencing, strimmer, gas heater, signage. Running costs	€5,981.00		€420.00	€420.00
20	Kildare Volunteer Centre	Office furnishings	€10,000.00	€4,653.90		€4,653.90
21	Kingdom Life House Limited by Guarantee	IT equipment and running costs	€10,000.00	€2,278.00		€2,278.00
22	Leixlip Project (In Sync)	IT equipment	€4,814.00	€4,670.00		€4,670.00
23	Leixlip Youth Premises Group	Running costs	€10,000.00		€10,000.00	€10,000.00
24	McAuley Place	Replacement of chairs	€4,547.97	€4,547.77		€4,547.77
25	Monasterevin Blueway Kayak Club	Kayaking equipment	€10,000.00	€4,620.00		€4,620.00
26	Monasterevin Community Centre CLG	CCTV. IT equipment. Furniture	€9,877.93	€3,707.00		€3,707.00
27	Monasterevin Daycare Centre	Insurance	€1,500.00		€1,500.00	€1,500.00
28	Monasterevin Sustainable Energy Community CLG	Running costs	€1,250.00		€1,113.00	€1,113.00
29	Monasterevin Tidy Towns CLG	Restoring and renovating footpaths and picnic areas. Audit & Accountancy Fees.	€10,000.00	€8,137.00	€1,863.00	€10,000.00
30	Monasterevin Youth Action	Running costs	€2,543.40		€1,712.80	€1,712.80
31	Na Fianna Men's Shed	Runnings costs and signage	€1,170.56	€270.60		€270.60
32	Newbridge Community Development	Running costs	€2,670.00		€1,042.00	€1,042.00
33	Newbridge Family Resource Centre	Lawnmower and other equipment for sensory garden	€4,000.00	€3,155.95		€3,155.95

34	Newbridge Youth Training & Development Centre (YTDC)	Equipment	€3,000.00	€1,392.35		€1,392.35
35	Newtown Community Group	IT equipment and running costs	€1,800.00		€720.00	€720.00
36	Peter Bradley Foundation t/a Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	IT and other equipment. Rent.	€4,495.00	€2,245.00	€2,250.00	€4,495.00
37	Prosperous Dramatic Society	Rent	€3,000.00		€3,000.00	€3,000.00
38	Rathangan Community Association Ltd	Runnings costs	€10,000.00		€10,000.00	€10,000.00
39	Rathangan Day Care Centre	Upgrading of lighting. Lawnmower. Running costs	€7,405.69	€2,905.69		€2,905.69
40	Rathangan Women's Shed	Running costs and gardening/art equipment	€2,000.00		€1,440.00	€1,440.00
41	Robertstown Community Amenities Association	Audit and architect fees	€10,000.00		€2,992.00	€2,992.00
42	St Laurences Community Complex	Alarm, seating. Running costs	€10,000.00	€8,400.00	€1,600.00	€10,000.00
43	St. Brigid's Boxing Club Kildare Town	Boxing equipment. Running costs. Painting. Toilet upgrade	€4,000.00	€2,000.00		€2,000.00
44	Suncroft Community Outreach Group	Running costs	€1,575.45		€1,575.45	€1,575.45
45	The Hive Youth Hub, Kildare Town	Repair to heating system. Running costs	€10,000.00	€4,852.00	€5,148.00	€10,000.00
46	The Piers Café and Community Shop CLG	Commercial electrical supply, coffee machine, storage and workspace, tables, and chairs	€10,000.00	€7,356.98		€7,356.98
47	Timahoe Community Council	Benches, fence. Insurance	€6,923.50	€5,913.50	€1,010.00	€6,923.50
48	St Mary's Band	Running costs	€4,500.00		€4,460.00	€4,460.00
49	Caragh Community Centre	Running costs	€9,991.24		€6,208.65	€6,208.65
50	Monread FC	Running costs and signage	€5,600.00	€1,554.00	€2,825.00	€4,379.00

51	Ardclough Village Centre Ltd	ESB and heating bills, boiler house repairs	€9,018.43		€5,909.43	€5,909.43
52	Raheens GAA Club	Renovation work. Running costs	€10,000.00		€3,500.00	€3,500.00
53	Ros Glas Hurling and Camogie Club	Running costs. Equipment, training equipment and ongoing maintenance.	€10,000.00		€6,230.00	€6,230.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>€115,122.00</b>	<b>€104,622.28</b>	<b>€219,744.28</b>