

PPN Rep Meeting Report Template



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| PPN Rep Name | Aislinn Dunne |
| Committee Name | LCDC |
| Date of Meeting | 23/11/2022 |

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| Other Reps who fed into this Report <i>(if applicable)</i> |
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| Agenda Item | Notes | Outcome/Decisions Made | Actions Required - by Who & When |
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| Election of Chair | | Cllr Aidan Browne (Unopposed) | |
| Election of Vice Chair | | Cllr Lisa Mc Donald (Unopposed) | |
| 2023-2027 Leader Programme Update | <p>Presentation was given on the Expression of Interest for the Local Action Group Committee, Closing date for EOI 16th December 2022.</p> <p>Questions were raised on the amount of funding given to Wexford Area, and saw a drop of over 20% over the previous round of funding.</p> <p>As One of the Community and Voluntary Reps on the committee I raised the points made at the PPN Plenary meeting of the fact that grant application for Leader funding is a very Odiious task and that we are in danger</p> | | <p>Letter to be sent to the Department of Rural Affairs on the breakdown of funding and the reasons behind such a drop considering the Depreavation of the area has continued to grow</p> <p>I was given an assurance from Mr. Tom Enright that this indeed would be looked at in the coming year and a process of training in some form could be addressed. I will continue to raise this at every opportunity possible for a better dispersal of money to groups that have yet to</p> |

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| | <p>of not getting the money into communities that need it the most.</p> <p>This point was echoed by Brian Kehoe of Wexford Local Development that the application process was indeed very arduous and that people in small local groups did not have the capacity to submit an application.</p> <p>Cllr Lisa Mc Donald voiced her opinion on this matter echoing the point that Local Community Groups are being left out of applying due to the fact of a shortage of skillsets in local community's</p> | | <p>apply for leader funding in the community</p> <p>Letter to the Department about the application process and how it could be reduced going forward</p> <p>Suggestion of some funding to be made available to local groups to seek professional consultation on leader application</p> <p>The support for this to be addressed seems to be their both in Wexford local development and sitting councillors on the LCDC</p> |
| <p>AOB</p> | <p>Wexford LCDC has been allocated €340,233 under the community support fund 2022. This fund is being provided by the Government to support community and voluntary groups</p> <p>The fund will be administered by the LCDC</p> <p>A percentage of the funding allocation in keeping with DRCD guidelines, to be</p> | | |

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| | ring-fenced for grants of €1,000 or less the balance for grants up to a maximum of €5K per application. | | |
| | A Climate Action Programme will also be coming on line and funding opportunity will be available in the coming weeks. | | |

Other Comments/Actions required from PPN

Date of next meeting

7/12/2022

Signed (PPN Rep)

Aislinn Dunne

