

## **PPN Economic & Enterprise Development SPC meeting 25/03/19 report.**

### **Huw O'Toole PPN Rep.**

- This was my first meeting of the economic development there was support SPC.
- Florentine Centre Bray is under construction and anchor tenants are being sourced.
- Blessington Tidy Towns had a very successful assessment of their Greenway proposals.
- Greystones and Wicklow town are having great success getting their respective websites up and running with the help of Wicklow County Council.
- On the 8th April Food Producers are showcasing their wares at Kilruddery at the launch of the Co Wicklow Food Strategy. Should be an excellent showcase.
- Funding Information Workshop –funding opportunities including: Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Rural Regeneration & Development Fund, Urban Regeneration & Development Fund, Outdoor Recreation Scheme. Wed 3 April at 7pm in The Brockagh Centre.
- The Co Wicklow Digital Strategy is underway through a citizen smart subgroup.
- Climate Adaption Strategy is underway led by Environment Section WCC. Early stages only.
- National Community Day Grants available. Deadline for application (online only) is 9th April. Approval is 17th April from LCDC. PPN will assist groups with online difficulties.
- There is funding still available for Social Enterprise through Leader and CWP.
- Project Ireland 2040 Rural Regeneration Programmes 2019 Announcements below;
- URDF funding was awarded to three Wicklow projects: Arklow Historic Town Core, Wicklow Library and Fitzwilliam Square, Bray public Transport Bridge.
- URDF / RRDF team is meeting next week to discuss next round of applications.
- Tourism Strategy 2017-22 - A multi - agency meeting regarding Glendalough will be held 2nd April
- Maritime issues and planning economic development and of the harbours and ports is forming a strong part of the councils new Maritime review. The appointed consultants are Geosolutions.
- Mid Eastern Enterprise Plan has been launched with input from Cono Sweeney and is available as a download. Of interest to all employed and self-employed people.
- Annual Wicklow backing business breakfast meeting a success.
- All comments in relation to business development in Wicklow should be directed to:  
business@wicklowcoco.ie

Appendix 1

Department of Rural and Community Development  
Project Ireland 2040 Rural Regeneration Programmes:

Indicative Schedule of 2019 Announcements

<b>February</b>	Launch of 2019 LIS scheme Launch of 2019 SICAP programme Launch of 2019 CLÁR programme Launch expansion of the Walks Scheme
<b>March</b>	Launch of 2019 Outdoor Rural Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Launch of 2019 TidyTown competition Launch of Community Enhancement Programme Launch of Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TBC) Launch of Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Second Call for Proposals (TBC)
<b>April</b>	Closing date for receipt of proposed LIS roads by Local Authorities and publication of agreed lists Closing date for receipt of CLÁR applications
<b>May</b>	Closing date for ORIS applications
<b>June</b>	Closing date for Town & Village Renewal applications
<b>July</b>	Closing date for RRDF applications (TBC)

- Identify maritime issues which have a remit in spatial / land use planning to allow better planning and management of the coastal / maritime area.
- The Wicklow Maritime Strategic Review will help WCC integrate planning policy and strategy.
- Provide WCC with a clear picture of its maritime area so that it is in a position to respond and / or provide input to higher level policy where / when necessary.
- Identify and focus stakeholders by engaging with them in an iterative process.
- Identify ways the economic base of County Wicklow could be strengthened through its ports and harbours.

SSE Ireland continues to progress plans for the development of a 520 megawatt Arklow Bank Windfarm similar to the Beatrice Windfarm off Wick in Scotland. A decision is expected shortly on the site for the Operations and Maintenance base. This will mean two hundred jobs during construction and 60 jobs on an ongoing basis for a 25 year term.

The Maritime Business Development Group has formed an aquaculture sub group with a view to reinvigorating aquaculture off our coast. An application for FLAG funding has been submitted in respect of redeveloping Wicklow's oyster banks.

*(Look successful)*

*Fisheries Local action*

#### **COMMUTER SURVEY**

The Commuter Survey is available on Wicklow.ie. This document will be used to support our case for developing employment in the county. Copies have issued to the relevant agencies.

#### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE STRATEGY/ PRODUCERS SHOWCASE**

Wicklow County Council has developed a Food and Beverage Strategy – this is a collaboration between LEO Wicklow, CCSD and the Economic Development Unit. It is intended to launch the strategy and hold a Producers Showcase on 8<sup>th</sup> April in Killruddery House.