

**CO. WICKLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.
COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SPC. MARCH 2021.**

Representatives present.	Kevin Mann, Gertie Sally, Anne Gregory.
Committee	Community, Cultural and Social Development SPC.
Date	29 th March.

Attendance: Irene Sweeney, Cllr Anne Ferris, Cllr. Gail Dunne (Chair), Brendan Martin, Jenny Sherwin, Cllr. John Mullen, Michael Nicholson, Mary Tuite, Aisling Hubbard, Marie Halvey, Caroline Fox.

Agenda Item	Notes	Outcome /Decision	Action required.
Covid update.	Community call helpline still active. There are less calls as Cocooning. is not as much as an issue. There will be 2 vaccination centres in Wicklow, Arklow Bay and Shoreline. WCC to provide traffic management	All agreed this is a worthwhile	
Wicklow sports and recreation partnership strategy.	Aisling Hubbard ran through the presentation. Draft plan 2020-2023 (attached) was presented. PowerPoint attached; update attached.	Adopted	
Project Ireland 2040 Rural Regeneration Programme update.			
Clár	There are 7 Clár Areas in the County. New Scheme announced, Closing date 7 th May. Knockanna may have a couple of projects ready. Update included in LECP Report attached.		Follow on update to be sent to Committee. (Attached)
Town and Village Renewal scheme	Not announced yet. Wicklow did well out of this scheme in 2020. Update included in LECP Report attached.		Committee to be kept informed.
Outdoor recreation strategy.	2020-2025. Overarching plan to develop recreation in Wicklow. Nine projects in total in Wicklow. Measure 3 – Blue way funding. This will open up the coast.		
Community Enhancement Scheme 2021	No notifications yet from the Department.		All to be notified.
URD	Bray harbour project will cost €7million. Work to be done for next round.	Welcomed	Focus on the next round of funding.
RRD	There are two schemes ongoing. Baltinglass Town centre and Newtownmountkennedy. Update included in LECP Report attached.		
Food and Beverage	No update. Nothing happening due to covid.		

Greenway Strategy.	<p>Wicklow to Greystones. Two studies underway, Irish Rail study and coastal Erosion Study.</p> <p>Arklow–Shillelagh. Route has been identified. Land access being finalised. Possible start date for construction 2022 – completion date late 2023.</p> <p>Blessington Greenway. Approx. cost €15m. There has been some redesign of route because of difficulty along the lake shore. Needs to go to planning. Surface to be upgraded to tarmac. Expected completion date mid – late 2023.</p>		
Creative Ireland Strategy	Jenny Sherwin spoke on this. Details of new funding given. Lost wifi connection.		
Play and recreation Strategy	Marie Halvey presented on this strategy. Current focus on replacing broken equipment in playgrounds. Lost wifi connection.		
Age Friendly Strategy.	Lost wifi connection. Update included in LECP Report attached.		
Arts Strategy	Lost wifi connection. Report attached.		
Library Strategy.	Brendan Martin presented the Draft Library Development Plan 2021-2025. Committee passed the draft. Draft Plan attached.	The plan was welcomed.	To be presented to the Co. Council for adoption.
Ethics Circular	Pointed out that Non-elected members of the committee are bound by these rules.		To return form filled out.
Correspondence.	Michael Nicholson acknowledged email from Kevin Mann highlighting the difficulties that Voluntary Groups have keeping up with their bank loan commitments while covid restrictions have reduced the ability to generate income.	Kevin thanked all Cllrs. For their attention to this matter.	The committee to highlight this at Department level.
A.O.B	Gertie Sally notified the committee that the PPN are running Social Inclusion week, starting on Sun 17 th October. Any groups taking part should notify the PPN so they can advertise it.	Michael Nicholson & the Committee welcomed this initiative.	Committee to help in anyway.

Date of next Meeting.	Mon 21 st June 2021.	<i>Kevin Mann</i>
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