

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

Representatives present.	Kevin Mann, Gertie Sally.
Committee	Community, Cultural and Social Development SPC.
Date	12 th July.

Attendance: Irene Sweeney, Cllr Anne Ferris, Cllr. Gail Dunne (Chair), Brendan Martin , Rachel Woods, Cllr. John Mullen, Michael Nicholson, Mary Tuite, Aisling Hubbard, Marie Halvey, Caroline Fox, Vincent Blake, Melanie Corrigan.

Agenda Item	Notes	Outcome /Decision	Action required.
Covid update.	The covid 19 call line is not required at the moment. WCC still providing some staff to Shoreline vaccination centre. It is hoped that we will be back to face to face meetings by September. All would welcome this.	All agreed the council provided an excellent service.	
Project Ireland 2040 Rural Regeneration Programme update.			
Clar	Askanagap, Knockananna and Greenane are the areas being assessed for grants. There is to be a review of the current list of areas that qualify for these grants.	Report attached.	Committee to be kept informed
Town and Village Renewal scheme	Update included in LECP Report attached. Towns with relevant projects. Kiltegan, Wicklow, Arklow, Ballinaclash, Coolboy, Donard, Hollywood.		Committee to be kept informed.
Outdoor recreation strategy.	Two projects complete. Avonmore Bridge which joins Jubilee Walk and Avonmore Way. The bridge and refurbishment of St Kevins Way. Other smaller walks projects completed under ORIS MEASURE. North Wicklow Trails Project will upgrade walks around the sugarloaf.		
Community Enhancement Scheme 2021	€141k to be distributed. Applications are currently being assessed.		Results to be notified.
Healthy Ireland 2021	Aisling Hubbard presented the report which is attached.		
URD	Bray complimented on their harbour project. Wicklow and Arklow to work together for funding.		

RRD	It was queried why small towns did not qualify for this Scheme. Population requirement rules out many towns. An enquiry to be sent to the department. Suggested that maybe two towns could present a joint application.		
Strategy Updates			
Healthy Wicklow Strategy	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 protection Study. In discussions with landowners.</p> <p>Arklow–Shillelagh. Possible start date for construction late 2022 – completion date late 2024, subject to funding.</p> <p>Blessington Greenway. €15m funding in place. Planning documents are prepared. Liaising with ESB. And other landowners. Possible start date mid 2022.</p>		
Play and recreation Strategy	Playground in Bog Meadow to go ahead. €15,000 for Arklow, Seaview Avenue. Playgrounds should be survey annually and a refurbishment list put together.		
Age Friendly Strategy.	Report attached		
Arts Strategy			
Library Strategy.	Draft Library Development Plan 2021-2025 passed by WCC. Committee passed the draft. It was asked if there would be any public viewing /consultation about the new Aughrim Library. Feeling is that it would not be required.	Report attached	
Wicklow sports and recreation partnership.	Aisling Hubbard ran through the presentation. Followed it with a short video on Arklow sports hub. Update attached.		
Ronnie Delany Statue update.	Statue is completed. Erection and unveiling has been delayed by covid. It will be positioned on the roundabout at bridgewater.	Dignitaries to be invited. Date to be set.	The committee to be kept informed.
A.O.B	<p>Kevin Mann put forward the following on behalf of the PPN. Request that the Council consider displaying posters informing people how to report incidents of racism in Libraries throughout the county.</p> <p>Proposal that the next PPN “Finding your way around Local Government” session would focus on CCSD SPC. Request members of the committee to make themselves available.</p>	<p>Brendan Martin to look at possible posters.</p> <p>Committee is supportive of the proposal.</p>	<p>Date to be worked out. PPN suggested September/October.</p> <p>PPN report was welcomed.</p>

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Date of next Meeting.	Mon 20th September 2021.	<i>Kevi Men</i>
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