

# Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.30am  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present	Organisation
Aisling Heffernan	HSE
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Darren Chambers	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Maria Culbert	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Róisín Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Louise Keogh	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Therese Langan	Chairperson, Chief Executive or Nominee
Prof Joe McCarthy	University College Dublin
Sharon Commins	Southside Partnership
Apologies	Organisation
Sharon Perry	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
In Attendance	Organisation
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Shahruz Mirmirani	DLRCC
Siobhán Nic Gaoithin (Guest)	DLRCC
Helena O' Brien (Guest)	Tusla

## Introductions and welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted, and the meeting was quorate. The Chairperson welcomed Helena O'Brien who would be giving a presentation on dlr CYPSC.

## Governance, Nominations and Replacements

Mary Ruane noted that there are two vacancies on the committee.

## **Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the LCDC meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were proposed by Gabby Mallon, seconded by Cllr Tom Kivlehan and agreed by the Committee.

## **CYPSC Presentation**

Helena O'Brien gave a presentation on dlr CYPSC, outlining the partners on the committee and the work carried out by each of the CYPSC subgroups. A discussion followed during which the members queries were addressed.

Cllr Lettie McCarthy spoke of the challenge of drugs education and younger people and asked if there was a plan to address this through CYPSC. Helena noted that this could be addressed through health and mental health subgroups and that Comhairle na nÓg are working on this issue also. Helena also noted that the Parent Directory will get feedback in relation to the school dropout rate.

Aisling Heffernan noted that Community Healthcare East (CHE) is looking at child pathways and issues of children accessing services they need and using primary care as the gateway to services entry for children.

Also, CHE is looking at how to normalise access to parenting programmes and mainstream this approach and reduce the negative connotations associated with referrals to parenting programmes.

Cllr Tom Kivlehan asked, how much contact exists between the Department of Education, local schools and CYPSC. Louise Keogh noted the links that exist with the School Referral Officer.

Cllr Lettie McCarthy noted that it would be a good idea for someone to speak at parent's events and asked if a suitable person could be recommended.

Helena O'Brien advised that child and parent support networks are a good starting point. Helena also noted that a weekly CYPSC update is sent out on Fridays.

**Action:** Therese Langan asked for the weekly CYPSC update to be circulated to the committee members.

## **LCDC Annual Report 2022**

It was noted that this report is being listed for consideration at the next meeting.

## **LECP**

Mary Ruane noted that the LECP End of Year Progress Report 2022 has been circulated to members and a summary presentation will be provided at the next meeting.

She also noted that the new LECP is in development and a meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> January with the consultants to bring it on to the next stage.

## **Healthy Ireland Round 4 2023-2025 Application Update**

Mary Ruane presented the Healthy Ireland Round 4 application update and outlined the budget for 2023, including carryover from Round 4 of 2022, is €105,000. She noted that a meeting of the Healthy Ireland Subgroup was held online on 20<sup>th</sup> January to look at progress made and to consider proposed outcome areas. The membership of the subgroup was outlined. Mary outlined the two proposed Wellbeing Factors Outcome areas:

- Increase in individual's level of positive mental health as per Energy and Vitality Index &
- Increase in % of people aged 50+ engaging in one or more social leisure activity at least once a week.

Mary asked members to approve the development of the Local Strategy Document based on these outcome areas and advised that the subgroup will meet again to further develop the document and complete the application.

Approval for the development of the local strategy document was proposed by Cllr Kate Feeney and seconded by Cllr Lettie McCarthy and agreed. A report will be brought to the next LCDC meeting for consideration for final approval.

### **SICAP Update**

Sharon Commins gave an update on SICAP. It was noted that external examination of the SICAP programme will inform the next planning stage. It was noted that the SICAP subgroup will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to review the End of Year Performance 2022 and the Annual Plan for 2023.

Cllr Lettie McCarthy gave her apologies for not being able to attend on that date as did Cllr Marie Baker. Mary confirmed the meeting would be re-arranged to maximise attendance.

Cllr McCarthy noted that she would welcome updates on the Ukrainian situation. Therese Langan updated that meetings of the Community Response Forum take place on a fortnightly bases and the minutes of these meetings will be circulated to the members.

**Action:** Minutes of the Community Response Forum meetings to be circulated to LCDC members.

### **DRCD Grant funding update – Community Support Fund**

Eoin Kelly gave an update on the Community Support Fund, which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will be administered by the LCDC. It was noted that the closing date for this is 28th February 2023. It was also advised that the grant information and application forms have been circulated widely.

Cllr Lettie McCarthy asked if there are any groups which never apply and would it be possible to help them in their application. Mary Ruane noted that the community workers do contact and help several groups to submit applications.

**Action:** Link to grant application to be circulated to LCDC members.

### **HSE Update**

Aisling Heffernan gave an update. It was noted that the COVID-19 booster jabs are available. It was also advised that flu infections are peaking. The work of community teams in supporting the hospitals was noted as was the work of CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) teams.

It was noted that there has been a large surge in eating disorders and the positive work of the mental health teams to address this was acknowledged. It was outlined that the Minding Your Well Being programme webpage is available on the HSE website. It was also noted that the HSE are looking to expand the new walk and talk programme with the support of Healthy Ireland funding.

A discussion followed during which the member's queries were addressed.

Cllr Tom Kivlehan noted that he was aware that some people find it difficult to get registered with a GP, so they are forced to present at the A&E departments. Aisling Heffernan to come back with more details.

Cllr Lettie McCarthy asked if there were problems with recruitment and retention of staff. Aisling Heffernan noted that recruitment and retention are issues but this was not unique to the HSE.

**PPN Update**

The report circulated in advance of the meeting was noted.

**DLR Age Friendly Strategy 2022 -2026**

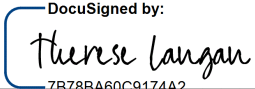
Siobhán Nic Gaoithin gave an update on the Age Friendly Strategy 2022 -2026. She advised that it is due to be launched in March. Cllr Marie Baker thanked Siobhán for all her work and noted that the Age Friendly magazine is a great resource for the County.

**AOB**

Mary Ruane noted that Community Development staff are encouraging the formation of more residents associations to build community resilience.

**Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 on MS Teams.

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Chairperson

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Print Name: Mary Ruane

Chief Officer