

Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th September 2016 at 8.30am
in Southside Partnership, Blackrock

Present:	Organisation
Cormac Shaw (Co-Chair)	Southside Partnership
Dearbhla Lawson (Co-Chair)	DLRCC
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
ClIr Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Eibhlin Curley	DLR LEO
ClIr John Kennedy	Elected Representative
Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
ClIr Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN
Colm Kinsella	ICTU
Maurice Farnan	HSE
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training Board
Inez Bailey	Southside Partnership
In Attendance:	
Lucy McGrath	DLRCC
Lorraine Stewart	Southside Partnership
Helen Griffin	DLRCC
Apologies:	
ClIr Jennifer Cuffe	Elected Representative
Geraldine McDonagh	DLR PPN
Michael O'Brien	DLR PPN
Fiona Ward	Dept. of Social Protection
Philip Maguire	Irish Famers Association
Joanne Cullen	Tusla
Laura English	DLR PPN

1 Welcome and Introduction

Meeting was opened by Cormac Shaw who welcomed everyone, as new people have joined the LCDC recently and introductions were made. Apologies were received from the above.

2. Appointment of Chief Officer

It was noted Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, DLRCoCo, has been appointed the new LCDC Chief Officer. Helen Griffin, Administrative Officer, DLRCoCo. has been appointed and will be leading the Community Development team, and will also provide support for the LCDC.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising

The minutes of the 6th July 2016 meeting were circulated. Approval of the minutes were proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by ClIr. John Kennedy and agreed.

Cormac Shaw noted that Laura English contacted members of the social inclusion pillar of the PPN to make enquiries about the representation she will make on behalf of the PPN at the LCDC meetings and he thought this is a very good initiative.

4. DLR Public Participation Network

Kay Gleeson gave an update on the PPN. She said that Laura Howe has been appointed the new Network Manager for the DLR PPN. Michael O'Brien, has been nominated to the LCDC, replacing Albertine Denis who recently resigned.

A well-represented team from Dun Laoghaire attended an URBACT conference in Brixton, London. It was a three day event with representatives from participating countries. DLR came out as one of the towns other representatives would like to visit.

The PPN Plenary Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, 9th November. PPN Digital Newsletter is issuing every two weeks.

The closing date for Community Grants is 17th October. It was reported that there had been a recent increase in numbers of groups seeking to register with the PPN which was mainly attributable to the new requirements in the Grant Guidelines which requires groups to register with the PPN. DL welcomed the positive news.

A discussion took place on the criteria required for selection from the PPN to an SPC, and whether there is a process in place if there is a potential conflict of interest. Cormac Shaw suggested writing to the DLR PPN to make enquiries about this. The LCDC members look forward to meeting the new Network Manager.

Action: Cormac Shaw to contact DLR PPN.

5. SICAP update

Cormac Shaw gave an update on the SICAP and said that good progress in relation to achievement of KPIs has been made to date, with funding for the rest of the year approved. A mid-year progress report has been submitted to POBAL in July and reviewed by the SICAP sub-committee. The sub-committee also met on 1st September. The Annual Planning process was discussed.

A Careers Week will be taking place in SSP in the coming weeks. Referrals from DSP are slowing down and as there are other schemes such as the LES, Tús and Job Path, SICAP is down the list for referrals and this proves quite a challenge.

Tom Kivlehan asked about the older age group, 50+ and if there was a problem with retraining this age group as many are requested to complete computer courses. Lorraine Stewart said a review of outcomes for this age group could be done. Eibhlin Curley said an Innovation Enterprise Network is running from Deansgrange and said she will ask Jim to contact Cormac Shaw. Tús also allows participants to self-refer. Also Cllr Peter O'Brien noted that many Tús participants have no email address. Cllr. Peter O'Brien asked if new figures for population size by ED were available. Availability of AIRO analysis to inform future programmes was discussed. More detailed CSO data will be available in 2017.

6. Leader programme update/Rural Task Force

DLR Rural Task force meeting took place on 14th September 2016. It was expected that a Chair and Vice Chair would be appointed at the next meeting which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 10th November.

Workshops called Animation Events will be held in LarchHill Scout & Guide Centre & Glencullen Community Centre - dates to be finalised. This will inform people about the new LEADER programme. The LAG will be appointing an Evaluation Committee and DLR has been asked to nominate two people with financial and tourism skill sets.

7. Dún Laoghaire Community Café Presentation

Ciara Moen from Crosscare provided a comprehensive presentation on the new Community Café on Eblana Avenue which she hopes will be open in the coming weeks. This will be managed by one full time paid staff member and two teams of volunteers. The café will open from 12.00 -2.00, providing a three course meal at a cost of €3.00 to people who are finding it difficult to manage. Through the café, Crosscare can link them to other services they may require. It is hoped that the café will be used for social events & monthly meetings in the community.

A breakdown of the funding towards the cost of the building was provided and Ciara thanked DLRCoCo for their support with the project and also the HSE, for the donation of the kitchen equipment.

Action: At request of Tom Kivlehan, the figure for the number of homeless people rough sleeping in DLRCC will be provided at next meeting.

8. LECP Objectives Implementation Discussion

Dearbhla Lawson updated the Committee on progress with the LECP and handed out a headline report setting out progress against the 21 objectives.

She referred to the large action plan with 156 actions and given the extent of this, outlined the importance for the LCDC of considering each of the objectives, and exploring the issues and what the various organisations represented were doing in support of achieving the objectives.

Dearbhla explained that it would be helpful to seek to discuss an objective or two at each of the LCDC meetings to enable a round table discussion and updates. A progress report on Housing actions in Objective 7 in LECP provided by Mary Ruane was noted. Eibhlin Curley presented a progress report on the LEO- related actions in Objective 8 and this was noted. A brief discussion followed and it was confirmed that a progress report would be reported to the next meeting on achievements during 2016.

9. Future updates:

A range of inputs for future LCDC meetings to be considered by the co-Chairs and Chief Officer.

10. Dates for LCDC Meetings:

An LCDC Members Workshop has been arranged and will be taking place on Thursday, 20th October 2016, 4.00pm-7.00pm in Marlay House, Marlay Park.

11. A.O.B.

It was noted that the 1st anniversary of the Carrickmines Fire is on Monday 10th October and there will be commemorations taking place in Balally and Bray in remembrance.

It was noted that Eibhlin Curley will be on parental leave for four months and Georgina Sweetnam will be her replacement.

Josephine Browne said the appointment of a coordinator for the Children's Services Committee has been made.

Helen Griffin circulated brochures about Social Inclusion Week, and asked members to promote the various events and activities to promote the various events and activities in their organisations and networks

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 30th November @ 8.30am in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire.
(changed from 23rd November)

Signed : _____

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Print Name : _____

Print Name : _____

Co-Chair

Chief Officer