

Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 16th March 2016 @ 8.30am
in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Present:	
Cormac Shaw (Co-Chair)	Southside Partnership
David Lawless	LCDC Chief Officer
Dearbhla Lawson (Co-Chair)	DLRCC
Eibhlin Curley	DLR LEO
Fiona Ward	Dept. of Social Protection
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN
Inez Bailey	Southside Partnership
Colette McLoughlin	TUSLA
Maurice Farnan	HSE
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training Board
In Attendance:	
Lucy McGrath	DLRCC
Deirdre Baber	DLRCC
Apologies:	
Colm Kinsella	ICTU
Cllr Josepha Madigan	Elected Representative
Cllr Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
Cllr Jennifer Cuffe	Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Pauline Davey	DLR Public Participation Network

1. Welcome and Introduction

1. Cormac Shaw opened the meeting. It was noted that Dave Lawless has transferred to the LEO Enterprise Office and he was thanked for his valuable contribution to the LCDC as Chief Officer and the PPN. Deirdre Baber was nominated as the new Chief Officer.

2. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 27th January 2015

The minutes of the 27th January meeting were circulated.

All matters arising were being covered as part of the Agenda for this meeting
Approval of Minutes proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by Maurice Farnan.

A number of seats now need to be filled after the recent elections.

Kay Gleeson and Tom Kivlehan were asked to request that the PPN put forward two nominees.

3. Update on the SICAP Programme:

Cormac Shaw referred to the SICAP Headline Indicator report circulated at the meeting . The Partnership is on target with the implementation and progressing well. It was noted that at least two interventions are needed for each client. A large part of the programme is getting people back to work. New initiatives are also being developed for after school programmes and a parent & toddler group in the Cottage Home, Shankill.

The Partnership are also now operating from Furry Hill Community Centre, Sandyford with a number of staff and the centre is working well in the area.

It was suggested a Case Study be brought to the next meeting to help members to understand the challenges faced by individuals being supported by SICAP.

A meeting of the SICAP sub-committee is scheduled for April.

4. Update on LEADER Programme:

An update on the draft LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS) was given by Dave Lawless. The LDS was submitted to the Department on 29th January but has yet to be reviewed. A soft copy of the draft of the LDS was sent to Cormac Shaw.

The LEADER areas in DLR are Tribadden and Glencullen.

Eibhlin Curley will discuss with her counterparts how to promote the programme. There has been some interest shown in a proposed eco-hotel in the area.

Also, Southside Partnership would be interested in working with Rural youth in the Glencullen Community Hall.

Dave Lawless, Deirdre Baber, Cormac Shaw and Dearbhla Lawson are to meet to discuss the Rural Task Force.

5. Update on development of the L.E.C.P. process:

Dave Lawless gave an update on the Local Economic & Community Plan, stating that we are at the final stages of the design of the report. He is proposing an advisory group to oversee the implementation of the 156 actions of the plan. The group will consist of the Chair of the SPC, members from the LCDC and County Council. Meetings will be held quarterly to review the actions, with a mid-year and end of year progress report.

It is proposed to have the launch on Tuesday 12th April and to put documents accessible as it's important to have the document accessible on the DLRCoCo website

6. LCDC Annual Report 2015:

Dearbhla Lawson advised that the LCDC Annual Report was included on the Council Agenda in March, but that the item was not reached. It will go to the next Council Meeting to be held on Monday 11th April. Lucy will circulate the report to LCDC members.

7. DLR County Council Universal Grant Scheme-update.

Dearbhla Lawson provided an update on the Councils Grant Scheme Guidelines which are under review and will be reported to the Strategic Policy Committee's and will be consulted on Citizen Space following this. The aim is to ensure clear criteria and purpose and that funding available supports a wide range of community initiatives and events, environment, sports projects and business promotion and footfall wide initiatives and that the benefits are maximised where possible. Over .5million was paid out in Grants in 2015.

Community Groups can avail of funding for small projects such as Equipment Grant, Summer Projects, Small Arts Grants.

A review of the process is taking place with one requirement being that the relevant groups must register with the PPN in order to drawdown grant funding. Also two new areas are being introduced, Climate Change and Minor Sports.

This will be going to the Community Development Culture & Ageing SPC, PPN and then to the Council. Once approved, a questionnaire will be made available on DLR Citizen Space for feedback. The new grant scheme will only take effect from 2017.

8. DLR Public Participation Network:

Dearbhla Lawson and Kay Gleeson provided an update. Work is still on-going. A full-time Resource Worker is support with building membership and to manage communications and administration for the PPN. It is hoped that by holding the Community Development Culture and Ageing SPC's in a different venue rather than the Council Chamber will be less formal, and encourage greater participation. .

9. A.O.B.

POBAL are organising SICAP workshops on developing engagement strategies with different target groups. Three LCDC representatives are invited to attend. The event will take place on 4th May in the Gibson Hotel.

The Age Friendly Strategy Launch will also take place on 4th May

Next Meeting:

Thursday 19th May @ 8.30am in Southside Partnership Offices, Blackrock.

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Co – Chair

Chief Officer