

# Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 8.30am in  
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Cllr Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Cllr John Kennedy	Elected Representative
Cllr Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
Cllr Jennifer Cuffe	Elected Representative
Cormac Shaw (Co-Chair)	Southside Partnership
Dearbhla Lawson (Co-Chair)	DLRCC
Georgina Sweetnam	DLR LEO
Geraldine McDonagh	DLR PPN
Inez Bailey	Southside Partnership
Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN
Eoghan Ryan	DLR DSP
Ann Marie Donohue	HSE
<b>In Attendance:</b>	
Lucy McGrath	DLRCC
Laura Howe	DLR PPN
Therese Langan	SEO Corporate, Communications & Governance Dept.
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Colm Kinsella	ICTU
Philip Maguire	Irish Farmers Association
Michael O'Brien	DLR PPN
Joanne Cullen	Tusla
Laura English	DLR PPN
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training Board

## **1 Welcome and Introduction**

Dearbhla Lawson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted and attendance was recorded. Ann Marie Donohue from Health Service Executive and Eoghan Ryan, Department of Social Protection (DSP) were welcomed and there were round the table introductions.

## **2. Resignations and Nominations**

The nomination of Ann Marie Donohue from Health Service Executive was accepted. Also Eoghan Ryan, Department of Social Protection (DSP)'s nomination was accepted. Eoghan Ryan advised there will be a new DSP nomination, which will be Frank Costello who will attend the next meeting.

## **3. (a) Presentation on Customer Services Centre & Council Chamber, by Therese Langan, Corporate, Communications & Governance.**

Therese Langan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate, Communications & Governance Department, DLRCC made a presentation on the proposed new Council Chamber and Customer Services Centre. The rationale for the project was set out to improve accessibility to Council Services and in accessing democracy by all citizens including those that are

disabled, mobility impaired or older citizens, to improve Customer Service, facilitate participative and transparent Democracy, and to generate Energy Savings. Therese Langan outlined the Corporate Plan context, the wide range of Council services, customer service facts, role of proposed customer services centre, communication channels. The Customer Care Centre will manage and co-ordinate all communication channels. The new customer centre will be the first point of contact. Opening times will be from 9.00 – 5.00 and will be open through lunchtime. Customer Service hours will be increased by 33%.

This Part 8 proposal has gone out to public consultation and there is detailed information on the DLR Council Website Citizens Hub. Therese Langan responded to questions and comments from the members. Josephine Browne expressed support for the project on behalf of the Dun Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce. Kay Gleeson mentioned there was a presentation to the PPN and they will encourage submissions. Therese welcomed the LCDC to make submissions and thanked the LCDC for the opportunity to raise awareness about the Part 8 project.

Therese Langan then left the meeting.

### **3. (b) Presentation on DLR Public Participation Network (PPN) Programme by Laura Howe, PPN Co-ordinator.**

Laura Howe, Public Participation Network Co-ordinator gave a presentation on the DLR PPN. She gave an overview of the PPN to build awareness of the role of PPN: The PPN was established under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and facilitates the Local Authority to connect with Community Groups. The 2017 Draft Workplan will be presented to the PPN plenary meeting at the end of April. This sets out the key objectives and key actions and is linked to the Local Economic & Community Plan. Laura Howe outlined the key actions in the draft DLR PPN Workplan 2017 and invited comments from the members.

Laura plans to meet with the Directors from all departments in the Council so that they too are made aware of the PPN. She also stressed the need for members of the PPN to have a better understanding of the workings and policy making functions that the Council carries out. At present there are 295 groups registered and the target is 350.

Cllr. Kennedy proposed that there would be a benefit of each SPC having a meeting with the PPN once a year after an SPC meeting and Laura Howe mentioned the possible role of PPN linkage groups. The Members discussed the proposed preparation of A Wellbeing Statement by the PPN, and noted synergies between wellbeing and the Healthy Ireland objectives.

Cormac Shaw thanked Laura for her presentation and for noting the comments and making the 2017 Workplan available after the PPN Plenary meeting. This was proposed by Cormac Shaw and seconded by Tom Kivlehan.

Action: Circulate PPN Presentation to LCDC Members and provide Dun Laoghaire PPN Workplan 2017 after Plenary

Laura Howe then left the meeting.

### **4. Minutes and Matters arising.**

The minutes of the previous LCDC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were reviewed. A discussion took place on the events various members attended between meetings. The minutes were proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by Cllr Kate Feeney.

### **5. SICAP update**

Cormac Shaw circulated an up to date SICAP Headline Indicator Report from IRIS comparing actuals to mid-year and annual targets for 2017. Cormac Shaw outlined that Southside Partnership (SSP) is on track to achieve the 2017 SICAP targets. SICAP information has to be imputed to the IRIS system on an ongoing basis. Target 6 is a challenge and SSP dlr have put

funding in place outside of SICAP to employ a new Youth Development Worker to work on this. A funding proposal has been put to the Department of Social Protection for a programme called CAPP which worked very well on the West side of the County in 2016, with a view to running it on the east side this year. It would involve working closely with approx. 12 young adults. Target 14 of getting young people (aged 15 to 24) into self-employment is not realistic. Georgina Sweetnam said the upper age limit for young entrepreneurs is 35. Headline indicators 1 & 2 are the main indicators for the Mid-year Review and are well on target.

Mary Ruane provided update since last meeting on returns made for 2016 and on consultation with regard to SICAP 2018-2020:

DLR LCDC End of year Report was submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

DLR LCDC SICAP Chairperson Consultation Questionnaire and PI Consultation Questionnaire were submitted

Mary Ruane attended SICAP National Consultation event on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Kay Gleeson and Cormac Shaw attended SICAP Regional Consultation event on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The members discussed the need for next SICAP programme to provide more emphasis on pre-activation in addressing barriers to getting back to employment and education. For example, there is awareness of addiction, housing issues and lack of affordable childcare being barriers.

The LCDC noted circulation with the agenda of email dated 23/3/17 from Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government regarding the Public Sector Duty-Section 42 of the IHREC Act 2014 and SICAP.

## **6. LEADER Programme Update**

Cormac Shaw provided handouts on LEADER 2016 Annual Progress Report & Implementation Plan for 2017. Fingal Leader Partnership, the implementing partner for Dublin Rural LEADER, has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer. Cormac also circulated the LEADER Evaluation Committee Scoring Record (Individual Members) Template. Mary Ruane said that Dublin Rural LEADER had circulated information on the second targeted call. An advertisement of the call was placed in Panorama magazine and they had circulated the notice to their database of contacts in this area. Mary has circulated details of the second targeted call to Councillors in the Glencullen/Sandyford Electoral Areas.

Cormac Shaw provided a handout on FLAG, Fisheries Local Action Group, which is another source of funding being made available to local community groups. BIM, based in Dun Laoghaire, are the programme implementers. DLR LEO will be promoting this through their website.

Action: All groups need to be advised of other types of funding available.

## **7. LECP Update on key community & shared objectives/actions for 2017**

A draft report was circulated and Dearbhla Lawson outlined some key community and shared objectives for 2017. She advised that there is a need to identify the key actions and key objectives in the LECP and target these accordingly for 2017.

Dearbhla sought input and momentum for delivering on objectives in 2017 and asked members to clarify the key actions and outputs of their respective organisations to include in the plan.

Action: Members to get back with key outputs and/or key core actions for 2017 to Mary Ruane by Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017. List Draft outputs on next LCDC agenda.

## **8. Communities Facilities Scheme Update**

Mary Ruane outlined that the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government announced a €2m Capital Grants Scheme for areas of disadvantage and rural areas. DLR LCDC has been awarded funding of €64,500. The scheme will be administered by the LCDC and will offer grants up to €1,000 for projects running from July-December 2017. Certain criteria have to be met and target groups will be given priority.

Action: Mary Ruane to revert to LCDC with plan and documentation for roll-out of Capital Grants Scheme in DLR

## **9. Music Education Partnership Update**

Dearbhla Lawson gave an overview of progress in relation to the DLR application for the Music Education Partnership (MEP) programme and the selection process and criteria. If the application is successful, the Programme will develop increased access to music education to children in the County and will be responding to DLR's policy of being known as a 'Learning County'.

An MEP Steering Group will be working with the Arts Office to develop a framework plan and application process. Closing date is 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## **10. Future Updates**

There was discussion regarding a project called MOJO, providing supports for men in Kildare. URBACT, Drug and Alcohol Taskforce and Mental Health were added to the programme of future updates.

Action: It was agreed to list a presentation on Suicide Prevention by the HSE at next LCDC meeting.

## **10. Dates for LCDC Meetings:**

Proposed dates for LCDC meetings in 2017 are as follows:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

## **11. A.O.B.**

'Creative Ireland' event is taking place on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 @ 6.00pm in the Lexicon, by invitation only. Also, the PPN Plenary is taking place on same date at 7.30pm.

A booklet called 'I've had enough, I'm outta here!!: Thinking of leaving school early?' produced by Crosscare in collaboration with Southside Partnership and DLR Drug & Alcohol Task Force, targeting early school leavers, was circulated.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8.30am in Southside Partnership offices, Blackrock**

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Co-Chair

Chief Officer