

# Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 8.30am

**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

Present	Organisation
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Prof Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
Róisín Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Louise Keogh	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Therese Langan	Chairperson, Chief Executive Nominee
Sharon Commins	Southside Partnership
Sharon Perry	Social Inclusion Pillar/ PPN
Helena O' Brien	Túsla (advisory role)
Annette McAllister	Environmental Pillar/ PPN
Apologies	Organisation
Aisling Heffernan	HSE
Joan Casey	Community and Voluntary Pillar/ PPN
Maria Culbert	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
In Attendance	Organisation
Conor Geoghegan (Guest)	Alone
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Barbara Henry	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Siobhán Nic Gaoithin	DLRCC

## Introductions and welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted, and the meeting was quorate.

## Governance, Nominations and Replacements

Mary Ruane welcomed Annette McAllister, new PPN nominee from the Environmental Pillar. Mary noted that her nomination was approved at the April Council Meeting.

## **Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the LCDC meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023 were proposed by Cllr Tom Kivlehan, seconded by Cllr Lettie McCarthy and agreed by the Committee.

## **Presentation from ALONE**

Conor Geoghegan, Head of Services (South) gave a presentation on Alone which included the following areas:

- Aims of Alone Services
- Enhanced community care funding
- Alone service hub and what it comprises
- National and local calls for volunteers
- Alone services including helpline for older people, housing with supports, Alone support and befriending service, visitation support and befriending, telephone support and befriending
- Social prescribing
- Alone's Technology engagement
- Referral pathway process

Following the presentation a short discussion was held and queries responded to.

Siobhán Nic Gaoithin noted she would like to invite Conor to make this presentation to the Age Friendly Alliance.

## **LECP**

### **Update on Development of new LECP**

Mary Ruane provided an update on the development of the new LECP. The Advisory Steering Group met on 6<sup>th</sup> April and discussed the timeline for the development of the LECP. It was agreed to go live with the public consultation on 12<sup>th</sup> April and seek submissions by the 12<sup>th</sup> May. There is an online survey on dlrc consultation hub (Citizen Space) -one for community and one for business stakeholders. Hard copies are also available. A workshop for LCDC/SPC/Advisory Steering Group is taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

The next meeting of the Advisory Steering Group is scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> May. KPMG will attend the meeting.

## **DRCD Grant Funding Update**

### **Community Support Fund 2023**

Conflicts of interest were declared by Cllr Marie Baker, Sharon Commins, Sharon Perry and Louise Keogh and they did not participate in discussions in relation to the applications relevant to them.

Eoin Kelly presented the report which was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

The Community Support Fund provides funding for operating & capital costs, with some funding ring fenced for Women's Sheds. The LCDC set a €15,000 upper limit for any one grant. 69 applications were received and 2 for Women's Sheds. The applications were assessed, and a meeting of the subgroup was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March to look at recommendations.

Eoin noted that the DRCD has advised that LCDCs are not permitted to notify any of the approved groups until the Department confirms a press release has issued with a list of successful applicants.

Following the presentation, the applications recommended by the subgroup for approval were proposed by Cllr Lettie McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Kate Feeney and agreed by the Committee.

Eoin Kelly agreed to seek written approval from private members who were not present at the meeting in order to ensure the correct balance of public and private members was maintained.

### **2023 Community Centres Investment Fund – New Builds Measure**

Mary Ruane gave an outline of the scheme. She noted that it is administered by the DRCD. DLR have sought additional information to get further details on the scheme. The closing date is 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

Mary also noted that the Community Recognition Fund application was sent to the DRCD. One query was received and addressed, and we are still waiting on a decision from the Department.

**Action:** List of recommended Community Support Fund applications which were approved by the LCDC to be sent to the DRCD.

### **Healthy Ireland Round 4 Update**

Mary Ruane provided an update. The funding application for Round 4 and the Local Strategy were submitted to Pobal. A number of minor queries were received, and we are still awaiting to hear a decision on that scheme. Will update in due course.

### **SICAP Update**

Sharon Commins provided an update on SICAP which included SICAP targets to date. She noted that 340 individuals have been supported to date through SICAP. The SICAP programme has also supported 201 Ukrainians to date. She also noted that a number of supports have been provided to International Protection Applicants in the DLR area.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion was held. Sharon Perry raised a point regarding the IT donations and noted that previously the Reach fund was used to secure funding for laptops.

Mary Ruane noted that a meeting of the SICAP subgroup was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April to consider the report on the SICAP Audit 2021.

Eoin noted that there were minor findings and overall the Internal Audit Unit were happy that the programme was carried out as should be.

The approval of the SICAP Audit 2021 was proposed by Cllr Marie Baker, seconded by Cllr Kate Feeney and agreed.

**Action:** SICAP Audit report 2021 to be submitted to Pobal.

### **PPN Update**

Sharon Perry provided an update. She noted that the Spring Plenary is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Siobhán Nic Gaoithin is going to give a presentation on the dlr Age Friendly programme and Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland is also giving a presentation on Policing.

Mary Ruane noted that the PPN is going to be assisting the Council and Southside Partnership for one of the workshops on the LECP.

### **Future Updates**

None

### **AOB**

Mary Ruane noted that a Local Development Strategy (LDS) is being developed for the Dublin Rural Leader. The closing date for the LDS is in early July and public consultation will be beginning shortly.

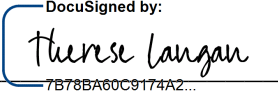
She also noted that there is a vacancy on the LAG from the LCDC Environmental Pillar. Annette McAllister, PPN nominee for the Environmental Pillar agreed to sit on the LAG. This was agreed by the committee.

Stephen Fitzgerald noted that the Department of Social Protection are running a jobs week this September. There is an event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Basketball arena, Tallaght and also another event on 12<sup>th</sup> May in Loughlinstown Training Centre but registration is required. The theme is construction. Stephen to circulate eventbrite link.

**Action:** Stephen to send Eoin the link to Eventbrite.

**Date of the next meeting**

The meeting ended at 9.25am and the date of the next meeting will be end of June/early July.

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Chairperson

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Print Name: Mary Ruane

Chief Officer