

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 8.30am

**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

Present	Organisation
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative. Chairperson of LCDC
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
Roisin Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Aisling Heffernan	Health Service Executive
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Sharon Commins	Southside Partnership
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership Vice Chair
Louise Keogh	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Sharon Perry	Southside Women's Action Network
Joan Casey	Laurleen Rocwood Residents Assoc/PPN
Darren Chambers	Ballinteer St Johns GAA/PPN
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
Professor Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Apologies	Organisation
Mark Fox	An Taisce/PPN
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Maria Culbert	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
In Attendance	Organisation
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Shahruz Mirmirani	DLRCC
Nic Gaoithin Siobhan	DLRCC

### Introductions and welcome

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

## **Governance, Nominations and Replacements (if any)**

None.

## **Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were proposed by Cllr Marie Baker, seconded by Gabby Mallon and agreed by the Committee.

## **Community Activity Fund 2021 Update**

Mary Ruane and Eoin Kelly updated the members on the Community Activities Fund 2021 and assessment of applications. The LCDC noted that the Capital costs applications need further assessment, as the report to the Grants Subgroup contained an error in the split between capital and operating cost recommendations. A further meeting of the Subgroup will be held to bring a report on revised Capital costs recommendations to the LCDC for consideration and an LCDC meeting will be arranged to consider recommendations from the Subgroup.

Eoin Kelly presented a report on the recommendations of the Grants Subgroup for the allocation of the Operating cost grant funding. The Chief Officer noted declarations of conflicts of interest and members of the committee declaring conflicts of interest did not take part in the discussions or decision-making in relation to the relevant applications. The following members declared conflicts of interest: Conor Hickey, Crosscare and Louise Keogh, Rosemount FRC

Cllr Feeney proposed acceptance of the recommendation and Cllr McCarthy seconded and the grant allocations recommended by the LCDC Grants Subgroup were agreed by the LCDC.

**Action** – Grants Subgroup to reconvene to consider Capital grant applications and make recommendations to the LCDC for consideration. Chief Officer to arrange LCDC meeting to consider this single agenda item.

## **Community Centre Investment Fund 2022**

Mary Ruane noted a new fund announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The fund is aimed at the upgrade and refurbishment of community centres and applications are made directly to POBAL. A number of questions on eligibility were discussed. It was noted that two information sessions are scheduled by POBAL and information on the scheme would be shared with the members of the LCDC as it becomes available.

**Action** – Press release regarding fund to be circulated to LCDC members.

## **SICAP Update**

Sharon Commins, CEO of Southside Partnership gave an update on SICAP activities. She noted that the 2020 audit report had recently been finalised with the DLR Internal Audit function. The upcoming mid-year review was noted with Southside Partnership working towards the review deadlines in June.

A brief update on the SICAP Ukrainian response was also discussed. Sharon reported that 2 part-time staff members were being recruited for additional resources to work on this project. Sharon noted the ongoing discussions between SSP, the ILDN and the Department in relation to the impact of the Ukrainian Crisis on the SICAP programme and the subsequent resource requirements. The LCDC noted the need to maintain SICAP Annual Plan work and meet targets.

## **PPN Update**

An activity report from the DLR PPN was circulated prior to the meeting. Sharon Perry provided an update on the 3 main areas the PPN are working on at present:

- Draft Vision for Community Wellbeing – final report being completed following 2 workshops and online consultations and survey
- PPN involved in attending and supporting Ukrainian response forum in the County
- Digital Skills Training ongoing with courses on Canva and Google suite delivered

### **Update on humanitarian response to Ukraine crisis**

Therese Langan gave an update on the Council's humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis in conjunction with key agencies in the County.

The Ballyogan Rest Centre is operational providing accommodation for displaced Ukrainians. It was noted that there is a high turnover of residents with progression to alternative accommodation such as hotels, host families, etc and this high turnover has resource implications.

The County Council Community Department are working very closely with the Rest Centre Manager and with Southside Partnership to deliver services, along with the DLR Volunteer Centre.

Therese noted that the Council budget was limited and a record of the spend on the crisis was being collated with claims being submitted to IPAS.

Professor Joe McCarthy noted that UCD were running English classes in UCD and the DLR Lexicon and were able to extend to another location if a suitable premises could be found close to the rest centre.

The Ukrainian Shop in DLR shopping centre was discussed with a view to possible supports. Roisin Cronin noted that Economic Development are considering the issue and would discuss with Therese Langan and Mary Ruane.

Aisling Heffernan noted the HSE supports in place through expanding the Social Inclusion team. She noted the dedicated GP service set up for Ukrainians to ensure continuity of care.

It was noted that Southside Partnership had produced a useful communication booklet for Ukrainians.

**Action** – Sharon Commins to circulate booklet to committee

### **LECP Update**

Mary Ruane noted that the DRCD and the DHLGH webinars for the LECP process are continuing, with Community and Economic staff and an LCDC Representative attending sessions. It was noted that a working group will need to be formed to work on the development of the new LECP in conjunction with the Economic Development Department in the County Council.

### **Leader & Rural Taskforce Update**

Mary Ruane noted that the next meeting of the RTF is to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

Mary noted that the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022 was due to open early April 2022 and close June 2022 but no information has been received to date from the Department.

### **Future Updates**

Siobhan Nic Gaoithin noted that funding of €7,500 to support Africa Day events had been received. She also noted that the Bealtaine Festival events were planned.

**Action** – Siobhan to circulate Bealtaine and Africa Day schedules to committee when available.

**AOB**

Aisling Heffernan's offer to provide a HSE update focused on health and wellbeing at future LCDC meetings was noted.

**Date of the Next Meeting**

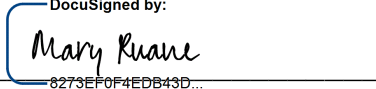
The date of the next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, 8.30am online.

An LCDC meeting will be scheduled in the interim to consider the single item of CAF Capital Grants-date tbc.

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Chairperson

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Chief Officer