

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

5th October 2022 at 8.30am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present	Organisation
Aisling Heffernan	HSE
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Sharon Commins	Southside Partnership
Darren Chambers	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Joan Casey	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Maria Culbert	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Róisín Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Sharon Perry	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Louise Keogh	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
Apologies	Organisation
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Prof Joe McCarthy	University College Dublin
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership
In Attendance	Organisation
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Shahruz Mirmirani	DLRCC
Siobhán Nic Gaoithin	DLRCC

Introductions and welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted and the meeting was quorate. Mary Ruane advised that Cllr Kate Feeney was stepping down as Chairperson from 31st August 2022. Cllr Feeney had been selected as Chairperson of the LCDC on 1st July 2020. The Committee thanked Cllr Feeney for her contributions and wished her all the best.

Governance, Nominations and Replacements

Election of new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Chief Officer's report circulated on 23rd September 2022 to LCDC members for consideration at this meeting was noted. Mary Ruane advised that it is necessary for the LCDC to seek nominations for the vacant position of Chairperson and then to seek nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mary Ruane noted that the posts of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are for a three-year term and outlined the role of the Chairperson under the guidelines. Nominations for Chairperson was opened to the floor.

Therese Langan put herself forward as a nominee for the position of Chairperson. There were no further nominations for the position of Chairperson. Therese's nomination was proposed by Cllr Feeney, seconded by Cllr Kivlehan and agreed. Therese Langan was deemed selected as the Chairperson of LCDC and presided as Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

Nominations for Vice-Chairperson was then opened to the floor. As there were no nominees for the post of Vice-Chairperson, it was deferred to a future meeting of the LCDC.

The Chief Officer then advised members that the vacancy on the LCDC for a nominee from the Environmental Pillar of the PPN was still unfilled.

Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 13th July 2022 were proposed by Cllr Feeney, seconded by Cllr Baker and agreed by the Committee.

SICAP Update

Sharon Commins provided an update on the Southside Partnership's SICAP case study for 2022, focussed on the Goal 1 Project: Social Enterprise, and she outlined the methodology for the case study, and is being presented in video format. It was also noted that KPMG had been engaged by Pobal to carry out an evaluation of SICAP programme. Therese suggested that Sharon present the 2022 SICAP case study at the next LCDC meeting.

Eoin Kelly presented the main highlights of the SICAP update report which was circulated prior to the meeting. He noted that Pobal have agreed that local development companies can review their SICAP targets for 2022 due to the level of support they have been delivering to Ukrainians in 2022. Southside Partnership is required to advise the LCDC if they wish to request any changes to 2022 targets by the required date. He noted that the Annual Pobal Engagement meeting will take place on the 11th October 2022 on MS Teams.

Action: Sharon Commins to present the 2022 SICAP case study at the next meeting.

Community Activities Fund (CAF) Grants – Operating Costs round 2

Eoin Kelly presented a report on the recommendations of the Grants Subgroup for the allocation of the remaining funds for operating costs under Round 2. It was noted that just over €70,000 funding was remaining from Round 2 and 57 applications were received and 56 were deemed eligible.

The Chief Officer asked that any LCDC member with a conflict of interest in relation to any of the applications being considered would declare this and excuse themselves from taking part in considering such an application. Cllr Baker, Louise Keogh and Sharon Commins declared conflicts of interest.

Gabby Mallon proposed acceptance of the Grants Subgroup recommendations and Cllr Feeney seconded the recommendations. The grants were agreed by the LCDC.

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. Subsequently Joe McCarthy and Conor Hickey agreed in writing with the grant funding proposals.

Healthy Ireland Rounds 3 and 4 Updates

Mary Ruane gave an update. It was noted that POBAL had confirmed on the 30th of September that the DLR LCDC Round 3 Progress and Financial reports had been approved by POBAL. Pobal commented on the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of Round 3 and on the hard work and determination of DLR action partners in delivering actions within and around the restrictions that were in place.

The Round 4 application process is being launched in late 2022 with a focus on identified priority outcomes and intended interventions specific to dlr for 2023-2025.

Under Round 4 funding for 2022, there is €40,000 is available for 2022 to allow for the delivery of any activities in the health & wellbeing space that have been identified as a priority in 2022. Capacity building and planning for the application process for 2023-2025 can also be funded. Underspends can be carried forward to 2023 budget without reducing the 2023 budget, however activities cannot carry over into 2023.

A project proposal had been received from the SWAP Programme Coordinator in Southside Partnership to continue this successful programme for the remaining months of 2022. A budget of €7,440 is the estimated expenditure for the project from September to December 2022. The members of the LCDC are requested to consider the application for funding of €7,440 for the SWAP programme for the remaining months of 2022.

Sharon Commins excused herself from voting on this due to a conflict of interest.

The project proposal was proposed by Cllr Feeney, seconded by Maria Culbert and agreed.

Development of DLR's Local Economic and Community Development Plan 2023-2029 & LECP Mid-Year Progress Report 2022

Mary Ruane presented a report on the development of dlr's Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2029. It was noted that each Local Authority is required to have regard to the need to integrate the economic and community elements of the LECP. The guidelines recommend that each Local Authority establish an Advisory Steering Group to assist in the preparation, drafting, adoption, implementation and monitoring of the LECP. The Advisory Steering Group will have a key role in all six stages of the LECP development process and will focus on practical arrangements for the smooth preparation of an integrated plan, from determining its scope through to final adoption. The guidelines for the structure of the Advisory Steering Group were noted.

Mary Ruane noted that the Chief Officer of the LCDC and the Director of Community and Cultural Development would serve on the Advisory Steering Group and that agreement was now required for the approval of these 2 nominations and 2 further nominees were required for the group- 1 public and 1 private. Cllr Kivlehan (public) and Sharon Commins (private) put their names forward and these nominations were agreed.

A discussion followed in which Mary Ruane addressed the questions of the members present.

LECP 2016-2021 Summary Report

Mary Ruane presented the main points of the report under each objective. Mary noted that the report will be going for further consideration by the Advisory Steering Group. Cllr Baker asked if reports could be circulated to the Committee sooner.

LECP Mid-Year Progress Report 2022

It was agreed to defer this report to the next meeting.

Action: Defer LECP mid-year report 2022 to the next meeting.

PPN Update

Sharon Perry gave an update on the DLR PPN activities.

HSE Update

Aisling Heffernan provided an update on HSE Health and Wellbeing Community Healthcare East which included the following areas:

- An overview of the Division and the various departments
- Various supports and services available
- Community Healthcare Networks in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Area
- Policy priority programme updates

Following the presentation, the committee thanked Aisling for her presentation and Cllr Baker asked if a copy of the presentation could be circulated.

Action: Copy of the HSE presentation to be circulated to LCDC.

Leader & Rural Taskforce Update

Mary Ruane gave an update on Leader and the Rural Taskforce. It was noted that 27 projects totalling €1,103,962.62 were approved under the Transition Programme. A discussion followed during which Mary Ruane addressed questions and comments from the members present including a query on whether the themes would be the same for the next LEADER programme.

Action: Mary Ruane to revert to Cllr Kivlehan's query regarding the themes of the next programme.

Dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2022-2026

Siobhán Nic Gaoithín gave a presentation on the DLR Age Friendly Strategy 2022-2026. It was noted that the DLR Age Friendly Strategy will be brought before the Council at the October Council meeting. A discussion followed during which Siobhán addressed the questions and comments of the members present. A copy of the presentation would be circulated after the meeting.

Action: Copy of the presentation to be circulated.

AOB

No business

Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 30th November 2022

Signed: 

Print Name: TERESA CAHILL

Chairperson

Signed: 

Print Name: MARY RUANE

Chief Officer