

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday

23rd October 2019 at 8.00am

The Annex, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire

Present:	Organisation
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kazi Ahmed	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Dearbhla Lawson	Chief Executive Nominee (Chairperson)
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Siobhan Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Roisin Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Dr. Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR
Lorna Kerin	Tusla (in advisory role)
Derek Elders	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	Public Participation Network
Sharon Perry	Public Participation Network
Kay Gleeson	Public Participation Network
Michael O' Brien	Public Participation Network
Prof Joe Carthy	UCD
In Attendance:	
Maria Kelly	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Apologies:	
Cllr Daniel Dunne	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Tom Kivlehan	Public Participation Network
Alan Wyley	Southside Partnership DLR

Welcome and Introductions-Nominations & Replacements

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee.

It was noted that the PPN have extended Michael O'Brien's term at their meeting on 16th September 2019 to January 2020 with an election for the nomination to be organised by the PPN in early 2020.

The resignation of Bernard Kelly, Department of Social Protection, from the LCDC on 18th October 2019 was noted and a replacement will be provided.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The Chairperson recorded two amendments to the minutes as follows:

SICAP - The average intervention time recorded for SICAP was amended from 1 hour and 15 minutes to 1 hour and 50 minutes.

It was noted that Professor Joe McCarthy was present at the last LCDC meeting.

Matters arising:

Healthy Ireland - Siobhan Fitzpatrick offered to present on Social Prescribing and the HSE East Plan at next meeting. She also noted that a Directory of Services has been issued to help direct people to appropriate services.

It was noted that POBAL have taken over the administration of Sláinte Care.

Future Updates - Geraldine Dunne (STAG) will give a presentation to the LCDC at the next meeting.

The minutes, subject to the amendments above, were proposed by Dr. Josephine Browne and seconded by Kay Gleeson and agreed.

DRCD Review of LCDC

The Chief Officer gave a presentation from the Department of Rural and Community Development on Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities and on the Review of Local Community Development Committees.

It was noted that the national review document contains a case study on the work of Southside Partnership DLR CLG with migrant women.

In the discussion that followed, it was agreed that the LCDC's role has evolved and expanded significantly since 2014 and there needs to be more engagement regarding the aims and achievements going forward. The LCDC's role and functions needs to be communicated to the public and elected members. The Department will be providing guidance to LCDC members on how to promote and support the LCDC through networking and training events.

Cllr. Kate Feeney noted that SICAP is the largest stream of funding under the LCDC's remit and as such additional focus is needed on SICAP's strategic targets. Time needs to be allocated to examine any gaps in service provision under the scheme and focus on the targets to ensure they are met and that the programme is aligned with the goals of the LCDC

Cormac Shaw suggested that the LCDC could meet with the Council to inform them of the work done by the committee, as there are a number of new Councillors after the recent elections.

From CYPSC perspective it would be useful for additional time for discussion at LCDC meetings to see what specific areas can be focused on and produce mutually beneficial concrete strategic actions.

The Chair noted that the LCDC would be discussing issues raised for review as part of the LECP Progress report (circulated in advance) at the session following the meeting. The Chair referenced the role of LCDC in the development of a new LECP for the County, which will be an upcoming action, involving developing community objectives to address key issues.

The Chair noted the role of the PPN as the main conduit through which the Council communicates with groups in the community, and that the PPN will be developing a Wellbeing Statement which will involve extensive consultation and the LCDC has an opportunity to engage and support this.

Chief Officers Update

The Chairperson confirmed that her term as Chair of the LCDC was coming to an end, in line with the LCDC Guidelines, which specifies a timeframe for the Chairperson and she noted that the Chief Officer had circulated a report on the role of the Chair, which was now up for nomination.

The Chief Officer outlined the guidelines for nominees to the members and nominations requested for the next LCDC meeting. The Chief Officer invited all members to contact her directly if they required any clarification or additional information.

Review – Subgroups of LCDC

The Chief Officer presented a report on the sub-groups of the LCDC and explained their role, functions and current membership.

SICAP Subgroup

CEP Subgroup

Healthy Ireland Steering Group

A number of proposals were discussed with a view to strengthening sub groups and there was a proposal for the membership of each subcommittee to be reviewed afresh. It was agreed to hold a full review of Sub Groups and membership and bring back a report to a future meeting.

Action: Chief Officer to arrange full review of Sub Groups and their membership.

PPN Update

A written update report from the PPN was circulated.

It was noted that the PPN annual conference in Carlow was a very informative and successful event. The autism garden project field trip was particularly commended, and it was noted that a similar project in Stillorgan had received CEP funding through the LCDC recently.

During discussion, Michael O'Brien noted that the PPN represented a significant voice for local groups, with over 16,000 groups but without national representation and that the PPN could be a strong voice for social change in the country.

Leader & Rural Task Force Update

A meeting of the RTF took place on the 1st of October and the next is scheduled for the end of February.

It was noted that other Councils routinely use LEADER funding for significant local projects in rural areas and role of match funding was discussed.

It was noted that a meeting with the Chief Executive of Fingal LEADER Partnership took place in County Hall with key staff from Council departments to highlight the availability of LEADER funding and to encourage additional applications.

Reference was made to the difficulty in accessing LEADER funding for some groups given the level of administration involved.

SICAP

A report on recommended 2020 KPI Targets for the programme implementer was circulated to the committee. It was noted that the proposed targets were the same as the 2019 targets and an explanation of the programme implementer's rationale for proposing these targets was included in report. A discussion took place on the proposals, and following this, it was agreed to refer the proposed targets to the SICAP Sub Group to further examine and discuss the targets with the programme implementer.

Action – Eoin Kelly to schedule a meeting for the SICAP Sub group and Southside Partnership DLR CLG key SICAP programme staff to attend.

A proposed calendar of meetings for the SICAP subgroup was circulated.

Also, Cormac Shaw gave an overview of to the Committee of the SICAP case study for 2019 submitted to POBAL.

Action: Bring back 2020 KPI targets to LCDC for decision following review by SICAP Sub Group

Future Updates

STAG – It was noted that Geraldine Dunne of STAG has agreed to present on their work with Traveller Youth at the next LCDC meeting.

Additional item: HSE East Presentation

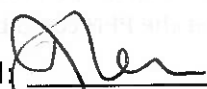
Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th December 2019, 8.30 am in Harbour Lodge

AOB

Michael O'Brien noted that the PPN have requested a summary note on LCDC meeting for circulation to its members.

Action – Eoin Kelly to prepare brief meeting note for circulation to PPN

Signed: 

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Chairperson

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Print Name: M. Ruane

Chief Officer