

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

20th October 2021 at 8.30am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present	Organisation
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Róisín Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Sharon Commins	Southside Partnership DLR
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership DLR
Sharon Perry	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Joan Casey	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Maria Culbert	DDLETB
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
Professor Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Aisling Heffernan (Guest)	HSE Representative
Apologies	Organisation
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Darren Chambers	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Mark Fox	Environmental Pillar/PPN
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
In Attendance	Organisation
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Paul O'Dwyer	DLRCC
Sinéad Rice (Guest)	DLR Healthy Ireland Coordinator
Louise Kinlen (Guest)	Southside Partnership DLR

Welcome and Introductions

The Chief Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted, and the meeting was quorate. As Cllr Kate Feeney was unavailable to attend the meeting, it was agreed that Cllr. Lettie McCarthy would chair the meeting.

Governance, Nominations and Replacements (if any)

None.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 15th September 2021 were proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Gabby Mallon and agreed by the Committee.

Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 Update

Eoin Kelly presented a report on the Dormant Account Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme. He noted that €29,265.94 has been allocated to DLR. 17 applications were received with 9 being considered eligible under the guidance criteria provided by the Department and 8 considered ineligible. The LCDC support team initially established which ones were eligible or not as per the guidance criteria and scored them. Scoring was based on local impact and local need.

The LCDC Grants Sub-Group met on 18th October to consider the applications before bringing to the LCDC meeting on 20th October – not all sub-group members could attend therefore no recommendation could be provided by the sub-group before this LCDC meeting. Subsequently a report with funding recommendations was circulated to the sub-group members with written agreement received from two members of the subgroup.

The full report was circulated to the LCDC members prior to the meeting and Eoin Kelly went through the list of grant applications received by the 13th October 2021 deadline - the names of the applicants, the intended purpose of funding, their score and the funding suggestion. It was also noted to members that the LCDC's role is to make a recommendation to the Minister, and the Minister then makes the final decision/approval based on the recommendations.

The committee agreed on the recommended applications – Cllr McCarthy proposed, Joe Carthy seconded, and it was agreed by the committee that the recommendations in the report be sent to the Minister for decision. Conor Hickey declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in any discussion or voting regarding an application from Crosscare. It was noted that in order for the decision to be quorate given Conor Hickey having abstained, the written authorisation from a private member not in attendance at the meeting would be included instead. Accordingly this was agreed, and the recommendations will be sent to the Minister for final decision and the LCDC will be notified of the outcome from the DRCD.

Action: Recommendations to issue to DRCD and when the decisions are made by the Minister to notify the LCDC of the outcome from the DRCD.

SICAP Update

SICAP Audit Report 2019

The SICAP Audit Report 2019, and a summary report prepared by the DLR Internal Audit Section, were circulated in advance. Eoin Kelly gave a brief overview of the 2019 audit report for the SICAP programme, as provided by the DLRCC Audit function. It was noted that the report has already been approved by the board of Southside Partnership dlr. Two “important findings” and three “minor” findings were found as part of the audit report. Overall, the audit found “reasonable assurance” which is the highest possible for this type of audit. Mary Ruane advised that once it is approved by this LCDC, the report will go to DLR’s Audit Committee to finalise the process. It will also be sent to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The approval for the SICAP Audit Report 2019 was proposed by Sharon Perry and seconded by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and agreed.

Action: Chief Officer to notify the DLRCC Audit function of the LCDC’s approval for the SICAP Audit Report 2019 and to request they send the report to the DRCD.

Annual Report 2021- Case Study

It was agreed that the Southside Partnership case study for 2021 (distributed before the meeting) regarding the Women’s Programme be approved to send on to Pobal.

Action: to send the Women’s Programme case study report to Pobal

Change Control Procedure to revise SICAP KPI Annual targets for 2021

Under the Change Control Procedure, Southside Partnership have requested the LCDC to revise the annual target for KPI 2, which will be submitted to POBAL, if approved. Pobal are allowing LCDC’s and LDC’s to review and revise their KPI targets for SICAP where necessary due to Covid interruptions. The LCDC discussed Southside Partnership’s recommendation that it was prudent to change the KPI 2 target from 511 to 500.

Gabby Mallon proposed the report and KPI 2 change request, Therese Langan seconded, and it was agreed.

Action: Mary Ruane to submit the change request for KPI 2 to Pobal

PPN Update

An activity report from the DLR PPN covering September 2021 was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

Sharon Perry noted the recent community vision and wellbeing workshops taking place, three have taken place to date so far – Dún Laoghaire, New Communities and Dundrum. There will be one final workshop after Christmas to coordinate the workshop findings.

Sharon also noted the PPN’s next plenary session will take place on 30th November online.

Healthy Ireland Update- LCDC

Sinéad Rice, DLR Healthy Ireland Coordinator, provided a progress update on the Healthy Ireland programme for LCDC projects up to June 2021. Sinéad’s presentation included a summary progress and financial report on the various actions and supported projects under the Healthy Ireland programme within the county.

Following the presentation, the Chair and members of the committee thanked Sinead for her presentation and for all the work supporting the groups and their projects, particularly with the challenges experienced in delivery during Covid-19.

LECP 2016-2021 Updates

Mary Ruane noted an update was provided at the previous meeting in September. Further updates and workshops will be arranged with the LCDC when in-person meetings can be organised. This item will stay on the agenda until then.

Leader & Rural Task Force Update

Mary Ruane has notified the Chief Officer in Fingal County Council of the new LCDC nominee to the LAG- Sharon Commins, Southside Partnership.

Mary Ruane noted that the DRCD are carrying out a number of fora under Our Rural Future, one has taken place on October 18th, two will be held on 27th October and 10th November as part of the new strategy 'Our Rural Future'. Mary invited members to circulate this information to others.

Mary noted that the DLR Rural Task Force meeting took place in September.

Future Updates

Age Friendly updates provided in item 10 of this meeting's agenda. Mary Ruane noted the Older Person's Council is hoping to hold their 1st meeting in December 2021 following a delay due to Covid. Age Friendly consultations with stakeholders have continued for input towards DLR's new Age Friendly Strategy. The High Security Lock Scheme is currently being rolled out to successful applicants across the county. The Festival of Inclusion took place last week (14th-18th Oct) and International Day of Older Persons were successful events as supported by DLRCC.

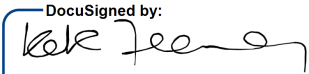
Cllr McCarthy Lettie noted the success of the Gathering social event in Kiltarnan recently and recommended more of these events in the county.

AOB

None

Date of the Next Meeting

Next meeting 8:30am, 24th November 2021

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Chairperson

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Chief Officer