

# Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 27th January 2016 @ 8.30am  
in Southside Partnership's offices, Blackrock.

<b>Attendance:</b>	
Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe	DLRCC Cllr.
Cllr. Kate Feeney	DLRCC Cllr.
Cllr. Peter O'Brien	DLRCC Cllr.
Colm Kinsella	ICTU
Cormac Shaw (Co-Chair)	Southside Partnership
David Lawless	LCDC Chief Officer
Dearbhla Lawson (Co-Chair)	DLRCC
Deirdre Baber	DLRCC
Eibhlin Curley	DLR LEO
Fiona Ward	Dept. of Social Protection
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Tom Kivlehan	Environmental Pillar
Albertine Denis	DLR Public Participation Network
Inez Bailey	Southside Partnership
Finn McGuirk (for Item 3)	Southside Partnership
Sandra Campbell (for Item 3)	Southside Partnership
Colette McLoughlin	TUSLA
Maurice Farnham	HSE
Lorraine Stewart	Southside Partnership
Lucy McGrath	DLRCC
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Cllr. Josepha Madigan	DLRCC Cllr.
Pauline Davy	DLR Public Participation Network
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training Board

## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

1. David Lawless welcomed Colette McLoughlin from Tusla to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Pauline Davy, Cllr. Josepha Madigan and Derek Elders. It was noted that Rebekka Fozzard has resigned from the Committee

## **2. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> November meeting were circulated.  
There were no matters arising.  
Approval of Minutes proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by Kate Feeney.

## **3. Update on the SICAP Programme:**

Cormac Shaw referred to the two SICAP reports circulated in advance. The first was the SICAP End of Year Report for 2015 and the second was the SICAP Annual Plan for 2016. Cormac Shaw gave a presentation on these reports with input from his colleagues, Lorraine Stewart, Sandra Campbell and Finn McGuirk. It was noted that the Partnership had achieved the two headline KPIs for 2015.

Colm Kinsella thanked the SICAP subcommittee for their work in reviewing both reports with Southside Partnership. He said that the sub-committee are recommending that the LCDC should approve both reports and confirm the funding for 2016. He said that the communities need to be informed of the work Southside Partnership is doing in relation to SICAP. It was agreed that an update would be given by the Partnership to the sub-committee on a quarterly basis. There was a discussion on the proposed reduction of 10% in the SICAP targets for 2016 in line with Department guidelines., The reduction will allow the Partnership to work more intensely with individuals and groups who need the support. The revised targets were agreed by the LCDC, as recommended by Kate Feeney and seconded by Peter O'Brien.

There was discussion about the SICAP target groups. Cllr. Peter O'Brien noted that older people (over 65s) were not listed as a target group. An action to write to the Department requesting a review of this situation was agreed and seconded by Kate Feeney.

#### **4. Update on LEADER Programme:**

David Lawless reported that the draft Local Development Strategy (LDS) for Dublin Reral LEADER programme 2014 – 2020 has been produced. Cormac Shaw has been working with the LEADER LAG subcommittee to finalise the LDS. He noted that consultants, Exodea Consulting, have been called in by Fingal CC to help complete the plan.

There were some complaints by LAG members regarding the date the draft LDS document was received, as it did not give much time to review and give feedback. Numbers on the LAG from other LCDCs have been reduced as follows: Fingal from 19 to 9 and South Dublin from 5 to 4, DLR will remain the same, 3 members. Glencullen and Tribadden are the LEADER areas for DLR.

There was also an issue raised about emails relating to the previous LEADER programme being circulated to LAG members. Dearbhla Lawson requested that such issues should be referred to David Lawless.

#### **5. Update on development of the L.E.C.P. process:**

Dearbhla Lawson gave an update on the development of the Local Economic Community Plan 2016-2021 (LECP). She noted that the LECP was adopted at the DLR Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December. The design of the LECP document is being finalised and a launch date to be advised.

There are 8 high level goals, 21 Objectives and 156 actions in the Plan. This plan will be circulated to all DLRCC departments. The next step is for organisations to look at the actions that they are leading out on and focus on the LECP implementation plan. Members were requested to complete the information regarding contact details for the key people who will be driving the actions. This information will be required within the next couple of weeks.

David Lawless said he will send a soft copy of the draft implementation plan to the relevant organisations and stressed the importance of getting the contact details of the person driving each of the actions in the LECP.

It was agreed that having a lead agency in place would ensure better chance of implementation of the plan. Tom Kivlehan asked about the reporting mechanism being on an annual basis and would prefer to see an update every quarter. Dearbhla Lawson said that reviews will be on a quarterly basis, with the contact person giving feedback.

## **6. LCDC Annual Report 2015:**

Dave Lawless gave an overview on progress with the production of the draft LCDC Annual Report for 2015. He said that it had been a really productive year for the LCDC and stressed the importance of partnership and inter-agency collaboration and the support of the SICAP subcommittee.

Cormac Shaw said that the LCDC members had worked hard in 2015, with the approval of the SICAP contract, the DLR Social Inclusion Profile launched, the LECP approved and Rural Leader programme strategy on-going. The PPN got off to a great start with a willing Interim Steering Committee and great representation on the LCDC, SPCs and JPC. He echoed what Colm Kinsella said, in that there is a need to do a PR exercise to make people and groups in DLR aware of the important work that is being done by the committee.

Tom Kivlehan said that the rest of the country is more aware of LCDC and LEADER activities than in the Dublin areas because of the high listenership to local community radio in these areas. He claimed that national radio was more popular with Dublin listeners. Eibhlin Curley suggested an article in the DLR Times to promote LCDC.

Dearbhla said any suggested amendments to the draft report should be sent to Dave by 3<sup>rd</sup> March, The adoption of the LCDC Annual Report 2015 was proposed by Tom Kivlehan and seconded by Cormac Shaw.

## **7. DLR Public Participation Network:**

It was noted that the DLR PPN is now well established with good success so far. Kay Gleeson said there have been lots of meetings and good groundwork done for the future, with great support from DLRCoCo and Southside Partnership in place. A Memorandum of Understanding setting out a protocol between the PPN and DLRCoCo has been agreed which clears the way for a full time PPN resource worker to be recruited in the coming months.

Tom Kivlehan spoke about the experience of PPN reps on SPCs. He noted that a number of PPN members have complained about some of the meetings being too formal and that some members are not feeling part of the process. It was agreed that there is a gap here and an assessment of the matter needs to be done, perhaps with a contribution from outside. Dearbhla Lawson confirmed that she would look at potential to use less formal meeting rooms for the Community SPC for future meetings, and suggested that training for PPN members serving on SPCs could be provided if there was a specific need identified.

On behalf of the LCDC, Cormac Shaw formally thanked the members of the PPN Interim Steering Committee who had served for the past year in a voluntary capacity, for all that had been achieved in that time.

It was noted that the next PPN Plenary meeting will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March in The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.

## **8. Dates for LCDC Meetings 2016**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

(Dates not confirmed yet, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November)

**9. A.O.B.**

Attendance at meetings:

It was agreed that where a member is not able to attend a meeting, a substitute may not attend in his/her place.

***Next Meeting:***

***Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 8.30am in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council***