

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday

10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 8.30am

The Annex, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire

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

### Welcome and Introductions

Dearbhla Lawson opened the meeting and welcomed members to the first LCDC of the new Council term. The appointment by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at their Annual meeting held on 7 June 2019 of Councillors Kazi Ahmed, Kate Feeney, Daniel Dunne and Lettie McCarthy to be Members of the Local Community Development Committee was welcomed. The Chairperson also welcomed Roisin Cronin to represent the Head of the Local Enterprise Office.

The chief officer noted that the meeting was quorate and recorded apologies for 4 members.

### Minutes and Matters Arising

Two clarifications to the minutes of previous meeting:

1. To replace the following "Tusla clarified that it had no current plans" with the following "Tusla is currently engaging with a range of Stakeholders and is planning service delivery in this area".
2. With regard to the interagency meeting which was scheduled for the end of May - FREEDA has ceased and is no longer in operation .

Future updates were discussed, and it was agreed to contact Southside Traveller Action Group (STAG) to request a presentation at a future LCDC meeting to hear about their work, particularly in relation to young people of the Traveller community and education.

The amended minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 were proposed by Tom Kivlehan, seconded by Kay Gleeson and agreed.

### **Governance, Nominations & Replacements (if any):**

The Chief Officer noted that a report had been submitted to the County Council's Corporate Policy Group on the recommendation from the LCDC for two nominees to represent the *Other community or civic interest* on the LCDC. Following this, a report on the list of recommended nominees will be submitted to the County Council meeting in September for resolution.

Also, under a review of nominations with nominating bodies, the following members have been re-ratified as members to serve for a second term, subject to a maximum term of 6 consecutive years on LCDC.

1. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber confirmed on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 that it has re-nominated Dr. Josephine Browne to the LCDC.
2. DLR PPN confirmed on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 that Kay Gleeson and Tom Kivlehan have been re-elected by the PPN as DLR PPN representatives on the LCDC.

The LCDC Chairperson and committee welcomed the re-nominations.

The Chief Officer thanked all members of LCDC sub-groups for their attendance at sub-group meetings and support since the last LCDC meeting in April.

### **SICAP Update**

Cormac Shaw provided an overview of the SICAP Programme 2018-2022 and its goals and actions, for the benefit of the new members of the LCDC. He outlined that the programme provides supports to target groups to enable engagement with mainstream services. The programme works at an individual level to empower people to achieve their own goals and it also works with community groups to develop and build capacity and autonomy.

Cormac Shaw then outlined the DLR SICAP mid-year performance review in terms of both the financial and non-financial reporting requirements. The period under review is the first 5 months of the year, January to May 2019. The mid-

year numbers are on target for both KPI's and, in relation to financial expenditure.

There was discussion regarding access and referrals to the programme and Cormac Shaw explained the work of the programme and its links with the Local Employment Services, the Family Resource Centres and other community-based organisations that provide referrals to the SICAP programme. Lorna Kerin noted that TUSLA was developing a risk-register throughout the county and families could be referred to TUSLA for support if required.

**Action:** Sharon Perry (SWAN) suggested that one of the LCDC Workshop discussion topics could be: Supporting families in areas of disadvantage or experiencing disadvantage and building awareness of supports and services available in the DLR area.

### **SICAP Mid-year Performance Review**

Cormac Shaw absented himself from the meeting to allow a discussion and consideration of the SICAP mid-year performance review.

Mary Ruane presented the mid-year report from the LCDC SICAP sub-group held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 and outlined the process carried out. Four members of the Sub Group and 1 staff member from the LCDC Team met with the Programme Implementation Team and CEO and considered the Lot Summary Report and Financial Report in detail. The Sub Group also considered Pobal's parallel review of the information provided by the programme implementor in relation to the KPI's and the financial aspects of the programme. The Sub Group was satisfied that the performance was in line with expectations and did not foresee any difficulties arising as the year progressed. No issues of concern in relation to the annual targets or the financial management of the programme were noted.

The Sub Group had again expressed concern that there had been no increase in the general administration costs for the SICAP programme and it was agreed to recommend to the LCDC to raise this concern in the report back to POBAL.

Following the discussion, it was proposed by Tom Kivlehan and seconded by Siobhan Fitzpatrick and agreed by the LCDC to approve the DLR SICAP mid-year review and to report the issue noted to POBAL.

Following this, Cormac Shaw re-joined the meeting.

## **Grant Schemes**

### **Community Enhancement Programme Grants 2019**

This grants scheme is administered by the LCDC on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development. A report on recommendations by the CEP Subgroup of the LCDC was introduced by Dearbhla Lawson and commenced with clarifications regarding the CEP grant scheme. Cllr McCarthy queried if the funds could be used for community activation programmes and it was explained that it was a capital programme only. Tom Kivlehan noted the positive aspects of the scheme in supporting the facilities in the community that are used for community engagement. In discussing the general issue of energy upgrades, Cllr Daniel Dunne noted that there was an SEAI community Energy scheme and

it was agreed that this would be investigated and considered in terms of the grants being recommended.

**Action:** Eoin Kelly to investigate SEAI Community Energy Scheme

Cormac Shaw suggested that a similar information programme for the County Council Grants could be initiated to provide information to the community on this grant stream. The Chairperson confirmed that information would be made available on CEP and other LCDC grants as part of the Grants information sessions that would take place in the Autumn.

**Action:** Eoin Kelly to include information on CEP/ other relevant Grants as part of DLR Grants Roadshow.

The report outlined that 32 individual grants were being recommended by the CEP Sub Group, totalling €142,108 which is the full amount allocated by the Department of Rural and Community Development for the CEP scheme 2019 in the DLR area.

Lorna Kerin commended the transparency and the work done by the Community Department Staff in preparing applications for consideration by the sub-group.

The Chief Officer called for any declarations of conflict of interest and proposed to take separate votes where there was a conflict of interest declared on these grants. LCDC members with conflicts of interest excused themselves for the consideration and vote on the following sub-group recommendations.

Sharon Perry declared an interest in grant number 14 and excused herself from the meeting.

Grant number 14 was considered. Grant award for grant number 14 was proposed by Michael O'Brien, seconded by Tom Kivlehan and approved for payment. The written approval of Dr. Josephine Browne for all the recommendations in the report was included in recording the vote at the meeting.

Following which, Sharon Perry re-joined the meeting.

Cormac Shaw declared an interest in grants numbered 25, 26 and 29.

Grants numbered 25, 26 and 29 were considered. Grant awards for grants numbered 25, 26 and 29 were proposed by Michael O'Brien, seconded by Tom Kivlehan and approved for payment. The written approval of Dr. Josephine Browne for all the recommendations in the report was included in recording the vote at the meeting.

Following which, Cormac Shaw re-joined the meeting.

The 28 remaining grants were proposed by Cllr Daniel Dunne and seconded by Tom Kivlehan and approved for payment. The written approval of Dr. Josephine Browne for all the recommendations in the report was included in recording the vote at the meeting.

**Men's Shed Grant 2019**

A brief report outlining this grant scheme for 2019 from the Department of Rural and Community Development was presented to the committee. The total funding allocated to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC for this scheme is €11,780 and the closing date for applications from eligible Men's and Women's Sheds is the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. Grant recommendations will be brought to the next LCD meeting for consideration and approval.

### **National Community Weekend – The Big Hello – 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The National Community Weekend- The Big Hello- was administered by the LCDC on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development. A final report on this very successful scheme for 2019 was presented to the committee. It was agreed that this was a very good example of a small amount of funding making a very big impact in the community. County Council support for 'Street Feast 2019' was also noted.

### **Healthy Ireland Update**

Mary Ruane presented the Healthy Ireland Round 2 final action report to the committee. The report outlined that the total budget for the joint LCDC/CYPSC application for 12 actions was €122,953. The success of the programme is evidenced in the broad range of target groups impacted by the actions. It was noted that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's membership of the Healthy City and Counties network was expected to be confirmed shortly. Copies of the Healthy Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Plan 2019-2022 launched on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Marlay Park were circulated to the LCDC.

An information report on Round 3 of Healthy Ireland, which is now a two-year programme from 2019 to 2021, was also presented. It was noted that a joint application between the LCDC and CYPSC would be prepared. Expressions of interest for actions under Round 3 will be sought and considered by the Steering Group and recommendations will be brought to the next LCDC meeting for consideration for approval.

### **PPN Update – Circulated for comment prior to meeting**

A written update circulated at the meeting was presented by Sharon Perry and discussed.

**Action:** Eoin Kelly and Kay Gleeson agreed to prepare a short headline report on each LCDC meeting for the PPN.

### **Leader & Rural Task Force Update**

Mary Ruane noted that the Rural Task Force held a meeting in May and the next meeting is scheduled for October. It was noted that the Chief Executive of the LEADER programme is available to meet with relevant groups/County Council staff to discuss the application procedure and applications process and this meeting is being arranged. LEADER staff are available to meet on a one to one

basis in relation to expressions of interest/applications. It was noted that there was a lack of incubator space for businesses at start up stage in the LEADER area. Roisin Cronin noted that this is an area that LEO would be interested in getting involved.

**Action:** Schedule meeting for RC and relevant County Council staff to meet with LEADER Chief Executive.

Cormac Shaw noted that there is a DLR LCDC vacancy on the LAG to replace Councillor Peter O'Brien who is no longer on the LCDC and a communication from Fingal County Council's Chief Officer is expected seeking a nomination for that group.

### LECP Updates

It was noted that the LECP mid-year progress report would be prepared for consideration at the LCDC meeting in September.

### Future Updates

It was agreed to invite Southside Traveller Action Group (STAG) to hear about their work keeping young people of the Traveller community in education. A second priority area for the future update is Philanthropy in the County, and Cormac Shaw is to prepare a presentation on this topic for a future meeting.

**Action** – Agree a date with STAG to present at a future LCDC meeting.

**Action** - Cormac Shaw to prepare presentation on philanthropy for the October LCDC meeting.

### Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

**Action:** Eoin Kelly to consult committee to schedule a workshop in October.

### AOB

None

Signed: 

Print Name: D. LAWSON

Chairperson

Signed: 

Print Name: Mary Ruane

Chief Officer