

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

10th March, 2021 at 8.30am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present	Organisation
Cllr Kate Feeney (Chairperson)	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kazi Ahmed	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
Roisin Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Mary Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership DLR
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Darren Chambers	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Joan Casey	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Mark Fox	Environmental Pillar/PPN
Maria Culbert	DDLETB
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Sharon Perry	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Professor Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
Apologies	Organisation
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Lorna Kerin	Tusla (in advisory role)
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
In Attendance	Organisation
Maria Kelly	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Claire Carroll	DLR Volunteer Centre

Welcome and Introductions-Nominations & Replacements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted, and the meeting was quorate.

The Chair introduced the following two new members to the committee:

Mary Fitzpatrick, HSE to replace Siobhan Fitzpatrick.

Maria Culbert, DDLETB to replace Derek Elders.

Mary Ruane noted both nominations were approved at the Council meeting on the 8th March 2021.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 27th January 2021 were proposed by Cllr. Kivlehan, seconded by Cllr. Ahmed, and agreed by the Committee.

Mary Ruane noted the following:

- The LCDC Annual Report 2020 was referred to the Council meeting held on the 8th March 2021 and it was noted by the Council.
- Mary Ruane advised that a request, endorsed by the LCDC, for the Local Authority to exercise discretion to grant emergency funding to applicants to address issues of food poverty under Round 2, Covid 19 Emergency Funding was referred to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department approved the discretion.

Presentation on the DLR Volunteer Centre

Claire Carroll, DLR Volunteer Centre gave a presentation on the DLR Volunteer Centre which included the following items:

- The role of the Volunteer Centre supporting people who wish to volunteer and organisations looking for volunteers.
- Volunteer Ireland and the National Strategy 2021 – 2025 which launched last year.
- Covid 19 and collaborating with DLRCC on the Community Call
- Claire's participation in the Community Response Forum.
- DLR Volunteer Corps
- New Projects such as Paper Chain and biodiversity initiatives.

Following the presentation there was a discussion, during which the members expressed their appreciation to Claire Carroll and the Volunteer Centre for their collaboration on the community call. Members also thanked the volunteers and thanked Claire for her presentation.

SICAP Update

Cormac Shaw noted the work of SICAP is ongoing online and gave a presentation on initiatives that Southside Partnership were currently involved in including:

- CV and interview skills workshops
- Online start your own business bootcamp

- Virtual International Women's Day event
- Easter flower arranging workshop online
- 'Meet the Team' Campaign to put a face to the partnership staff to help support people into employment.
- Holly House food project
- Personal Development Course online for women.

Following the presentation Cormac Shaw advised that the presentation would be circulated to the members.

Action: Presentation to be circulated to LCDC members

Grants Scheme update

Eoin Kelly presented a report on Round 2 of the Covid 19 Emergency Funding applications. Members with potential conflict of interest did not participate in discussion and decision-making.

Approval for funding of the Round 2 Covid 19 Emergency Fund Applications was proposed by Cllr. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Feeney and agreed by the Committee.

Cllr. Feeney thanked the team for the work in assessing the grants and the feedback.

Action: Groups to be notified of the decision on their applications

Presentation on the Work of LEO and the Economic Development Unit

Roisin Cronin gave a presentation on the work of the Local Economic Office and the Economic Development Unit which included the following items:

- Overview of work done in 2020
- Local Enterprise Supports
- Economic Development Supports
- Covid Response
- Public Realm Responses
- Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme
- Education and Skills Initiatives

Following the presentation there was a discussion during which Roisin responded to queries and members thanked Roisin for her presentation.

Healthy Ireland Update

Mary Ruane noted that expenditure report up to June 2021 has been submitted to Pobal and projections to the end of 2021 are being collated by the Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator, Eoin Kelly and Mary Ruane.

PPN Update

A report from the DLR PPN was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

Cormac Shaw noted that there is an online Plenary Meeting of the PPN scheduled for 30th March at 6pm and there will be a presentation on the new County Development Plan.

Leader & Rural Task Force Update

Mary Ruane noted the Rural Task Force meeting took place on the 2nd February, 2021. There was a presentation from the PPN on the preparation of a Wellbeing Statement and a presentation on the last LEADER programme and, also, on the Transition Programme. The next Rural Task Force meeting is on the 11th May 2021.

A Dublin Rural LEADER LAG meeting took place on the 3rd March 2021.

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Future Updates

Age Friendly Update- The Age Friendly Update on the agenda was noted

LCDC Training Requirements - Mary Ruane advised that the Department have indicated they will be consulting with the LCDC to assess training needs required for carrying out LECP review process, potentially through surveys and focus groups.

Crosscare - An update from Crosscare was suggested for a future update.

There was discussion on emerging needs coming out of the pandemic such as food and digital poverty and it agreed to add this to future updates programme.

AOB

Mary Ruane noted that a new Community Development Pilot Projects programme was launched by Department of Rural and Community Development with budget of a million euro in 2021 for up to eight pilot projects to trial community-led interventions that address poverty, social exclusion and inequality, and promote human rights.

Action: Departmental information regarding the Community Development Pilot Projects Programme to be circulated to LCDC members.

Bernie King gave an update on the DLR Community Grants Scheme and advised that round 2 will be open for applications on 15th March until 16th April and that there will be 2 online information sessions: 22nd March and 13th April.

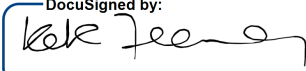
Therese Langan noted a report from the HSE on the impact of the cocooning measures on the back of Covid and its the negative impacts and advised she would circulate the report to LCDC members.

Action: HSE report to be circulated to LCDC members

Cormac Shaw noted the consultation for DLR Trees and Urban Forestry Strategy 2021-2031 and advised that the PPN are involved in creating a focus group. He also advised a focus group will be set up with young people from disadvantaged areas nominated by SSP and Crosscare.

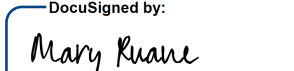
Date of the Next Meeting

Next meeting 19th May 2021.

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Chairperson

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Print Name: Mary Ruane

Chief Officer