

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 8.30am  
**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

Present	Organisation
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
Roisin Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Louise Kinlen	Southside Partnership
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Sharon Perry	Southside Women's Action Network
Joan Casey	Laurleen Rocwood Residents Assoc/PPN
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
Professor Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
Apologies	Organisation
Maria Culbert	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership Vice Chair
Darren Chambers	Ballinteer St Johns GAA/PPN
Mark Fox	An Taisce/PPN
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Mary Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
In Attendance	Organisation
Sharon Commins	Southside Partnership
Imelda Halton	Health Service Executive
Eoin Kelly	DLR CoCo
Barbara Henry	DLR CoCo
Ian Smalley	DLR CoCo
Siobhan Nic Gaothain	DLR CoCo

## **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 new member to the committee:

Sharon Commins, CEO Southside Partnership DLR CLG, to replace Louise Kinlen, interim nominee on LCDC for Southside Partnership.

Mary Ruane noted that the nomination was approved at the Council meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

## **Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were proposed by Cllr. Marie Baker, seconded by Cllr. Kate Feeney, and agreed by the Committee.

It was noted that all matters arising from the minutes were resolved.

## **Presentation on Active Cities Programme**

Shane McArdle, DLR Sports Partnership Co-ordinator gave a presentation on the DLR Sports Partnership and the Active Cities Programme.

Following the presentation there was a discussion, during which the members commended the work being done by the Sports Partnership and welcomed the Active Cities Programme. Imelda Halton, visitor from the HSE Community Healthcare East, added her congratulations and referred to the synergies with the Social Prescribing Programme funded by Healthy Ireland.

Shane McArdle offered to return to the LCDC in 6 to 12 months to update the committee on progress related to the Active Cities Programme.

The Chair thanked Shane for his presentation on behalf of the committee.

## **Presentation on the DLR Childcare Committee**

Michele Relihan, DLR County Childcare Committee gave a presentation on the structure and work of the DLR County Childcare Committee. Michele outlined the Main Object of the Childcare Committee is 'to support the development of quality, affordable, accessible and inclusive childcare and family friendly services for all children in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown'.

Following the presentation there was a discussion, during which Michele answered a number of questions from the members regarding sustainability, staff ratios and the national picture regarding early years childcare.

The Chair thanked Michele for her presentation on behalf of the committee.

## **Grants Scheme update**

### **CEP Grants Scheme 2021**

Eoin Kelly presented a report on the CEP programme for 2021. It was noted that the total fund for the DLR area was €142,108. In total 42 applications were received and assessed, with a meeting of the Grants Subgroup of the LCDC taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. The subgroup recommended funding 33 individual grant applications.

Approval for funding of the CEP Grants as recommended by the Subgroup was proposed by Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr. McCarthy and agreed by the Committee.

Cllr. Feeney thanked the team for the work in assessing the grants and providing recommendations for the LCDC.

Mary Ruane noted that no additional CEP grant funding is expected in 2021.

Two of the private LCDC members, SWAN and Southside Partnership DLR CLG, declared conflict of interest and did not take part in considering the grant applications which their organisations had submitted for consideration. Written agreement with the funding proposals was sought and received from two of the private members who gave apologies for the meeting to ensure that the funding decision was quorate. These were Gabby Mallon and Darren Chambers.

**Action: Groups to be notified of the decision on their applications, with advice to groups unsuccessful in their applications.**

### **Social Enterprise Grants Scheme 2021**

Mary Ruane advised the committee of a new grants scheme for 2021 aimed at capital projects for Social Enterprises. A total fund of €1 million nationally was announced by the Minister with an allocation of €29,265.94 for DLR. A webinar has been organised by the Department on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September to address queries in relation to this new scheme and will be attended by the LCDC support staff.

The committee was asked to consider two proposals for this grants scheme:

- 1) An upper limit of €10,000 per application with a higher limit considered in very exceptional circumstances
- 2) Closing date for applications in DLR of the 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

Approval for both proposals was proposed by Cllr. Feeney and seconded by Cllr. McCarthy and agreed by the Committee.

**Action: Circulate details of the scheme and application form to the Committee after the Department's webinar on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September**

## **SICAP Update**

### **SICAP Mid-Year Review**

Eoin Kelly presented an overview of the SICAP 2021 Mid-Year review process in DLR. This process looks at the SICAP programme implementation up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. An LCDC review of the data along with a POBAL parallel review and a meeting with the Southside Partnership staff all contribute to the review.

The meeting with the SSP staff and the LCDC SICAP Subgroup took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July where it was noted that the achievement of the KPI targets was in line with expectations. SSP requested that it be noted that while they were on target for achieving KPI 1 (engagement with Local Community Groups) they were concerned that with ongoing COVID restrictions they may not achieve the full year target.

Additionally, it was noted that the for KPI 1 the percentage of individuals from disadvantaged areas was 15.07% versus the target of 26%. This is a perennial issue in DLR due to the distributed nature of social housing provision in the county.

The LCDC SICAP Subgroup recommended approval of the mid-year review reports to the LCDC and this was proposed by Cllr. McCarthy and seconded by Stephen Fitzgerald and agreed by the Committee

### **SICAP Presentation**

Louise Kinlen and Sharon Commins gave a brief presentation on the SICAP programme covering the period since the mid-year review and focusing on the communications plan for the current year.

It was noted that while social media communication is very effective it is important to note that there is still a large cohort of the population who do not engage with social media. SSP committed to engaging with church groups for example to target people who may not engage with social media.

**Action: Presentation to be circulated to LCDC members**

### **SICAP Audit 2018**

It was noted that the DLR Internal Audit function has completed the audit of the 2018 SICAP programme and the final report has been agreed by the SICAP Sub Committee for approval by the LCDC.

Cllr. Feeney proposed and Cllr. McCarthy seconded and this was agreed by the Committee.

### **PPN Update**

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

Sharon Perry gave a verbal update on the work of the PPN noting that all PPN representative positions have been filled. The Community Wellbeing Project is the next priority of the PPN with a first consultation in a series of consultation events taking place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

### **LECP 2016 – 2021 Update**

It was noted that the Mid-year update report was circulated to the LCDC and that the content was very informative and engaging.

A thematic workshop is to be organised to discuss the mid-year report.

It was noted that the Departmental guidelines for preparing for the next iteration of the LECP are expected very shortly and will guide preparation on same.

**Action: Co-ordinate with LCDC, when Covid restrictions ease, to establish a suitable date for LCDC workshop, preferably in person in Q3 2021.**

**Leader & Rural Task Force Update**

Mary Ruane noted that the LEADER area for DLR has been increased, approximately doubling the size of the area that qualifies for LEADER supports in DLR.

**Action: circulate LEADER area expansion report to LCDC.**

Mary Ruane noted that there was a vacancy on the LAG filled on an interim basis by Louise Kinlen. The CEO of SSP formerly held the position and it is now proposed to nominate Sharon Commins, as the new CEO of SSP, to the LAG role.

This was proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Feeney and agreed by the committee.

**Action: M. Ruane to notify the Chief Officer, Fingal County Council of Sharon Commins’s appointment to the LAG.**

**Future Updates**

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

The Chair noted that time at meetings can be very constrained and decisions on future updates should be considered in the light of other business to be conducted at the meeting.

**AOB**

No AOB was noted.


**Date of the Next Meeting**

Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.

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Chairperson

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Chief Officer

