

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

30th March 2022 at 8.30am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present	Organisation
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Róisín Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Louise Keogh	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Sharon Commins	Southside Partnership
Sharon Perry	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Maria Culbert	Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board
Prof Joe McCarthy	University College Dublin
Aisling Heffernan	HSE
Apologies	Organisation
Joan Casey	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Darren Chambers	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Mark Fox	Environmental Pillar/PPN
In Attendance	Organisation
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Shahruz Mirmirani	DLRCC
Nic Gaoithin Siobhan	DLRCC

Introductions and welcome

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

Governance, Nominations and Replacements (if any)

None.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 23rd February 2022 were proposed by Cllr Marie Baker, seconded by Cllr Kate Feeney and agreed by the Committee.

Mary Ruane noted that a letter of thanks was issued to Ibrahim Al Kaddo. The LCDC Annual Report 2021 was noted at the March Council meeting and the Volunteer Centre confirmed the Paperchain Initiative wouldn't be continuing in 2022 due to resources.

Community Activity Fund 2021 Update

Mary Ruane and Eoin Kelly updated the members on the Community Activities Fund 2021.

Mary Ruane noted that applications are currently been assessed. Eoin Kelly noted that 82 completed applications were received.

A Grants Subgroup meeting will be scheduled for the end of April. The recommended applications will be brought to the May LCDC meeting for consideration for approval.

SICAP Update

Sharon Commins, CEO of Southside Partnership gave a presentation on the SICAP activities.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held. It was noted that referrals to health and wellbeing supports within SSP are being offered to support SICAP individuals and groups. The need for further training for IRIS system was also noted.

PPN Update

An activity report from the DLR PPN covering the period February 2022 was circulated prior to the meeting. Sharon Perry provided an update on the 3 main areas the PPN are working on at present:

- Organising two online workshops for April in relation to the Community Wellbeing Statement
- A call has been put out to PPN members in relation to Ukrainian response in the County
- Digital Skills Training which is organised for early April

Update on humanitarian response to Ukraine crisis

Therese Langan gave an update on the Council's humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis and the Community Response Forum meetings are taking place weekly. She noted that a governance framework is being established. Information has been shared on the website targeted at people who want to help displaced Ukrainians and information for Ukrainians on what supports are available. The Community Response Stakeholders Forum is re-established and is providing a co-ordinating role and identifying gaps and planning a response. Also putting a list together on emergency accommodation available. Ballyogan has been identified for emergency accommodation provision. Southside Partnership, supported by Community Development staff, are arranging needs assessments. Stephen Fitzgerald from Department of Social Protection (DSP) noted that 13,000 PPSN

numbers have been issued and there have been 3,000 applications for child benefit. He also noted that the DSP will be starting a systematic provision of employments supports from mid-April.

LECP Update

Mary Ruane noted that the DRCD commenced webinars for the LECP process. Webinar 1- Getting Started-took place on 24th March 2022. An LECP economic webinar is scheduled for 27th April and a presentation on Community and Climate Change at the end of May.

Leader & Rural Taskforce Update

Mary Ruane gave a brief overview of the update report circulated on the LEADER programme.

She noted that the Rural Task Force meeting took place on 22nd March 2022.

Mary noted that the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022 is due to open early April 2022 and close June 2022. She also noted other government funding schemes that are due to open in the coming months.

Future Updates

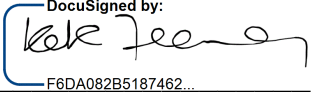
Query raised by Cllr Feeney on whether a decision had been received on the funding application to fund Africa day. Siobhan Nic Gaoithin advised that no decision had been received yet from the DRCD.

AOB

Mary Ruane advised that the Minister of State Joe O'Brien launched the Volunteer Ireland nomination web portal on 29th March. The portal is accepting nominations from relevant organisations of volunteers who have made a contribution to their community during the pandemic. He is urging local authorities, PPNs, volunteer involving organisations and volunteer centres to visit the portal before closing date of the 13th April to nominate a volunteer. Mary asked the committee to spread the word to the groups in the community to let them know the portal is open and is accepting applications for volunteer recognition initiative

Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 11th May 2022, 8.30am online

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Chairperson

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Print Name: Mary Ruane

Chief Officer