

Minutes of Meeting: Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Louth Local Action Group (LAG)

Date: 21st March, 2022 at 4.00pm

Location: Via Video Conference

- In attendance:** Ms. Joan Martin Chairperson, C.E. of LCC
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Cllr. Eileen Tully
Cllr. Kevin Meenan
Cllr. Dolores Minogue
Mr. Thomas McEvoy, LEO
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Alison Quail, PPN
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Mr. Steven Rice, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLP
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Joanne Finnegan, PPN
Mr. Sean Farrell, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
- Officials:** Mr. Paddy Donnelly, Chief Officer
Mr. John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer LCC
Ms. Mary Capplis, Administrative Officer LCC
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC
Mr. Eamonn Redmond, Staff Officer LCC
- Apologies** Mr. John Carroll, IFA
Ms. Anne Keeley DEASP
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O' Neill, LLP
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LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 11/2022

1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 21st February 2022:

On the proposal of Cllr Kevin Meenan, seconded by Ms. Allison Quail and unanimously agreed by the members the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 2022 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 12/2022

2. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 13/2022

3. Social Inclusion and Community Development:

SICAP Qtr. 2 - April Payment 2022

Members were advised that the SICAP 2022 Quarter 2 payment (January-March) is now due for payment in the amount of €375,459.50

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 2 2022 payment in the amount of €375,459.50

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy, SICAP 2022 Quarter 2 payment of €375,459.50 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 14/2022

4. PEACE IV

Ms Joan Martin advised the committee about the new PEACE PLUS programme and referred to the briefing paper previously circulated.

- PEACE Plus will be an amalgamation of PEACE IV and Interreg
- We will be required to commence call out for development of a Louth PEACE PLUS co-design Action Plan, with a consultant on board. This is anticipated to begin in June with a 3-6 month timeframe.
- We are now required to set up a PEACE PLUS Partnership Committee to oversee Louth PEACE PLUS Programme.
- Approval is now being sought to commence the process, as outlined in the briefing document, of creating a new PEACE PLUS partnership before the next LCDC meeting on 25th April 2022. The proposed membership falls into four pillars, including elected members, relevant statutory bodies, social partners/civic society and PEACE PLUS target groups/under-represented groups. The partnership aims to include:
 - Membership to be nominated by the PPN
 - The partnership will include two elected members from the three municipal areas

- Public Sector membership should involve Gardaí, Children & Young People, Social Welfare and LMTEB
- The membership should represent the entire county
- A larger membership from previous PEACE partnerships should be sought.

Ms Carol Murphy raised the issue of there being no PPN Officer currently. Mr Paddy Doherty stated a solution is being worked on. Ms Joan Martin said that supports would be put in place.

Recommendation: The approve to start the process of form a new PEACE Plus partnership before the next LCDC meeting on 25th April 2022

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, seconded by Carol Murphy the process of forming a new PEACE Plus partnership before the next LCDC meeting on 25th April 2022 was approved

LCDC Minute No. 15/2022

5. LCDC Correspondence

- a) Mr. John Lawrence asked that any members who have not returned a completed Code of compliance do so, to Mr. Eamonn Redmond
- b) Mr. John Lawrence gave details of the Community Enhance Activity Fund which closed on 25th February 2022:
 - 86 Applicants
 - €860,721 funding sought
 - €291.084 fund

LCDC Minute No. 16/2022

6. AOB

Ms. Joan Martin, Chairperson, informed members the next meeting of the LCDC will take place on Monday 25th April, 2022 at 4.00pm.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

LAG MATTERS

LAG Minute No. 26/2022

1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 21st February 2022

On the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Meenan, seconded by Ms. Alison Quail and unanimously agreed by the members the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February, 2022, were adopted.

LAG Minute No. 27/2022

2. Matters Arising:

There were no LAG matters arising.

LAG Minute No. 28/2022

3. LEADER Monthly Financial Reports:

Mr. John Lawrence advised that the two number financial reports, circulated to members detailed financial information up to 16th March, 2022.

Mr. John Lawrence referred to financial reports numbers 1 and 2, both reports were raised on the LCC accounting system detailing payments issued under the administration job code and the projects job code.

Recommendation: Approval of financial reports numbers 1 and 2

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy, financial reports 1 and 2 were approved.

LAG Minute No. 29/2022

4. Administration Report:

a) Mr. John Lawrence referred members to financial report number 3 which provides details of the named administration costs incurred by LLP for the month of February, 2022 in the amount of €27,275.14

Recommendation: Approval of financial report number 3 with an expenditure of €27,275.14 for the month of February, 2022.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy financial report no. 3 with an expenditure of €27,275.14 for the month of February, 2022, was approved.

- b) Mr. John Lawrence referred members to financial report number 4 which provides details of the Quarter 2 payment (April-June 2022) in the amount of €97,100.00.

Recommendation: Approval of financial report number 4 with an expenditure of €97,100.00 for Quarter 2 (April-June 2022).

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy financial report number 4 with an expenditure of €97,100.00 for Quarter 2 (April-June 2022) was approved

LAG Minute No. 30/2022

5. LEADER Monthly Project Updates:

Ms. Mary O'Neill informed members present that Financial Reports no. 5 is generated by Louth Leader Partnership.

a) Report 5 provides a breakdown of progress under each of the Local Objectives of the LDS with a further breakdown per sub theme and local objective as at 15th March, 2022. This report details the Transitional Programme Allocations plus any de-commitments and the balance of Grant Aid as per each Local Objective.

Report number 5 is for information purposes only.

LAG Minute No. 31/2022

6. LEADER Annual Progress 2021 & Implementation Plan 2022

Mr. John Lawrence advised members that the LAG are obliged to submit each year a progress report for the previous year and an implementation plan for the next year. This document will give the LAG an opportunity to assist in monitoring progress during the year.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Alison Quail, seconded by Ms. Bernardine Quinn the LEADER Annual Progress Report 2021 & Implementation Plan 2022 was approved

LAG Minute No. 32/2022

7. EOI's Rolling and Targeted:

Members were advised that of the 5 EOI's received during the month of January, 2022 4 were considered eligible in principle. EOI ref: 117327 was considered ineligible, as per OR: 6.4.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bernardine Quinn, seconded by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott, EOI Ref: 117327 was deemed ineligible.

LAG Minute No. 33/2022

8. Notes requiring LAG approval:

Ms. Mary O'Neill referred to the notes requiring LAG approval, which listed 10 projects that required among other things proposed project extensions as per Operating Rules 8.4, de-commitment of funding and re-allocation of funding.

- a) Project De-commitments:** following completion of projects any under spend must be approved by the LAG. The following project has under spent:

Project Ref: 21LDRLOU114999 – Project de-commitment, due to under spend due to scaled down awards ceremony because of COVID-19 restrictions, in the amount of €887.87

b) Project Extensions:

Project Ref	Original Completion Date	Current Completion Date	Requested Completion Date
21LDRLOU109560	31/12/2020	31/03/2022	31/05/2022
21LDRLOU110396	31/12/2020	31/03/2022	30/09/2022
21LDRLOU110389	30/06/2021	31/03/2022	30/06/2022
21LDRLOU113925	30/06/2021	31/03/2022	30/04/2022
21LDRLOU114317	30/06/2021	31/03/2022	31/05/2022
21LDRLOU115165	31/03/2022	31/03/2022	30/09/2022
21LDRLOU116049	31/03/2022	31/03/2022	30/11/2022
21LDRLOU110690	31/12/2022	31/12/2022	30/09/2023
21LDRLOU112977	31/12/2022	31/12/2022	30/09/2023

Mr. John Lawrence advised that whilst the Notes to the LAG required approval by the members that these projects must still undergo Article 48 checks.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott, seconded by Mr. Sean Farrell, the LAG notes for these projects were approved.

LAG Minute No. 34/2022

9. Next Meeting:

Ms. Joan Martin, Chairperson, informed members the next meeting of the LAG will take place on Monday 25th April, 2022, following the LCDC meeting.

The business of the LAG meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on: 25th April 2022

Chairperson:


