

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

Date: 20th March 2023 at 4.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk

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

LCDC Minute No. 14/2023

1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 20th February 2023:

On the proposal of Ms. Alison Quail, seconded by Cllr. Liam Reilly and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th February 2023, were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 15/2023

2. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

LCDC Minute No. 16/2023

3. Community Support Fund (under the Community Enhancement Programme)

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised members of the confidential nature of the CSF applications. Members were provided with a full list of all the applications showing those which were being recommended and not recommended for funding.

Members were presented with the Community Support Fund (under the Community Enhancement Programme) report by Mr. Finbar Gethins. Members noted the rationale used for allocation of the fund.

The table below sets out a summary of how the total fund of €323,952 was allocated throughout the county:

Summary - Community Support Fund - Total Budget €323,952											
Area	No. Of apps received	Funding requested	Not considering	Funding requested - Non pay costs	Funding requested - Capital	No. of apps under €1,000	No. of apps over €1,000	No. Of apps recommended for funding	Funding Recommended - Non pay cost	Funding Recommended - Capital	Total funding recommended
Dundalk	69	€731,965.70	11	€179,549.21	€552,416.49	14	55	58	€69,811.00	€73,956.00	€143,767.00
Drogheda	44	€455,037.00	7	€153,220.45	€297,045.72	8	37	37	€50,137.00	€60,453.00	€110,590.00
Ardee	25	€242,404.14	2	€43,305.96	€199,098.18	4	22	21	€17,722.00	€ 48,633.00	€66,355.00
Not applicable	3	5470	3	€1,250.00	4,220.00	1	1				
TOTALS	141	€1,434,876.84	23	€377,325.62	€1,052,780.39	27	115	116	€137,670.00	€183,042.00	€320,712.00
									Womens Shed Funding	€	3,240.00
									Total Funding		€323,952.00

Conflicts of Interest: Ms. Bernardine Quinn - Application Ref CSF2022-006
 Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott - App Ref No. CAF2022-047
 Ms Carol Murphy – Ref CSF2022-010

Recommendation: To approve the allocation of the Community Support Fund (under the Community Enhancement Programme), to the groups proposed in the circulated report contained in each members meeting pack, in the amount of €323,952.00.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Dolores Minogue and seconded by Mr. Ciaran Reid the allocation of the Community Support Fund (under the Community Enhancement Programme), to the groups proposed in the circulated report contained in each members meeting pack, in the amount of €323,952 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 17/2023

4. Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making:

Mr. Finbar Gethins informed the members that there is a workshop open to members focusing on inclusive community engagement in planning and decision-making processes. The workshop will be held in Navan 5th April 2023. Members are encouraged to attend. An information email will be circulated to the members later in the week.

LCDC Minute No. 18/2023

5. Social Inclusion:

a) SICAP Qtr. 2 – April-June Payment 2022

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr2. 2023 payment (April-June) is now due for payment in the amount of €386,723.25.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 2 2023 payment (April-June) in the amount of €386,723.25.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bernardine Quinn, seconded by Cllr Liam Reilly, the SICAP Qtr. 2, 2023 payment of €386,723.25 was approved.

b) SICAP Qtr 2 2023 – Ukraine Support Payment:

The members were advised that the SICAP Qtr2 2023 Ukraine Support payment in the amount of €51,728.25 was now due.

Recommendation: To issue payment for SICAP Qtr.2 Ukraine Support payment in the amount of €51,728.25.

Decision: On the proposal Ms. Bernardine Quinn, seconded by Cllr Liam Reilly, payment of funding for SICAP Qtr.2 2023 Ukraine Support in the amount of €51,728.25 was approved.

c) SICAP – Budget Allocations for SICAP 2023 Programme:

The members were advised that the SICAP Budget has been adjusted for the 2023 SICAP Programme, which now totals €1,902,629.00. A number of changes to the budget allocation are proposed as follows:

Recommendation:

- a) Staffing:** Due to service demand it is necessary to increase the Ukrainian Integration Co-ordinator post from 28 hours to a full time position to the end of 2023. The cost will be €10,000.00 for 2023

b) Programme Allocations: Increase programme funding for Goal 1 (Supporting communities) and Goal 2 (Supporting in Individuals) by €40,155.00

c) Administration: Due to increased energy costs and office fit out it is proposed by €15,000.00.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bernardine Quinn, seconded by Cllr. Liam Reilly, the recommendations on Staffing, Programme Allocations and Administration, as set out above, were approved.

LCDC Minute No. 19/2023

6. Extension of Louth Meath Joint Migrant Strategy:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the meeting that due to Covid full implementation of the Louth/Meath Joint Migrant Integration Strategy was delayed. At the recent meeting of the Louth/Meath Joint Migrant Forum it was proposed the LCDC approve the extension of the Joint Migration Strategy for 12 months to the end of 2023.

Recommendation: Extension of the Louth/Meath Joint Migration Strategy for 12 months to the end of 2023. The delay of the full implementation of the strategy was due to Covid.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Mr. Ciaran Reid, The extension of the Louth/Meath Joint Migration Strategy for 12 months to the end of 2023 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 20/2023

7. Peace IV and PEACEPLUS:

Ms. Joan Martin, Chairperson, advised the members that following the PEACEPLUS public consultation the consultants and PEACE Office were now collating the 800+ ideas that came from the process. The next meeting of the partnership has been postponed until after this.

LCDC Minute No. 21/2023

8. LECP approval of High Level Goals

Following a joint meeting of the LCDC and The Economic SPC where KPMG gave a presentation of the High Level Goals for the next LECP and how they were identified, the LCDC were asked to approve the LECP High Level goals.

Recommendation: To approve the LECP High Level goals.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Eileen Tully, seconded by Cllr Liam Reilly, the LECP High Level goals were approved.

LCDC Minute No. 22/2023

9. Date of Next LCDC Meeting:

Ms. Joan Martin, Chairperson, informed members that the next LCDC meeting will take place Monday 17th April, 2023 at 4.00pm. This meeting will be held online via Zoom.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

17th April 2023

Chairperson:

Joan

