

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

Date: 20th February 2023 at 4.00pm

Location: Via Video Conference

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

LCDC Minute No. 06/2023

1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 16th January 2023:

On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Ms. Alison Quail and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2023, were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 07/2023

2. Matters Arising:

Compliance with Code of Conduct 2023

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that the Code of Conduct for Members of LCDC and the Code of Conduct Compliance form had been distributed to the members with their meeting packs. Members are requested to return completed and signed copies of the Code of Conduct Compliance form to Mr. Eamonn Redmond as soon as possible.

Update on EOI (LEADER)

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the meeting that the Louth LCDC's E.O.I. was accepted by the Department of Community and Rural Affairs. Louth County Council have been awarded €50,000 to devise a Local Development Strategy by July 31st 2023. However, guidelines from the DRCD have yet to be issued.

LCDC Minute No. 08/2023

3. County Louth Volunteering Framework Extension:

Following a presentation outlining the County Louth Volunteering Framework, Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan sought the extension County Louth Volunteering Framework to 2024 following delays due to Covid-19.

Recommendation: Approval of the extension of The County Louth Volunteering Framework

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Eileen Tully, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy, the extension of the County Louth Volunteering Framework to 2024 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 09/2023

4. LCDC Annual Report 2022:

Mr. Finbar Gethins confirmed that the Draft LCDC Annual Report 2022 was distributed to all members with their meeting packs and enquired if there were any amendments they proposed to make to the LCDC Annual Report 2022.

Decision: On the proposal of Mr. Ciaran Reid, seconded by Cllr. Liam Reilly the LCDC Annual Report 2021 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 10/2023

5. Social Inclusion:

a) SICAP End of Year Review 2022

Ms. Miriam Roe advised that the SICAP/Social Inclusion subgroup carried out a review (on behalf of the LCDC) which was submitted to Pobal, who in turn carried out their own High Level Review. At their meeting on Thursday 16th February the sub group discussed Pobal's findings. The following items were noted:

- Action Costs Spend are within the parameters set in the programme requirements.
- The LDC has achieved both KPIs by 113% for KPI 1 and 119% for KPI 2.
- The Administration Spend is within the required thresholds, therefore no remedies apply.
- The total eligible carryover for SICAP is €76,686.98 which will be added to the budget to be spent by the LDC in 2023. There was also an expected under spend in the Ukraine Allocation which will be carried forward in the amount of €72,136.56.
- Louth's collaborative response supporting the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis was the case study for 2022 which was extremely comprehensive and well presented.

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid.

Recommendation: Based on the level of information provided in the 2022 End of Year report, the SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub Group recommends that the SICAP 2022 Annual Performance Review be approved.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, the SICAP Annual Progress Report 2022 was approved.

b) SICAP Annual Plan 2023:

The Draft Plan was previously circulated and approved in principle by the LCDC. The SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub Group carried out a review of the Draft Plan which was then submitted to Pobal. They, in turn, carried out a parallel "high level" review and returned their report which was considered by the sub group at their meeting on Thursday. All of the actions are comprehensively described in substantial detail, providing the rationale, how it will be implemented with expected outcomes. All of the actions are a continuation of and build on those delivered in 2022. The Target Group is Socially Excluded Vulnerable Older People which remains a priority for 2023. No financial issues were identified.

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid.

Recommendation: Following a satisfactory review of the SICAP Annual Plan, 2023, the SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub Group recommended approval of the 2023 SICAP Annual Plan.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Eileen Tully, seconded by Alison Quail, the SICAP Annual Plan 2023 was approved.

Ms. Joan Martin, was joined by the members in thanking the SICAP Team in Louth Local Development for their continued commitment in dealing with the challenges posed in the delivery of the SICAP Programme in Louth.

c) SICAP Qtr. 1 - March Payment 2023

Members were advised that following the approval of the 2022 End of Year Review that the LCDC could now issue the final months payment for SICAP Qtr. 1, 2023, in the amount of €128,907.75.

Recommendation: The SICAP Subgroup recommend payment of the final month of the SICAP Qtr. 1 2023 (March) funding in the amount of €128,907.75.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bernadine Quinn, seconded by Ms. Joanne Finnegan, month 3 of the SICAP Qtr. 1 payment 2023 (March) in the amount of €128,907.75 was approved.

6. LECP Update

Ms. Sinead McVerry update the meeting advising the members the results from the review of the last LECP were collated and were with the consultants.

The LECP steering committee will meet on the 6th March 2023, to discuss and finalise the high level goals. KPMG will provide the Socioeconomic Statement to the SCOT analysis at this stage.

A joint meeting of the Economic SPC and the LCDC will be held on the 20th March 2023, where both parties will discuss the high level goals and adopt them. A Public Consultation on the LECP goals will then follow.

LCDC Minute No. 11/2023

7. Peace IV and PEACEPLUS:

There were no updates for the meeting.

LCDC Minute No. 12/2023

8. LCDC Correspondence:

a) Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making.

Mr Finbar Gethins advised the meeting that the document Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making will be distributed during the week to all members for discussion at the March meeting.

b) Update Community Support Fund 2022

Mr Finbar Gethins gave details of the Community Enhance Activity Fund which closed on 6th February 2023.

- Total number of application 142
- Total Fund: €323,952
- Total amount applied for : €1,431,897

LCDC Minute No. 13/2023

9. Date of Next LCDC Meeting:

Ms. Joan Martin, Chairperson, informed members that the next LCDC meeting will take place Monday 20th March, 2023 at the earlier time of 3.00pm. This meeting will be held in person in County Hall.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

20/3/2023.

Chairperson:



