

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

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 4.00pm

Location: Via Zoom

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- In attendance:** Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, PPN  
Cllr. Liam Reilly  
Cllr. Kevin Meenan  
Cllr. Eileen Tully  
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB  
Ms. Joan Martin, C.E. of LCC  
Ms. Niamh Dennehy, LEO  
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN  
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN  
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN  
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre  
Ms. Una McGoey, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk  
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
- 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:** Cllr. Dolores Minogue  
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP  
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE  
Ms. Lisa Doyle, PPN  
Mr. Steven Rice, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda  
Mr. John Carroll, IFA
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O' Neill, LLD  
Mr. Liam Mannix, KPMG  
Mr. Niall Conway, KPMG
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### LCDC MATTERS

#### LCDC Minute No. 55/2023

##### 1. Selection of new Chairperson

Ms. Joan Martin, C.E. of Louth County Council stepped down as Chairperson of the LCDC having completed her tenure and thanked all the committee members for their

support and wished the new Chairperson well and assured the committee of his continued support.

Cllr. Liam Reilly and Cllr. Kevin Meenan thanked Ms. Martin for her hard work over the last three of years as Chairperson of the LCDC.

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan and unanimously agreed by the members, Ms. Alison Quail was selected as the new Chairperson of LCDC.

### **LCDC Minute No. 56/2023**

#### **2. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly and seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023, were adopted.

### **LCDC Minute No. 57/2023**

#### **3. Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

### **LCDC Minute No. 58/2023**

#### **4. Draft Louth Local Economic and Community Plan Approval:**

Mr. Finbar Gethins introduced Mr. Liam Mannix, KPMG who provided an update on the revised Draft LECP, which was being presented to the LCDC members for approval. Mr. Mannix outlined the 5 goals discussing the objectives and outcomes under these goals.

A general discussion then took place.

Following Mr. Mannix presentation Mr. Finbar Gethins advised that should the draft plan be approved it would be presented to the three Louth Municipal Districts and the The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly. The final plan will then be brought before the LCDC for approval and Louth County Council for adoption.

**Recommendation:** Approval of the Draft Louth Local Economic and Community Plan.

**Decision:** On the proposal Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott Draft Local Economic and Community Plan was approved

**Mr Mannix and Mr Conway left the meeting.**

## LCDC Minute No. 59/2023

### **5. Social Inclusion & Community Development:**

#### **a) SICAP Qtr. 4 Payment 2023:**

Members were advised that the SICAP payment for Quarter 4 2023 is now due for payment, in the amount of €386,723.25.

**Recommendation:** To approve the SICAP payment for Quarter 4 2023 in the amount of €386,723.25.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Meenan, seconded by Cllr. Eileen Tully, the SICAP payment for Quarter 4 2023 in the amount of €386,723.25 was approved

#### **b) SICAP Qtr 4 2023 – Ukraine Funding:**

The members were advised that the SICAP Qtr.4 2023 Ukraine Funding in the amount of €51,728.50 was now due for payment.

**Recommendation:** To issue payment for SICAP Qtr.4 Ukraine Funding payment in the amount of €51,728.50.

**Decision:** On the proposal Ms. Bernadine Quinn, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, payment of funding for SICAP Qtr.4 2023 Ukraine Support in the amount of €51,728.50 was approved.

#### **c) SICAP VAT Payment Jan-May 2023:**

Members were advised that the SICAP VAT Jan-May 2023 payment is now due in the amount of €8,438.76.

**Recommendation:** To approve SICAP VAT Jan-May 2023 payment in the amount of €8,438.76.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy, SICAP VAT Jan-May 2022 payment in the amount of €8,438.76 was approved.

#### **d) Change Control Request (Ukraine Funding):**

Mr Ciaran Reid requested approval for the re-allocation of funding in the amount €20,000, as per the Change Control Request previously circulated. He explained to the members that this funding was originally allocated for Rent for Ukrainian Outreach Offices Administration. Mr Reid requested that it be re-allocated to SICAP Action 7 'Supporting Children and Families' programme costs. This allocation will be used to provide a range of supports to Ukrainians including:

- Arts Drama
- Family Trips
- Activities that promote integration with the local community

The members were assured that all of this budget allocation will be spent by the end of the year.

**Recommendation:** To approve the re-allocation of €20,000 from the Rent for Ukrainian Outreach Offices Administration budget to SICAP Action 7 'Supporting Children and Families' programme costs.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Ms. Bernadine Quinn, seconded by Ms. Joanne Martin, the re-allocation of €20,000 Rent for Ukrainian Outreach Offices Administration budget to SICAP Action 7 'Supporting Children and Families' programme costs was approved.

**e) SICAP Annual Report - 2022:**

Mr Finbar Gethins referred to the SICAP Annual Report, 2022 has been previously circulated to the members for their information.

**f) SICAP Programme 2024-2028:**

**Conflict of Interest:** Mr. Ciaran Reid excused himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest whilst this item was discussed

Mr Finbar Gethins updated the members of the status of the SICAP 2024-2028 Tender. The procurement process is nearing an end and it is envisaged that the results of the tender process can be announced at the next LCDC meeting in November.

Mr. Ciaran Reid rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

**LCDC Minute No. 60/2023**

**6. Local Development Strategy (LDS) Update:**

Mr Finbar Gethins updated the members with regard to the status of the LDS. A request for clarification on a minor point in the Strategy was received from Pobal, which will be responded to promptly. Mr Gethins advised that a positive outcome is expected following clarification and that this will be brought to the members at the next LCDC meeting.

**LCDC Minute No. 61/2023**

**7. Peace IV and PEACPLUS:**

Ms. Joan Martin advised the members that following a public roundtable consultation and subsequent meeting of the PEACEPLUS Partnership, it is hoped to bring the final PEACEPLUS Action Plan to the November meeting of the LCDC, for approval.

**LCDC Minute No. 62/2023**

**8. Nomination of Elected Member to Sit on Louth Health & Wellbeing Sub Committee**

Mr. Finbar Gethins sought a nomination of an Elected Member from the LCDC to sit on the Louth Health and Wellbeing Sub Committee. On the proposal of Cllr. Eileen Tully seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy and unanimously agreed by the members, Cllr. Kevin Meenan was nominated to sit on the Health & Wellbeing Committee.

**LCDC Minute No. 63/2023**

**9. LCDC Networking Event Update:**

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that an update will be given at the November LCDC Meeting.

**LCDC Minute No. 64/2023**

**10. Next Meeting of LCDC:**

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, informed the members that in order to facilitate Louth County Council's Annual Budget meeting, the date of the next LCDC meeting has changed to Tuesday the 21st November, 2023 at 4.00pm. This meeting will be held via ZOOM.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded

**Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:** 18/12/2023

**Chairperson:**

  
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