

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

Date: 24th June 2024 at 4.00pm

Location: Cooley Room, County Hall, Dundalk and via Teams

In attendance: Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, PPN
Cllr. Kevin Meenan (via Teams)
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)
Cllr. Ejiro Stratton-O'Hare (via Teams)
Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Ms. Joan Martin, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Niamh Dennehy, LEO (via Teams)
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE (via Teams)
Ms. Olivia Conlon, Louth Volunteer Centre (via Teams)
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD (via Teams)

Officials: Mr. Joe McGuinness, Chief Officer
Mr. Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer LCC
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC

Apologies: Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Mr. Steven Rice, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC
Ms. Ann Monahan, Staff Officer LCC

Guests: Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD

LCDC MATTERS

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson welcomed Cllr. Ejiro Stratton-O'Hare, Cllr. Shane McGuinness and Mr. Kevin Sweeney as new members of the LCDC/LAG. Mr. Finbar Gethins advised that he intended to provide a training session in July, which would give an overview of LCDC/LAG and answer any questions that they might have with regard to the work of the committee.

LCDC Minute No. 34/2024

1. (a) Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 20th May, 2024:

On the proposal of Cllr. Dolores Minogue and seconded by Ms. Joan Martin and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th May 2024 were adopted.

(b) Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 25th March, 2024 Corrigendum:

On the proposal of Cllr. Dolores Minogue and seconded by Ms. Joan Martin and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2024 (Corrigendum) were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 35/2024

2. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC Matters Arising.

LCDC Minute No. 36/2024

3. LCDC Correspondence:

a) Mr. Finbar Gethins gave details regarding the Community Centre Investment Fund, which was recently announced by Minister Humphries, to support the upgrade and refurbishment of community centres across the country. Under this fund, community organisations will be supported with grants of between €10,000 - €100,000 to develop and enhance their existing community facilities. The application process will open from 29th July to 29th August and will be administered by Pobal. Information sessions and tutorials with regard to making an application can be found on the DRCD website.

b) Mr. Gethins advised the members of an upcoming LCDC Networking Event to be held in the Athlone Springs Hotel on 9th October. Any member of the LCDC who would be interested in attending should contact him directly.

LCDC Minute No. 37/2024

4. Community Recognition Fund:

None of the EOI's submitted were progressed at this time as they did not demonstrate the required impact across the wider community. There will be a second round of calls at the end of September and a 3rd round before the year end. Mr. Finbar Gethins explained that there will be a number of workshops held in July for those who are interested in making an application. It is hoped that this will help

generate the type and quality of application required to go on to the next stage.

LCDC Minute No. 38/2024

5. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme:

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid.

a) SICAP Qtr. 3 – July-September 2024 Payment:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr. 3. 2024 payment (July-September) is now due for payment in the amount of €412,680.16.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 3 2024 payment (July-September) in the amount of €412,680.16.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott and seconded by Ms. Joan Martin, the SICAP Qtr.3 2024 payment of €412,680.16 was approved.

b) SICAP Qtr. 3 – July-September Payment New Arrivals:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr. 3. 2024 payment (July-September) New Arrivals is now due for payment in the amount of €48,725.02.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 3. 2024 payment (July-September) New Arrivals in the amount of €48,725.02

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott and seconded by Ms. Joan Martin, SICAP Qtr. 3. 2024 payment (July-September) New Arrivals in the amount of €48,725.02 was approved

c) SICAP Additional Funding for New Arrivals:

Members were advised that an additional funding payment for New Arrivals was awarded to Louth in the amount of €115,493.50 and this was now due for payment.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP 2024 additional funding payment for New Arrivals in the amount of €115,493.50.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott and seconded by Ms. Joan Martin, SICAP Additional Funding Payment New Arrivals in the amount of €115,493.50 was approved.

d) SICAP Social Inclusion Subgroup Members:

Mr. Finbar Gethins sought approval from the members for the appointment of the New SICAP/Social Inclusion Subgroup members.

Name	Organisation
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott	LMETB (LCDC)
Ms. Carol Murphy	PPN (LCDC)
Ms. Andrea Connolly	Cuidigh Linn (Dundalk Area)
Ms. Cliodhna Cunningham	Connect FRC (Drogheda Area)
Mr. Liam Reilly	Other Interests

Recommendation: To approve new members of the SICAP/Social Inclusion Subgroup, covering the SICAP 2024-2028 Programme.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms Niamh Dennehy, seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue, the membership of the SICAP/Social Inclusion Subgroup was agreed.

LCDC Minute No. 39/2024

6. Peace IV and PEACEPLUS:

Mr. Finbar Gethins updated the members with regard to the PEACEPLUS Action Plan which was submitted for approval to the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), on 28th March 2024. It is expected that a decision should be made by 26th August 2024. Works continue in preparation for projects proposed under the Action Plan.

The SEUPB continue to audit the PEACE IV Programme for claims submitted, as per the programme rules.

LCDC Minute No. 40/2024

7. Local Enhancement Programme Update:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that Minister Humphreys announced the 68 successful projects for Louth with a total value of €153,073.11. A further announcement was made on 5th June 2024 in relation to ring-fenced projects. There are 20 successful ring-fenced projects with a value of €32,568.74.

Successful applicants have been issued with a letter advising them of the details of their grant and requesting further information. Groups are currently in the process of submitting this information. The closing date for receipt of this information is 30th August 2024.

All groups who were unsuccessful have also been contacted.

LCDC Minute No. 41/2024

8. Next Meeting of LCDC:

The date of the next LCDC meeting is 15th July 2024. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

15th July 2024.

Chairperson:



