

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

Date: 25th March 2024 at 4.00pm

In attendance: Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, PPN
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Cllr. Eileen Tully
Cllr. Dolores Minogue
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Ms. Joan Martin, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Niamh Dennehy, LEO
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Ms. Olivia Conlon, Louth Volunteer Centre
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. Kevin Meenan
Ms. Lisa Doyle, PPN
Ms. Una McGoey, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Mr. Steven Rice, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda

LCDC MATTERS

It was not possible to raise a quorum in order for the March 2024 LCDC meeting to be held. There were a number of Agenda Items on the LCDC Agenda that required decision before the end of March.

Following discussion between the Chief Officer, Joe McGuinness and Chairperson of the LCDC/LAG Ms. Alison Quail, it was decided to request the members vote on Agenda Items requiring their approval via email.

LCC recirculated all the documents for the meeting in addition to a document with all the relevant Agenda Items whose approval/non approval was required. Committee members were asked to return the additional document, via email, indicating approval or non-approval of each item and declaring any conflicts of interest.

Once six votes were returned from the members representing the Public Sector and five from members representing the Private Sector this was deemed a sufficient quorum for the voting to be valid.

LCDC Minute No. 15/2024

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting 19th February 2024

On the proposal of Ms. Joan Martin and seconded by Cllr. Eileen Tully and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th February 2024, were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 16/2024

2. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

LCDC Minute No. 17/2024

3. LCDC Correspondence:

A letter from Local Government Audit Service was distributed to each member in advance of the meeting.

LCDC Minute No. 18/2024

4. Local Enhancement Programme

Members were provided with a full list of all the applications showing those which were being recommended and not recommended for funding. The table below sets out a summary of how the total fund of €185,641.85 was allocated throughout the county:

Summary - Local Enhancement Programme - Total Budget €185,641.87											
Area	No. Of apps received	Funding requested	Not considering	Funding requested - Mainstream	Funding requested - Ring-Fenced	No. of apps under €1,000	No. of apps over €1,000	No. Of apps recommended for funding	Funding Recommended - Mainstream	Funding Recommended - Ring-Fenced	Total funding recommended
Dundalk	72	€433,367.00	31	€383,113.46	€50,253.54	10	62	41	€68,618.98	€14,599.78	€83,218.76
Drogheda	51	€399,701.95	22	€360,272.95	€39,429.00	7	44	29	€52,783.83	€11,230.60	€64,014.43
Ardee	24	€206,517.38	6	€128,447.41	€78,069.97	4	20	18	€31,670.30	€ 6,738.36	€38,408.66
Not applicable	4	55365	4	€53,865.00	1,200.00	1	3	0			
TOTALS	151	€1,094,951.33	63	€925,698.82	€168,952.51	22	129	88	€153,073.11	€32,568.74	€185,641.85

Conflicts of Interest: Ms Carol Murphy – Ref LEP2024-033
Ms Carol Murphy – Ref LEP2024-006
Ms. Jasmine Mathew - Ref LEP2024-140

Recommendation: To approve the allocation of the Local Enhancement Programme, to the groups proposed in the circulated report contained in each members meeting pack, in the amount of €185,641.85.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bridie Pepper and seconded by Ms. Olivia Conlon the allocation of the Local Enhancement Programme, to the groups proposed in the circulated report contained in each members meeting pack, in the amount of €185,641.85 was approved.

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5. Social Inclusion and Community Development:

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid.

a) SICAP Annual Plan 2024

The SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub Group carried their review which looked at the actual 2024 Annual Plan submitted (which was circulated) and also the information which is uploaded into the IRIS computer system.

All areas were reviewed in accordance with Pobal guidelines, however particular items included in the report circulated to the members included:

- Budget: SICAP Budget: €1,651,231.00
New Arrivals: € 230,987.00
- Staffing Costs:
 - Goal 1 as €509,167.36
 - Goal 2 as €514,859.49
 - Admin/Management as €181,787.99
- Local Priority Groups:
 - International Protection Applicants
 - People impacted by educational disadvantage.
 - People living in disadvantaged communities.

The actions across the plan are in line with those agreed in the Tender and these Actions have been updated to include supports to New Arrivals. The primary target group / focus area for each action is in line with the tender. The targets set for KPI 1 and KPI2 under each action should result in the annual plan achieving the overall targets agreed.

Non Salary cost details are mostly in line with the Tender. However, they have increased as per the Final SICAP and New Arrivals allocation.

The Sub Group, having reviewed the information in both the SICAP Annual Plan 2024 and the information which has been uploaded to the IRIS system, make the following recommendation to the LCDC members:

Recommendation: Having completed the Annual Plan review, in accordance with the guidelines issued by Pobal, the SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub Group recommend that the LCDC approve the 2024 SICAP Annual Plan.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Berardine Quinn and seconded by Ms. Niamh Dennehy, the the SICAP Annual Plan 2024 was approved.

b) SICAP Qtr. 2 – April-June Payment 2024:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 2. 2024 payment (April-June) is now due for payment in the amount of €412,807.75.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 2 2024 payment (April-June) in the amount of €412,807.75.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Jasmine Mathew and seconded by Cllr. Liam Reilly, the SICAP Qtr. 2, 2024 payment of €412,807.75 was approved.

c) SICAP Qtr. 2 – April-June Payment 2024 New Arrivals

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 2. 2024 payment (April-June) New Arrivals is now due for payment in the amount of €57,746.75.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr 2. 2024 payment (April-June) New Arrivals in the amount of €57,746.75.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Sharon Curran and seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue, SICAP Qtr 2. 2024 payment (April-June) New Arrivals in the amount of €57,746.75. was approved.

d) SICAP Application for Additional Funding for New Arrivals:

The members were asked to approve an application under SICAP for Additional Funding for New Arrivals. A proposal document, which was circulated to the members, contained details which included the establishment of a New Arrivals Hub in Drogheda, an Integration Development Worker and Programme such as training, youth & childrens activities, cultural events and hub activities.

Recommendation: To approve an application under SICAP for Additional Funding for New Arrivals in the amount of €192,572.00

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Dolores Minogue and seconded by Ms. Jasmine Mathew approval was given to apply for Additional Funding for New Arrivals under SICAP.

LCDC Minute No. 20/2024

6. Peace IV and PEACEPLUS:

A report from Louth County Council's European Office was distributed to each member in advance of the meeting relating to PEACE activities during March. The report was for information purposes.

LCDC Minute No. 21/2024

7. YouthConnect Fest 2024:

A written report on YouthConnect Fest 2024, which took place on 27th January, was submitted by Louth Local Development and distributed to each member in advance of the meeting. The report gave a detailed overview of its origins, the event itself, who was involved, funding streams and the feedback received.

LCDC Minute No. 22/2024

8. Next Meeting of LCDC:

The date of the next LCDC meeting is 15th April 2024. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting. The members will be advised of this via email.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on: 24-6-24

Chairperson:



