

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

Date: 20th May 2024 at 4.00pm

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

- In attendance:** Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, PPN
Cllr. Liam Reilly
Cllr. Kevin Meenan (via Teams)
Cllr. Dolores Minogue
Ms. Joan Martin, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Niamh Dennehy, LEO (via Teams)
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP (via Teams)
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Ms. Olivia Conlon, Louth Volunteer Centre (via Teams)
Nr. Pat McCormick, 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
Mr. Eamonn Redmond, Staff Officer LCC
- Apologies:** Cllr. Eileen Tully
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Mr. Steven Rice, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD
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LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 23/2024

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting 25th March, 2024:

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2024 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 24/2024

2. Matters Arising:

a) Local Enhancement Programme:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that the Minister for Rural and Community Development has not yet announced the successful groups in Louth. It is anticipated that this announcement will be made in the very near future.

b) April Meeting of the LCDC/LAG:

Mr. Finbar Gethins informed the members that having considered the LCDC Agenda for April, it was noted that as there were no items of an urgent nature, the Chairperson and Chief Officer agreed to cancel this meeting which was scheduled for 15th April.

LCDC Minute No. 25/2024

3. LCDC Correspondence:

There was no LCDC Correspondence.

LCDC Minute No. 26/2024

4. Community Recognition Fund:

The members were advised by Mr. Finbar Gethins that 28 Expressions of Interest (EOI) were received under the Community Recognition Fund. A number were deemed ineligible, with some requiring further assistance with their submission. The total fund available is €1.3 million and the total amount of the EOIs received is €5.8 million.

LCDC Minute No. 27/2024

5. Child Poverty Fund Application:

Ms. Sinead McVerry advised the members that The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) are jointly conducting a pilot programme that will establish at least four Local Area Child Poverty Action Plans. The overall objective is to improve access to services that support disadvantaged families and children in their local areas.

These pilots are to be developed and implemented by Children and Young People's Service Committees (CYPSC) in collaboration with their corresponding Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

A working group has been established in Co. Louth and the Community Families model has been agreed on as the planned approach by the working group.

In summary it is a peer-to-peer model which promotes home visiting. Home visitors will be recruited from the communities in which they live. Approval in principle is sought to proceed with the application for funding under the Child Poverty Fund Pilot Programme on behalf of the Louth LCDC.

Recommendation: To approve, in principle, an application for funding under the Child Poverty Fund Pilot Programme.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy and seconded by Ms. Bernardine Quinn, approval in principle was given to submit an application for funding under the Child Poverty Fund Pilot Programme.

LCDC Minute No. 28/2024

6. Social Inclusion and Community Development:

a) SICAP VAT Payment for June-December 2023

Members were advised that the SICAP VAT June-December 2023 payment is now due for payment, in the amount of €33,537.08.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP VAT June-December 2023 payment in the amount of €33,537.08.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly, seconded by Ms. Bernardine Quinn, the SICAP VAT June-December 2023 in the amount of €33,537.08 was approved.

b) SICAP Local Priority Targets 2024-2028

Mr. Finbar Gethins informed the members that the SICAP Local Priority Targets 2024-2028, as set out in the document previously circulated to the members, now requires approval from the LCDC.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Local Priority Targets 2024-2028, as set out in the document circulated to the members.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bernardine Quinn and seconded by Ms. Bridie Pepper, the SICAP Local Priority Targets 2024-2028, as set out in the document circulated to the members, were approved.

c) SICAP Additional Funding for New Arrivals

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that following the submission of an application, an additional funding amount of €115,494.50 was received for SICAP New Arrivals. The requirement of the funding is that it must be spent by the end of 2024.

Mr. Ciarán Reid advised the meeting that a request has been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development to extend the period of time in which this funding must be spent to 12 months.

LCDC Minute No. 29/2024

7. Peace IV and PEACEPLUS:

Mr. Finbar Gethins notified the members that the European Office is awaiting feedback from SEUPB on the PEACEPLUS application submitted. It was noted that going forward, the Minutes from the PEACEPLUS Partnership Committee will be circulated to the LCDC members for noting.

LCDC Minute No. 30/2024

8. HSE Health Promotion and Improvement Presentation:

Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE, asked the LCDC members to share the HSE Health Promotion and Improvement Presentation previously distributed, to any groups who may be interested. Mr. Finbar Gethins agreed to circulate it to the members of the Louth PPN following the meeting.

LCDC Minute No. 31/2024

9. LECP Oversight Committee:

The LECP was officially launched prior to the LCDC meeting. Mr. Finbar Gethins explained that it is a requirement of the implementation of the LECP that an Oversight Committee be formed. The membership will consist of the Chairperson of the LCDC and two members of the LCDC and the Chairperson of the SPC for Economic Development and two members of the SPC for Economic Development. Mr. Ciarán Reid and Ms. Carol Murphy volunteered to represent the LCDC on the LECP Oversight Committee.

Recommendation: To approve the membership of Mr. Ciaran Reid and Ms. Carol Murphy to represent the LCDC as members of the LECP Oversight Committee.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue, the membership of Mr. Ciaran Reid and Ms. Carol Murphy as members of the LECP Oversight Committee was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 32/2024

10. LEADER Service Level Agreement:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that a Service Level Agreement must be signed between Louth LCDC, Louth County Council and Louth Local Development CLG for the delivery of the Louth LEADER Programme 2023-2027. Approval from the LCDC is now being sought.

Recommendation: To approve the signing of the SLA between Louth LCDC, Louth County Council and Louth Local Development CLG for the delivery of the Louth LEADER Programme 2023-2027.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Ms. Jasmine Mathew, the signing of the SLA between Louth LCDC, Louth County Council and Louth Local Development CLG for the delivery of the Louth LEADER Programme 2023-2027 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 33/2024

11. Next Meeting of LCDC:

The date of the next LCDC meeting is 24th June 2024. The change in date is to facilitate the first meeting of the newly elected Louth County Council. 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:



