

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

Date: 21st October 2024 at 4.00pm

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

- In attendance:** Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, PPN
Cllr. Kevin Meenan
Cllr. Dolores Minogue
Cllr. Ejiro Stratton-O'Hare
Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Mr. Joe McGuinness, Temporary C.E. of LCC
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN (via Teams)
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN (via Teams)
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
Ms. Bernadine Quinn, PPN (via Teams)
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Mr. Niall Gallagher, LEO
- Officials:** Mr. Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer LCC/Chief Officer
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC
Ms. Ann Monahan, Staff Officer LCC
- Apologies:** Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD
Ms. Paula Keenan, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator - Louth
Ms. Grainne Flanagan, Administrative Officer PEACE Office
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LCDC MATTERS

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, welcomed Mr. Niall Gallagher, LEO, as a new member of the LCDC/LAG and invited each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

LCDC Minute No. 56/2024

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 16th September 2024:

On the proposal of Cllr. Dolores Minogue and seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 2024 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 57/2024

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Members were reminded by Mr. Finbar Gethins to declare any conflict of interest based on the agenda and meeting documents.

LCDC Minute No. 58/2024

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 59/2024

4. LCDC Correspondence:

Ms. Sinead McVerry advised the members that correspondence was received from the Department of Rural & Community Development in relation to 2024 Dormant Accounts Funds – Action 6.3 National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy. The LCDC were invited to apply for this funding and Outcomers were asked to prepare a proposal for provision of services in Co. Louth as they have successfully delivered on such events in previous years. A proposal has been submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development for consideration and a decision is expected after 31st October.

LCDC Minute No. 60/2024

5. Healthy Louth Update:

Ms. Paula Keenan, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator for Louth, gave a presentation to the members, providing a comprehensive update on all current Healthy Louth projects and activities. Ms. Keenan opened up the floor for discussion at two stages during the presentation. The first was in relation to the “We’re Breastfeeding Friendly” initiative. Members commended this initiative which supports breastfeeding mothers and discussed ideas such as the possibility of incorporating this initiative into the local

Business Awards, staff training, designing spaces to facilitate breastfeeding, how to create 'buy in' locally and the use of signage.

The members were then asked for their opinion on the Place Standard Tool and how they felt it could be utilized. The members commented that this tool, which is free and designed for everyone to use, was an excellent resource and had the potential to be used by communities, businesses and the local authority.

The members commended Ms. Keenan for her excellent work to date and thanked her for her presentation.

Note: Ms. Keenan then left the meeting.

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6. PEACEPLUS

a) PEACEPLUS Action Plan:

Ms. Grainne Flanagan, Administrative Officer PEACE Office, joined the meeting and updated the members on the PEACEPLUS Action Plan. She advised that the Plan has now been approved and the Procurement Process for PEACE Projects will commence shortly. The PEACE Office will liaise with the SEUPB in relation to the Letter of Offer and will also establish multi-disciplinary tender assessment teams. A pre-procurement meeting will be held on 21st November 2024 to give guidance to parties who may be interested in submitting a tender for a PEACEPLUS project. It is also planned to hold eTenders training in January 2025.

Note: Ms. Flanagan left the meeting.

b) Approval of Appointments to PEACEPLUS Partnership:

Mr. Finbar Gethins informed the members that the PEACEPLUS Partnership is a sub-committee of the LCDC and ratification of its membership is now required.

The Dundalk Municipal District has nominated the following councillors to the PEACEPLUS Partnership:

Councillor Shane McGuinness and Councillor Sionainn McCann

The Drogheda Borough District has nominated the following councillors to the PEACEPLUS Partnership:

Councillor Ejiro O'Hare Stratton and Councillor Michelle Hall

The Ardee Municipal District has nominated the following councillors to the PEACEPLUS Partnership:

Councillor Pearse McGeough and Councillor Dolores Minogue

In addition, following the retirement of former Chief Executive Ms. Joan Martin, the PEACEPLUS Partnership will be chaired by the Temporary Chief Executive, Mr. Joe McGuinness. The role of the LCDC Chief Officer on the Peace Plus Partnership will be filled by Mr. Finbar Gethins from Louth County Council.

Recommendation: To approve proposed membership of the Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bridie Pepper, seconded by Mr. Hubert Murphy, the membership of the Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership was approved.

Note: Cllr. Kevin Meenan left the meeting at this juncture.

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7. Social Inclusion:

a) SICAP – Change Control Request Budget Carry Over 2025:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that the Department of Rural & Community Development have agreed to a budget carry over of €33,429.00 to the 2025 SICAP Budget. However, this requires formal approval by the LCDC. This specifically relates to the additional 2024 New Arrival Allocation of €115,493.50.

Recommendation: To carry over €33,429.00 from the additional 2024 New Arrival Allocation of €115,493.50 to the 2025 SICAP Budget.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Shane McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Ejiro Stratton O'Hare, the carryover of €33,429.00 to the 2025 SICAP Budget was approved.

b) SICAP - Case Study 2024:

Members were advised that the proposal for the SICAP Case Study 2024 will demonstrate the strong collaborations between the SICAP Programme and the Drogheda Implementation Board work, with a particular focus on the new Community House in Rathmullen. The case study will be in video format along with a short explanatory narrative.

Recommendation: To approve the SICAP 2024 Case Study.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Ejiro Stratton O'Hare, the SICAP Case Study for 2024 was approved.

c) 2025 KPI Targets:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members, that under the SICAP Programme guidelines, the KPI targets for 2025 will remain at the 2024 level and may be reviewed if additional budget is available. Therefore, the targets for KPI 1 (Community Organisations) will remain at 75 and KPI 2 (Individuals) will remain at 910.

Recommendation: To approve the SICAP 2025 KPI Targets.

Decision: On the proposal of Mr. Hubert Murphy, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy, the SICAP 2025 KPI Targets were approved.

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8. Community Recognition Fund Update:

Ms. Sinead McVerry updated the members in relation to the Community Recognition Fund 2024. EOIs (Expressions of Interest) have now been assessed under Call 2 and a number of proposals have been submitted to the Department for consideration. EOIs must relate to towns and villages that are hosting high levels of Ukrainian's, Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection or International Protection Applicants. In Co. Louth, the towns and villages that are hosting the highest numbers of new arrivals are Drogheda, Dundalk, Ardee, Termonfeckin, Clogherhead, Collon & Drumcar. Projects situated in areas that do not have high levels of new arrivals will not be eligible.

A third call for EOIs will issue towards the end of 2024.

LCDC Minute No. 64/2024

9. 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 is Tuesday 19th November 2024. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

19.11.2024

Chairperson:



