

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

Date: 16th September 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
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD (via Teams)
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
- 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. Bernadine Quinn, PPN
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Mr. Niall Gallagher, LEO
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD
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LCDC MATTERS

Mr. Finbar Gethins notified the committee that he was appointed as Chief Officer of the LCDC on 15th September 2024. He also made the members aware of the appointment of Mr. Joe McGuinness as Temporary Chief Executive following the retirement of Ms. Joan Martin.

LCDC Minute No. 47/2024

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 15th July, 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 15th July 2024 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 48/2024

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. 49/2024

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 50/2024

4. LCDC Correspondence:

- a) Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the meeting that a recent application for funding under the DCEDIY/DRCD What Works 2024 – Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilot Scheme under Dormant Accounts was not successful. A letter with further information was circulated to the members.
- b) Mr. Finbar Gethins gave details of the current Review of LCDC Guidelines and asked members to respond to the survey which was circulated.
- c) Mr. Gethins reminded the members of the 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. 51/2024

5. Social Inclusion:

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid.

a) SICAP Qtr. 4 – October to December 2024 Payment:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr. 4, 2024 payment (October to December) is now due for payment in the amount of €412,807.75.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 4 2024 payment (October to December) in the amount of €412,807.75.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy and seconded by Ms. Jasmine Mathew, SICAP Qtr. 4 2024 payment (October to December) in the amount of €412,807.75 was approved.

b) SICAP Qtr. 4 – October to December 2024 Payment - New Arrivals:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr. 4. 2024 payment (October to December) New Arrivals is now due for payment in the amount of €57,746.75.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 4. 2024 payment (October to December) New Arrivals in the amount of €57,746.75.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy and seconded by Ms. Jasmine Mathew, SICAP Qtr. 4 2024 payment (October to December) New Arrivals in the amount of €57,746.75 was approved.

c) SICAP VAT Payment January to May 2024:

Members were advised that the SICAP VAT Jan-May 2024 payment is now due in the amount of €5,435.35.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP VAT Jan-May 2024 payment in the amount of €5,435.35.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bridie Pepper, seconded by Ms. Carol Murphy, SICAP VAT Jan-May 2024 payment in the amount of €5,435.35 was approved.

d) 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 €27,926.00. A proposal was submitted showing the additional actions and activities where this funding is to be allocated. This proposal was considered by the SICAP/Social Inclusion Subgroup, on behalf of the LCDC, and their recommendation is as follows:

Recommendation: To approve the allocation of this funding in the proposal submitted. To approve SICAP 2024 additional funding payment for New Arrivals in the amount of €27,926.00

Decision: On the proposal of Ms Carol Murphy and seconded by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott, SICAP Additional Funding Payment for New Arrivals in the amount of €27,926.00 and its allocation as per the proposal submitted, was approved.

e) SICAP – Updating of the Annual Plan:

Mr. Finbar Gethins informed the members that the SICAP Annual Plan Budget had to be updated on IRIS to include the additional New Arrivals funding and that approval had to be sought from the members.

Recommendation: To approve the updated SICAP Annual Plan 2024 budget to include the additional New Arrivals Funding.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy and seconded by Ms. Bridie Pepper, the inclusion of the additional New Arrivals Funding in the SICAP Annual Plan 2024 budget, was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 52/2024

6. PEACEPLUS:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that there has been no update since the last meeting, with regard to the PEACEPLUS Action Plan. It is still with the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) for approval.

LCDC Minute No. 53/2024

7. Community Recognition Fund Update:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that there is a €1.3 million fund available in recognition of communities welcoming new arrivals. None of the EOIs submitted for Call 1 were progressed. A number of workshops took place over the summer for those who were interested in making an application. Call 2 closed on 11th September and 25 EOIs were submitted, which the Community Team are currently assessing.

20% of funding will be held until Call 3 which will take place in November.

LCDC Minute No. 54/2024

8. Local Enhancement Programme Update:

There were 88 successful groups in total with a total budget of €185,641.85. Mr. Finbar Gethins informed the members that a total of 49 groups have received payment in the amount of €92,346.07 to date. 9 of these are ringfenced groups who have received a total of €14,849.91 so far.

Two groups have advised that they are not going ahead with their projects so their funding in the amount of €1,600 will be re-allocated to other groups in the same municipal district which is Drogheda in this case.

It is hoped to have most of the outstanding documents back in from the groups in the next 2 weeks.

LCDC Minute No. 55/2024

9. Next Meeting of LCDC:

The date of the next LCDC meeting is 21st October 2024. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

21 October 2024

Chairperson:

