

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

Date: 28th April 2025 at 4.00pm

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

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

LCDC Minute No. 27/2025

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 24th March 2025:

On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Sweeney and seconded by Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th March 2025 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 28/2025

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Mr. Finbar Gethins reminded the members to declare their Conflict of Interest at the beginning of the meeting, if applicable.

LCDC Minute No. 29/2025

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 30/2025

4. LCDC Correspondence:

Mr. Gethins advised the members of an upcoming LCDC Networking Event to be held in Carrick-on-Shannon on 15th October 2025. Further information will be provided when it becomes available.

LCDC Minute No. 31/2025

5. Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

SICAP Audit Report 2023

Members were informed that the 2023 SICAP Programme Audit Report is currently being finalised. Once completed, the report will be presented to the LCDC for approval.

LCDC Minute No. 32/2025

6. PEACEPLUS Update:

Mr. Finbar Gethins provided an update on the programme which has a fund of €4.69 million. He also advised that planning permission has been approved for St. Nicholas Church of Ireland and that delivery of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is about to go to tender. Further details will be shared with the LCDC when they are received.

LCDC Minute No. 33/2025

7. County Louth Volunteering Framework Update:

Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Manager of Louth Volunteer Centre, gave a presentation to the members on the County Louth Volunteering Framework. She provided a review of the work carried out to date, reminding the members that County Louth was the first county to conduct research into volunteering and produce a strategy. She also stressed the importance of building capacity by empowering involvement in volunteering. Her recommendations for the future included the development of a volunteer policy among businesses and that County Louth have a key role in the next National Volunteering Strategy.

The members commended Ms. Mulligan on the excellent work done to date and commented on the fact that Louth is leading the way on a national level in relation to volunteering. It was also noted that an information pack for businesses would be welcome and that voluntary groups could be targeted from an inclusion point of view, e.g. migrant groups or climate action.

LCDC Minute No. 34/2025

8. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 19th May 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

19.05.2025

Chairperson:



