

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

Date: 20th January 2025 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. Shane McGuinness
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda (via Teams)
Mr. Niall Gallagher, LEO (via Teams)
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP (via Teams)
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre (via Teams)
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
- 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. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD
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LCDC MATTERS

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, welcomed Mr. David Conway, the new Chief Executive of Louth County Council, as a new member of the LCDC/LAG and invited each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

LCDC Minute No. 01/2025

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

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

LCDC Minute No. 02/2025

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Mr. Finbar Gethins requested members to complete and return their Conflict of Interest forms if they had not already done so.

Members were also reminded to declare their Conflict of Interest at the beginning of the meeting, if applicable.

LCDC Minute No. 03/2025

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 04/2025

4. LCDC Correspondence:

Mr. Finbar Gethins provided the members with an overview of the LCDC National Awareness Campaign which was circulated with their meeting pack. A working group has been established to oversee the development and implementation of the campaign and the DRCD will procure an external Consultant to assist with developing and delivering the awareness campaign. The procurement process is ongoing, and members will be advised when further information is available.

LCDC Minute No. 05/2025

5. Social Inclusion End of Year and Annual Plan Review:

Ms. Miriam Roe provided an update to the members on the timelines and process for the SICAP 2024 End-of-Year review and the SICAP 2025 Draft Annual Plan review. In both instances, the LCDC is required to conduct a thorough review and submit a report on its findings to Pobal. Pobal then performs a parallel high-level review and

provides feedback to the LCDC. The SICAP/Social Inclusion subgroup carries out these detailed reviews on behalf of the LCDC. Upon completion of this process, the subgroup will present its recommendations at the February LCDC meeting for a final decision. It is important to note that this must be completed by end February.

LCDC Minute No. 06/2025

6. PEACEPLUS Update:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that the PEACEPLUS Tender Submission Training took place on 15th January 2025 and the Letter of Offer was signed by the Temporary Chief Executive.

The PEACEPLUS Action Plan will be launched on 10th April and Save the Date invitations are currently being circulated.

LCDC Minute No. 07/2025

7. Community Recognition Fund Update:

Mr. Gethins informed the members that no announcement has been made yet in relation to successful projects under Call 2 but one is expected shortly.

Call 3 is now closed and 11 Expressions of Interest were received. However, the amount of funding available under Call 3 is still unknown until Call 2 is announced.

LCDC Minute No. 08/2025

8. Local Enhancement Programme 2025:

Mr. Finbar Gethins referred members to information provided in the meeting packs regarding the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 and provided a summary of same. He advised that the LEP 2025 was launched on 13th January 2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 23rd February 2025.

The LCDC administers the fund and recommendations for the distribution of the funding will be brought to the March LCDC meeting for approval.

LCDC Minute No. 09/2025

10. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 17th February 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

17.01.2025

Chairperson:

