

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

Date: 16th June 2025 at 4.00pm

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

- In attendance:** Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)
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. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Mr. Liam Reilly, PPN
Mr. Eugene Conlon, PPN
- Officials:** Mr. Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer LCC/Chief Officer
Ms. Joanna Kelly, Acting Director of Services LCC
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC
Ms. Ann Monahan, Staff Officer LCC
- Apologies:** Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD
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LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 42/2025

1. Selection of Chairperson

Following the completion of the tenure of Ms. Alison Quail as a member of the LCDC and Chairperson, Mr. Finbar Gethins invited nominations for the post of Chairperson.

On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Dolores Minogue and unanimously agreed by the members, Cllr. Kevin Meenan was selected as the new Chairperson of the LCDC.

Cllr. Kevin Meenan thanked the members and accepted the post of Chairperson. He noted that a number of new members had joined the LCDC/LAG recently and invited each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

LCDC Minute No. 43/2025

2. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 19th May 2025:

On the proposal of Ms. Jasmine Mathew, seconded by Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th May 2025 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 44/2025

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Mr. Finbar Gethins reminded the members to declare their Conflict of Interest at the beginning of the meeting or as it appears on the agenda, if applicable.

LCDC Minute No. 45/2025

4. Matters Arising:

Mr. Gethins advised the members that Ministers Dara Calleary and Jerry Buttimer announced the successful projects for Louth under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025, with a total value of €227,247.00. Each applicant will be issued with a letter informing them of whether or not they have been successful and requesting further information. The deadline for return of this information will be extended to mid September to take account of the later announcement.

LCDC Minute No. 46/2025

5. Selection of Vice-Chairperson

It was decided that the selection of a Vice-Chairperson will be dealt with at the July meeting of the LCDC.

LCDC Minute No. 47/2025

6. LCDC Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for noting.

LCDC Minute No. 48/2025

7. Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

(a) Revised Joint Controller Agreement

Mr. Finbar Gethins drew the members' attention to the Revised Joint Controller Agreement which was distributed with their meeting packs. This is an agreement between the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and Louth LCDC, and is required to be signed. The parties acknowledge that they are joint controllers for the implementation of the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme for the purposes of Section 79 of the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018 and Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

(b) SICAP Qtr 3 Payment July-September 2025:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 3. 2025 payment (July-September) is now due for payment in the amount of €425,811.25.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 3 2025 payment (July-September) in the amount of €425,811.25.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Mr. Liam Reilly, the SICAP Qtr. 3 2025 payment (July-September) of €425,811.25 was approved.

(c) SICAP Qtr 3 New Arrivals Payment July-September

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 3. 2025 payment (July-September) New Arrivals is now due for payment in the amount of €56,513.59.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr 3. 2025 payment (July-September) New Arrivals in the amount of €56,513.59.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, SICAP Qtr 3. 2025 payment (July-September) New Arrivals in the amount of €56,513.59 was approved.

(d) SICAP Mid-Year Review

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that the SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub-Group will commence the SICAP Mid-Year Review which will come before the July LCDC meeting for approval.

LCDC Minute No. 49/2025

8. PEACEPLUS Update:

Mr. Gethins informed the members that four tenders have now been uploaded in relation to delivery of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan. Tender assessment teams will be contacted shortly.

LCDC Minute No. 50/2025

9. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 21st July 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

21 July 2025.

Chairperson:

Kevin Meenan