

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

Date: 24th March 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 (via Teams)
Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda (via Teams)
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB (via Teams)
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN (via Teams)
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: Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC

Guests: Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD

LCDC MATTERS

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, welcomed Ms. Nikki Campbell, the new Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office, as a new member of the LCDC/LAG.

LCDC Minute No. 18/2025

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 17th February 2025:

On the proposal of Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton and seconded by Mr. Kevin Sweeney and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February 2025 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 19/2025

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. 20/2025

3. Matters Arising:

Mr. Gethins informed the members that two new Sláintecare Healthy Community areas have been identified in County Louth, namely Dundalk and Drogheda. Louth County Council have been awarded funds for a Local Development Officer in each of these areas which will come under the remit of the Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee.

LCDC Minute No. 21/2025

4. LCDC Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for noting.

LCDC Minute No. 22/2025

5. LCDC Annual Report 2024:

Mr. Finbar Gethins referred to the Draft LCDC Annual Report 2024 which had been circulated to all members as part of their meeting packs and asked if there were any proposed amendments to the Report.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Shane McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, the LCDC Annual Report 2024 was approved.

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

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid

(a) SICAP VAT 2 June-December 2024:

Members were advised that the SICAP VAT 2 June-December 2024 payment is now due, in the amount of €41,280.37.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP VAT 2 June-December 2024 payment in the amount of €41,280.37.

Decision: On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott, SICAP VAT 2 June-December 2024 payment in the amount of €41,280.37 was approved.

(b) SICAP Qtr 2 Payment April-June 2025:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 2. 2025 payment (April-June) is now due for payment in the amount of €425,811.25.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 2 2025 payment (April-June) in the amount of €425,811.25.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton, seconded by Ms. Bernardine Quinn, the SICAP Qtr. 2 2025 payment of €425,811.25 was approved.

(c) SICAP Qtr 2 New Arrivals Payment April-June

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 2. 2025 payment (April-June) New Arrivals is now due for payment in the amount of €59,577.25.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr 2. 2025 payment (April-June) New Arrivals in the amount of €59,577.25.

Decision: On the proposal of Cllr. Shane McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, SICAP Qtr 2. 2025 payment (April-June) New Arrivals in the amount of €59,577.25 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 23/2025

7. PEACEPLUS Update:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that a PEACEPLUS Partnership meeting took place on 12th March and was very well attended. An update on works to date

was provided. A planning permission application has been submitted in relation to the renovation of St Nicholas Church of Ireland and the Crossing Field Project is at the preplanning stage. Delivery of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan will be going to tender in Quarter 2.

LCDC Minute No. 24/2025

8. Community Recognition Fund Update:

Mr. Gethins informed the members that successful projects under Call 2 were announced and that proposals under Call 3 have been submitted to the DRCD for consideration. An announcement is awaited in relation to approval of these proposals and also whether there will be a Community Recognition Fund for 2025.

LCDC Minute No. 25/2025

9. Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Mr. Finbar Gethins referred members to information provided in the meeting packs regarding the Local Enhancement Programme 2025, which included a full list of all the applications recommended for funding. The table below sets out a summary of how the total fund of €227,247 was allocated throughout the county:

Summary - Local Enhancement Programme - Total Budget €227,247											
Area	No. of applications received	Funding requested	Not considering	Funding requested - Current	Funding requested - Capital	No. of applications under €1,000	No. of applications €1,000-€5000	No. of applications recommended for funding	Funding Recommended - Current	Funding Recommended - Capital	Total funding recommended
Dundalk	103	€340,677.01	43	€133,513.19	€207,163.82	28	75	60	€15,319.00	€88,551.00	€101,870.00
Drogheda	58	€247,184.73	20	€86,811.19	€160,383.54	5	53	38	€11,783.00	€68,578.00	€78,361.00
Ardee	40	€131,653.65	13	€37,021.13	€94,632.52	8	32	27	€7,070.00	€ 39,946.00	€47,016.00
Not applicable	4	€12,000.00	4	€12,000.00	0.00	2	2				
TOTALS	205	€731,525.39	80	€269,345.51	€462,179.88	43	162	125	€34,172.00	€193,075.00	€227,247.00

Mr. Gethins advised that the administration fee was used to advertise the programme and provide information sessions which were very informative. He reminded members of the confidential nature of the funding and referred to the work involved in administering the programme, which was echoed by the members.

Recommendation: To approve the allocation of the Local Enhancement Programme to the groups proposed in the circulated report, in the amount of €227,247.00.

Decision: On the proposal of Mr. Ciaran Reid, seconded by Cllr. Shane McGuinness, the allocation of the Local Enhancement Programme to the groups proposed in the circulated report, in the amount of €227,247.00 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 26/2025

10. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 28th April 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

28.04.2025

Chairperson:



