

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

Date: 19th May 2025 at 4.00pm

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

- In attendance:** Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, PPN
Cllr. Kevin Meenan (via Teams)
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB (via Teams)
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP (via Teams)
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda (via Teams)
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, 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:** Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
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. 35/2025

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 28th April 2025:

On the proposal of Mr. Ciaran Reid, seconded by Mr. Kevin Sweeney and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th April 2025 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 36/2025

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

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

LCDC Minute No. 37/2025

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 38/2025

4. LCDC Correspondence:

Mr. Gethins advised the members of the following items of correspondence for information:

- a) Funding call announced by Minister of State for Rural & Community Development, Jerry Buttimer, for Pilot Place-Based Philanthropy projects. There is a €600,000 fund available over three years to support community led projects that test innovative, co-funding approaches to addressing local issues. Closing date for applications is Monday 16th June at 12pm.
- b) Correspondence received from the Programme Delivery Unit in Pobal, regarding the Healthy Ireland Fund 2024 Progress Report and the 2025 Annual Activity Workplan submitted by Ms. Paula Keenan, Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator for County Louth. The work undertaken to date was acknowledged and feedback was positive.
- c) Correspondence received from the Louth CYPSC Co-ordinator requesting a letter of support from Louth LCDC for a proposed Family Resource Centre in the North of Dundalk. This was agreed on by the members & Mr. Finbar Gethins advised that a copy of this letter would be circulated to the members.

LCDC Minute No. 39/2025

5. PEACEPLUS Update:

Mr. Finbar Gethins informed the members that two tenders had been uploaded in relation to delivery of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan, details of which would be circulated to the members.

LCDC Minute No. 40/2025

6. Selection of Chairperson:

The members were advised that this was the last meeting of Ms. Alison Quail who is the current Chairperson of the LCDC-LAG. Mr. Finbar Gethins referred members to information circulated with the meeting packs in relation to selection of a new Chairperson. This will be decided on at the next meeting.

Mr. Gethins also advised that the current Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Carol Murphy, has resigned from her role as Vice-Chairperson. The selection of a new Vice-Chairperson will also be dealt with at the next meeting.

LCDC Minute No. 41/2025

7. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 16th June 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

16 June 2025

Chairperson:

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