

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

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 4.00pm**

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

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**In attendance:** Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson  
Cllr. Shane McGuinness  
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)  
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC  
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO  
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD  
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP (via Teams)  
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda (via Teams)  
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk (via Teams)  
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN  
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN (via Teams)  
Mr. Eugene Conlon, PPN  
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre

**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. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton  
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE  
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA  
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB  
Mr. Liam Reilly, PPN  
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN  
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC

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**LCDC MATTERS**

**LCDC Minute No. 79/2025**

**1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025:**

On the proposal of Ms. Sharon Curran, seconded by Cllr. Shane McGuinness and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were adopted.

### **LCDC Minute No. 80/2025**

#### **2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson, 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. 81/2025**

#### **3. Matters Arising:**

There were no LCDC matters arising.

### **LCDC Minute No. 82/2025**

#### **4. LCDC Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence for noting.

### **LCDC Minute No. 83/2025**

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

##### **a) Annual Engagement Meeting Update**

Ms. Miriam Roe briefed the members on the SICAP Annual Engagement Meeting, which was held on Friday last 14th November. This meeting forms part of Pobal's ongoing support for the SICAP Programme and was attended by our Development Coordinator, Ms. Aileen Gilchrist.

These annual engagement meetings, agreed between Pobal and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG), provides an opportunity for LCDC/LDC staff and SICAP Subcommittee members to engage directly with our assigned Pobal Development Coordinator. The meeting is aligned with the annual planning cycle and is intended to facilitate discussion on the implementation of SICAP over the past year, as well as planning for the year ahead. Topics included programme updates, observations on the Social Inclusion Data Report and general implementation matters.

The Social Inclusion Data Report, which is compiled by Pobal, was circulated in advance of the engagement meeting. This report provides county level (Lot Level) data across a range of indicators relevant to SICAP and is designed to support local-level discussions on social inclusion needs and priorities.

It is important to recognise that behind every figure and percentage contained in this report lies an individual or community group, and the crucial role of the Social Inclusion Team in delivering SICAP through meaningful interaction and support cannot be overstated.

The Social Inclusion Data Report, SICAP Programme Updates and the 2025 Case Study will be circulated to the members.

**b) SICAP – KPI's 2026 for Louth (10-1)**

As part of the SICAP 2026 annual planning process, the LCDC has been asked to review the KPI targets. Following discussions with Louth Local Development, the agreed targets are as follows:

CAB/Lot	Louth County (10-1)			
	Indicative Target (DRCDG)	2026 Target	Percentage change from the indicative target	Rationale for change
KPI 1 Community Groups Supported	80	78	3%	The Rationale for both KPI 1 and KPI 2 to retain targets at 3% is that the SICAP national budget increase is €1.5m which is a 3% increase. We wish to remain focused on delivering quality services holding the rates at 3% will ensure this focus is retained.
KPI 2 Individuals Supported	968	937	3%	As above

**Decision:** The revised KPI Targets for SICAP 2026, as outlined above, were unanimously agreed by the members.

## LCDC Minute No. 84/2025

### **6. PEACEPLUS:**

Mr. Finbar Gethins delivered a presentation on three projects being brought before the LCDC. He provided a comprehensive overview of each project, followed by an overview of the tendering process, and concluded with details of the proposal by the winning tenderer.

The following projects were recommended for approval by the members, at a meeting of the PEACEPLUS Partnership held on 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Mill Enterprise Centre in Drogheda:

- **Animating Shared Spaces Louth Stories Through Art Project**

**Recommendation:** The recommendation of the PEACEPLUS Partnership is to approve the awarding of this tender to Dundalk Youth Centre.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Mr. Ciaran Reid, seconded by Mr. Eugene Conlon and unanimously agreed by the members, the awarding of tender to Dundalk Youth Centre was approved.

- **Digital Arts Project**

**Noted:** Ms. Bernardine Quinn, having declared a conflict of interest for the Digital Arts Project, left the meeting.

**Recommendation:** The recommendation of the PEACEPLUS Partnership is to approve the awarding of this tender to Redeemer Family Resource Centre.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Ms. Jasmine Mathew, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan and unanimously agreed by the members, the awarding of tender to Redeemer Family Resource Centre was approved.

**Noted:** Ms. Bernardine Quinn rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

- **Collaborative Arts Programme**

**Recommendation:** The recommendation of the PEACEPLUS Partnership is to approve the awarding this tender to Capacity Ireland.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Mr. Ciaran Reid, seconded by Mr. Eugene Conlon and unanimously agreed by the members, the awarding of tender to Capacity Ireland was approved.

**LCDC Minute No. 85/2025**

**7. Local Enhancement Programme:**

Mr. Gethins provided the members with an update on the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. To date, 54 groups have been paid in the amount of €156,530.24, with 12 groups still to be paid.

Two groups have relinquished their funding and a number of groups have an underspend. As a result, there is extra funding available, the re-allocation of which will be brought for approval to the December LCDC meeting. This extra funding will remain within the relevant Municipal District.

Details of the Local Enhancement Programme for 2026 have yet to be announced but are expected imminently.

**LCDC Minute No. 86/2025**

**10. Next Meeting of LCDC:**

Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

**Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:**

15-12-25

**Chairperson:**

Kevin Meenan

