

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

Date: 20th October 2025 at 4.00pm

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

In attendance: Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson
Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD (via Teams)
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP (via Teams)
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA (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

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. Dolores Minogue
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Mr. Liam Reilly, PPN
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC

Guests: Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD (via Teams)

LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 71/2025

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 15th September 2025:

On the proposal of Ms. Sharon Curran, seconded by Mr. Pat McCormick and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th September 2025 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 72/2025

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. 73/2025

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 74/2025

4. LCDC Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for noting.

LCDC Minute No. 75/2025

5. LCDC Networking Event Update:

Mr. Finbar Gethins updated the members on the LCDC Networking Event which took place on 15th October in Carrick on Shannon. This event was also attended by LCDC members Mr. Eugene Conlon, Ms. Carol Murphy and Mr. Ciaran Reid.

The day began with updates from the DRCDG including:

- A Review of the Guidelines for the Operation of the Local Community Development Committees 2016
- An update on the LCDC Awareness Campaign. A training event on this topic will take place on 2nd December in Monaghan
- SICAP and the Local Enhancement Programme
- C&V Strategy and Volunteering Strategy updates

The following topics were also covered over the course of the day:

- Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilots
- Local Community Safety Partnerships
- Review of LECP 2-year Implementation Plans
- Building Community Resilience
- Mapping of Community Resources

Attending this event was considered valuable for sharing knowledge and recognising the common challenges faced by each Local Community Development Committee.

LCDC Minute No. 76/2025

6. PEACEPLUS:

An update was provided by Mr. Gethins on the PEACEPLUS Programme which included the following:

- Tenders were received for the PEACEPLUS Multicultural/Intercultural Project which closed on 6th October and the PEACEPLUS Collaborative Arts Project which closed on 16th October
- A tender assessment panel meeting was held on 7th October for the PEACEPLUS Animating Shared Spaces Louth through Art Project
- Contracts are currently being drawn up for 5 different projects

It was noted that the next meeting of the PEACEPLUS Partnership will take place in Drogheda on 11th November.

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7. Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Presentation:

As noted at the September LCDC meeting, Mr. Finbar Gethins delivered a presentation on the recent review of the LECP Implementation Plan.

He reminded members that the LECP is a statutory plan for the County of Louth and the Implementation Plan covers two years, with prioritised actions and KPIs to achieve framework goals. He highlighted several key outcomes from the review, including notable success stories and the positive impact on local communities.

Members were also advised of the current status of the actions/KPIs with the majority having a status of "Ongoing without a completion date".

Mr. Gethins addressed the barriers currently affecting implementation and outlined the next steps and priorities for the continued delivery of the LECP.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place during which Mr. Gethins responded to members' questions.

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10. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Tuesday 18th November 2025. This is to facilitate Louth County Council's Annual Budget meeting. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

18-11-25

Chairperson:

Kevin Meenan