

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

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 4.00pm**

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

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**In attendance:** Cllr. Shane McGuinness  
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)  
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton  
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC  
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE  
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD (via Teams)  
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN, Vice-Chairperson  
Mr. Liam Reilly, PPN (via Teams)  
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk  
Mr. Eugene Conlon, PPN  
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre  
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda  
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN  
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN  
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA (via Teams)

**Officials:** Ms. Colette Moss, Senior Executive Officer LCC/Chief Officer  
Ms. Joanna Kelly, Acting Director of Services LCC  
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC  
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC  
Ms. Ann Monahan, Staff Officer LCC

**Apologies:** Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson  
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO  
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP (via Teams)  
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB

**Guests:** Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD

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**LCDC MATTERS**

In the absence of Chairperson Cllr. Kevin Meenan, the LCDC-LAG meeting was chaired by Vice Chairperson Ms. Carol Murphy.

**LCDC Minute No. 01/2026**

**1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025:**

On the proposal of Cllr. Shane McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Eugene Conlon and

unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were adopted.

#### **LCDC Minute No. 02/2026**

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

Ms. Colette Moss noted that the Conflict of Interest Forms had been circulated to members and asked those who had not yet done so to complete and return them.

Members were also reminded to declare their Conflict of Interest at the beginning of the meeting or as it appears on the agenda, if applicable.

#### **LCDC Minute No. 03/2026**

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

Ms. Sinead McVerry informed the members that the Council have been shortlisted in two categories for the 2026 LAMA All-Ireland Community & Council Awards. The Irish Homeless Street Leagues has been nominated for the Community Wellbeing Initiative and Mr. Joe Grogan, Chairperson of the Louth Older People's Council has been nominated in the Community Volunteer Category. The LAMA Awards will take place at the Dublin Royal Convention Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

#### **LCDC Minute No. 04/2026**

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

There was no correspondence for noting.

#### **LCDC Minute No. 05/2026**

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

**Conflict of Interest:** Mr. Ciaran Reid left the room.

##### **a) SICAP Qtr. 1 2026 Payment:**

Ms. Colette Moss advised the members that the SICAP 2026 Qtr. 1 payment in the amount of €438,857.50 is now due and the DRCDG has instructed that an initial two month's payment of €292,571.67 for January & February should now issue. The payment of the remaining €146,285.83 for March should only be released on final approval of the 2025 Annual Performance Review and the 2026 Annual Plan.

**Recommendation:** To issue payment for two months (January and February 2026) in the amount of €292,571.67. The payment of the remaining €146,285.83 for the month of March will issue following approval of the 2025 Annual Performance Review and the 2026 Annual Plan.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Mr. Liam Reilly and seconded by Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, payment of two month's (January and February) funding for SICAP Qtr.1 2026 in the amount of €292,571.67 was approved.

**b) SICAP Qtr. 1 2026 New Arrivals Payment:**

The members were advised that the Qtr.1 2026 New Arrivals payment in the amount of €59,577.25 is now due for payment.

**Recommendation:** To issue payment for SICAP Qtr.1 2026 New Arrivals payment in the amount of €59,577.25.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Mr. Liam Reilly and seconded by Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, payment for SICAP Qtr.1 2026 New Arrivals payment in the amount of €59,577.25 was approved.

Mr. Ciaran Reid rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

**c) SICAP and New Arrivals 2026 Budget Allocations:**

Ms. Miriam Roe informed the members that confirmation had been received from the DRCDG that the SICAP funding allocations for Louth are:

SICAP Budget 2026	New Arrivals Budget 2026
€1,755,430.00	€ 238,309.00

It was noted that the New Arrivals allocation remains the same as 2025. However, the DRCDG advised that additional funding for New Arrivals will be made available to selected areas following an application process later in the year.

**LCDC Minute No. 06/2026**

**6. PEACEPLUS:**

Ms. Colette Moss provided an update on the PEACEPLUS Programme, highlighting the following:

- 8 Programmes have now been awarded and all outcome letters have been sent. Two contracts have been signed, three contracts have yet to be signed and three contracts are awaiting further details.

- 10 Programmes are due to be advertised in 2026; 4 in Quarter 1 and 6 in Quarters 2 and 3.
- Procurement training will take place on 11 February 2026 and one further programme will be re-advertised following this training.

### **LCDC Minute No. 07/2026**

#### **7. Local Enhancement Programme 2026:**

Ms. Sinead McVerry referred members to the details included in their meeting packs on the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 and provided a summary of the key points.

As noted at the December 2025 LCDC meeting, Ms. McVerry reminded the members of the limited timeframe between the closing date for applications on 27th February 2026 and the deadline for submitting approved applications to the Department on 3rd April 2026. The work involved in the processing of all applications is substantial to ensure a thorough, diligent and efficient assessment process. To meet administrative deadlines for the LCDC meeting on 23rd March, approved applications must be finalised by 18th March, making the timeline extremely tight.

Members' approval was requested to write to Minister Buttimer and Minister Calleary to express the LCDC's concerns about the constrained timeline and to request an extension of the Department's submission deadline from 3rd April 2026 to 22nd April 2026.

**Recommendation:** To express the LCDC's concerns about the constrained timeline and to request an extension of the Department's submission deadline from 3rd April 2026 to 22nd April 2026.

**Decision:** On the proposal of Ms. Bernardine Quinn and seconded by Ms. Jasmine Mathew, the request to express the LCDC's concerns about the constrained timeline and to request an extension of the Department's submission deadline from 3rd April 2026 to 22nd April 2026, was approved.

### **LCDC Minute No. 08/2026**

#### **10. Next Meeting of LCDC:**

Ms. Carol Murphy, Vice Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

She also advised that the March meeting date has been changed to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026. An updated Schedule of Meetings will be circulated to members following this meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

**Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:**

16-2-26

**Chairperson:**

Ken Mann

