

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

Date: 23rd March 2026 at 4.00pm

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

In attendance: Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton (via Teams)
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB (via Teams)
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD (via Teams)
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Mr. Eugene Conlon, PPN
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda (via Teams)
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA

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

Apologies: Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Mr. Liam Reilly, PPN
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
Ms. Lorraine O'Malley, DSP
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN

Guests: Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD

LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 17/2026

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 16th February 2026:

On the proposal of Mr. Eugene Conlon, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan and

unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th February 2026 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 18/2026

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Ms. Colette Moss reminded 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. 19/2026

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 20/2026

4. LCDC Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for noting.

LCDC Minute No. 21/2026

5. LCDC Annual Report 2025

Ms. Colette Moss referred to the Draft LCDC Annual Report 2025 which had been circulated to all members as part of their meeting packs. Ms. Moss provided an overview of the projects and developments contained therein after which a brief discussion took place.

Recommendation: To approve the LCDC Annual Report 2025.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Bernardine Quinn, seconded by Mr. David Conway, the LCDC Annual Report 2025 was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 22/2026

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

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid left the meeting.

(a) SICAP 2025 VAT Payment June-December:

Members were advised that the SICAP 2025 VAT June-December payment is now due, in the amount of €36,141.79.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP 2025 VAT June-December payment in the amount of €36,141.79.

Decision: On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, SICAP 2025 VAT June-December payment in the amount of €36,141.79 was approved.

(b) SICAP Qtr 2 Payment April-June 2026:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 2. 2026 payment (April-June) is now due for payment in the amount of €438,587.50.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr. 2 2026 payment (April-June) in the amount of €438,587.50.

Decision: On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Sweeney, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, the SICAP Qtr. 2 2026 payment of €438,587.50 was approved.

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

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr 2. 2026 payment (April-June) New Arrivals is now due for payment in the amount of €59,577.25.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr 2. 2026 payment (April-June) New Arrivals in the amount of €59,577.25.

Decision: On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Sweeney, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Meenan, SICAP Qtr 2. 2026 payment (April-June) New Arrivals in the amount of €59,577.25 was approved.

Mr. Ciaran Reid rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

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6. PEACEPLUS:

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

- The Ex-Prisoners Irish Language Programme is currently available on eTenders, with a closing date of 22/04/26
- 4 Projects are currently under Evaluation
- A launch event for the Animated Stories through Art Project was held by Dundalk Youth Centre at Stephenstown Pond in Knockbridge and for the Digital Arts Programme by Redeemer FRC in the Redeemer Centre
- Contract Award Notices have been awarded for the Digital Arts Programme and the Collaborative Arts Programme

LCDC Minute No. 24/2026

7. Local Enhancement Programme 2026:

Ms. Sinead McVerry provided an update to members on the Local Enhancement Programme 2026, advising that 121 applications were received with 101 of these being submitted through the Council's online portal. The applications were divided between the Municipal Districts with 19 from Ardee, 39 from Drogheda and 62 from Dundalk. There was one ineligible application. Ms. McVerry advised that assessments would take place the following week and recommendations for the distribution of funding will be brought to the April LCDC meeting for approval.

Members welcomed this funding, however, they expressed disappointment that no provision has been made for current funding in this year's scheme. Queries were also raised about how the number of applications compares with last year and whether the distribution across MDs reflects the usual pattern.

LCDC Minute No. 25/2026

10. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 20th April 2026. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

20-4-26

Chairperson:

Kevin Meenan