

Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 30th November 2016 at 8.30am in
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Present:	Organisation
Clr John Kennedy	Elected Representative
Clr Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
Cormac Shaw (Co-Chair)	Southside Partnership
Dearbhla Lawson (Co-Chair)	DLRCC
Fiona Ward	Dept. of Social Protection
Georgina Sweetnam	DLR LEO
Joanne Cullen	Tusla
Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN
Laura English	DLR PPN
In Attendance:	
Lucy McGrath	DLRCC
Lorraine Stewart	Southside Partnership
Apologies:	
Clr. Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Clr Jennifer Cuffe	Elected Representative
Colm Kinsella	ICTU
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training Board
Geraldine McDonagh	DLR PPN
Inez Bailey	Southside Partnership
Philip Maguire	Irish Famers Association
Maurice Farnan	HSE
Michael O'Brien	DLR PPN

1 Welcome and Introduction

Dearbhla Lawson and Cormac Shaw welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted. It was noted that Maurice Farnan has moved to a new position within the HSE and the name of his replacement will be forwarded to the committee in due course.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

It was noted that the PPN Secretariat is looking into the query from the last LCDC meeting regarding the criteria for selection from the PPN to SPCs. The PPN will revert back to Cormac Shaw, Joint Chair, with details of the process and this will be brought to next LCDC meeting.

With the Community Café recently opened in Dún Laoghaire, Cormac Shaw suggested potentially holding a future LCDC Meeting there – depending on timing and availability.

The Minutes of the LCDC meeting held on 28th September 2016 were proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by Josephine Browne.

3. Report on LCDC Workshop 20th October 2016

Dearbhla Lawson reported back on the workshop session that took place on Thursday, 20th October, and confirmed that it had been a positive and interesting session. She said that after two years from the formation of the LCDC, it was good to take stock and reflect on changes and achievements over that time. Margaret Barry facilitated the LCDC workshop event which took place in Marlay House. Margaret's report has been circulated to members. Feedback from participants was positive.

Everyone reflected that much had been achieved during that period, with SICAP, the LECP and with partners working collaboratively. There was agreement that the Committee had established good and positive working arrangements, but that with the focus now on implementation, there would be a need for each partner to look at how their activities can support the achievement of the LCDC's objectives in terms of the LECP and the SICAP actions. Dearbhla also mentioned that with changing personnel, responsibilities and new priorities over time, it would be important to have more regular updates from each of the partners. This would help ensure a better understanding regarding challenges and opportunities, and particularly where priorities and actions can be aligned to support the achievement of better outcomes for DLR.

A discussion took place on the roles of partners and it was reported that any issues relating to collaboration and the delivery of LECP actions could be brought to an LCDC meeting. This was discussed in detail and roles were clarified.

Tom Kivlehan asked whether Transport interests relating to DLR could be represented on the committee. Dearbhla Lawson said the LCDC has a specific focus on local community development and co-ordinating programmes and funding to achieve aims in the LECP and SICAP, and that it would not be appropriate to broaden the remit, especially when there are SPCs/other groups tasked with this. She also said that it was important to maintain focus and avoid duplication, but that reports could be taken in relation to specific related LECP objectives/actions.

Cormac Shaw suggested that articles about the work of the LCDC should be put on the DLR website and in the DLR Times.

Action: M. Ruane to arrange for article to be placed in the DLR Times and on DLR website updating people on LCDC achievements.

4. DLR Public Participation Network

Kay Gleeson reported on the recent PPN plenary meeting held on 9th November. This was the first opportunity to introduce Laura Howe, the new Public Participation Network Manager. The event was well attended with a 'world café' style set up for the meeting. Numbers have increased in the PPN due to the requirements in the Council's new Grants Guidelines requiring groups to register with the PPN before they can draw down funds.

It was mentioned that some new PPN members are finding the SPC meetings very formal and not always easy to get items on the agenda. Dearbhla Lawson mentioned that the Community Development SPC had a less formal setting which encourages wider participation. She also noted that a PPN work programme could assist with identifying priorities for the PPN going forward.

Tom Kivlehan mentioned that there are two SPC vacancies for PPN members from the Community and Voluntary pillar, which should be filled in the coming months.

Tom Kivlehan confirmed that he would be meeting with members of the Environmental Pillars from other LCDCs and will give feedback at the next meeting.

Action: Meeting to discuss and agree PPN work programme to be scheduled in diary by Helen Griffin with support from LCDC

5. SICAP update

On behalf of Southside Partnership DLR, Cormac Shaw gave an update and report on SICAP. He noted that the programme is running on target for the year. The 2017 budget will remain the same as 2016 and he said this will prove challenging due to upward pressure on costs. For 2017, one headline indicator has been slightly amended: Indicator 4 (Education supports) has been reduced and Indicator 9 (Employment supports) has been increased by a corresponding amount. Otherwise, the same targets will apply for next year. The SICAP end of year report for 2016 will be submitted in January 2017 and will include a narrative.

Mary Ruane said the SICAP Annual Plan 2017 was approved in principle by the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee on 26th October and another Sub Committee Meeting is being held today to complete the review process.

Tom Kivlehan asked how many students were dropping out of third level education and what protocols were in place to address same. Laura English asked for the breakdown of caseload by groups. Figures show very low numbers of Travellers participating in the programme and it is hoped to increase these numbers next year.

Approval of the SICAP Annual Plan 2017 was proposed by Cllr. Peter O'Brien and Fiona Ward seconded. The Plan was approved in principle by the LCDC and it was agreed that the LCDC Sub Committee will finalise details of the SICAP Annual Plan approval process.

Action: Presentation to be given at next LCDC on the SICAP End of Year Report for 2016

6. Leader programme update/Rural Task Force

It was noted that the LEADER programme was launched country-wide. Two 'Animation Sessions' were held in DLR in November but were poorly attended. It was noted that only two expressions of interest were received so far. A discussion ensued regarding what could be done to raise awareness to ensure that suitable opportunities would be identified. Tom Kivlehan suggested targeting specific identifying groups and an expression of interest (EOI) form to be made available. Cllr. Peter O'Brien said that the difficulty with this funding was that groups had to raise matching funds for projects. It was confirmed that EOI forms were available on the Rural Dublin LEADER website and that two calls were anticipated imminently in relation to promoting targeting tourism projects.

Action: Dearbhla asked that a notification go to all Councillors for the area. Also, need to confirm that local groups in the area are written to, to raise awareness, especially in relation to the upcoming calls.

7. LECP Objectives Implementation Discussion on Objective 9 and Update on drafting LECP Annual Progress Report

Georgina Sweetnam gave an in depth report on the progression of Objective 9: Support locally based creative and knowledge enterprises and Strengthen up-skilling within the County, including support for Start-Ups and for Business Incubation Facilities. A discussion took place on the related activities Social Mapping in the DLR area.

Action: Mapping of social enterprise: Southside Partnership to look at doing some mapping of all the social enterprises in the county.

8. Our Communities: A Framework Policy for Local and Community Development in Ireland - National Forum - Developing an Implementation Plan

This event took place on Wednesday 23rd November. The sector was very well represented with Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, Simon Coveney, T.D. attending. An outline implementation plan for the Framework Policy will be developed. The Department will prepare a report to be made available in January 2017.

There were five themes:-

- Engaging with Communities
- Working with Partners
- Planning for Local Development & Community Development
- Achieving with Communities (Implementing)
- Securing best outcomes for Communities (Monitoring & Evaluation)

It is hoped to have annual reviews of this Framework Policy with Steering Committees giving feedback. Minister of State for Communities & the National Drugs Strategy, Catherine Byrne, T.D. also attended the event.

9. Future updates:

Joanne Cullen gave an update on the Children & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC). A new member of staff, Lorna Kerin, will be starting on 12th December, and will be based in Dún Laoghaire. Joanne said that Tusla have been waiting a long time to get the position filled and she is looking forward to working with Lorna.

Action A presentation/update on CYPSC to be provided by Joanne/Lorna at a future LCDC meeting

10. Dates for LCDC Meetings:

Proposed dates for LCDC meetings in 2017 are as follows:

- Wednesday 15th February
- Wednesday 5th April
- Wednesday 17th May
- Wednesday 28th June
- Wednesday 20th September
- Wednesday 15th November

11. A.O.B.

It was noted that the Comhairle na nÓg AGM took place on Thursday 27th October with over fifteen schools from across the County attending the event.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 15th February 2017, Southside Partnership Offices, Blackrock @ 8.30am

Signed : _____

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Print Name : _____

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Co-Chair

Chief Officer