

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
Local Community Development Committee**

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 8.30am
The Annex, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire

Present:	Organisation
Cllr Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership dlr
Dearbhla Lawson (Chair)	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Mary Ruane	Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council Chief Officer
Tom Kivlehan	DLR Public Participation Network
Michael O'Brien	DLR Public Participation Network
Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Lorna Kerin	TUSLA (Advisory Member)
Sharon Perry	DLR Public Participation Network
Siobhan Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Cllr John Kennedy	Elected Representative
Alan Wyley	Southside Partnership
In Attendance:	
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Jason O'Sullivan	DLRCC
Apologies:	
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	DLR Public Participation Network
Cllr Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
Cllr Anne Colgan	Elected Representative
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training
Owen Laverty	DLR Local Enterprise Office

Welcome and Introductions

Dearbhla Lawson opened the meeting and welcomed members present and stated that there was a substantial agenda for today's meeting.

Presentation – Service Provision by Tusla in regard to Domestic Violence Services and Family Resource Centres

Dearbhla Lawson welcomed Kevin Webster, Principal Social Worker, Túsla Child and Family Agency who was invited by the LCDC to give a presentation on Tusla's work in regard to Domestic Violence Services and in regard to services to support Family Resource Centre provision in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Area.

The invitation to Tusla to discuss Domestic Violence developments in terms of statutory provision by Tusla for the DLR area is in the context of DLR LECP Action (18.5) 'Support a Safe and Secure County'. Also, the discussion in relation

to Family Resource Centres is in the context of DLR LECP Action (20.1) 'Support Resource Centres across the county to provide integrated facilities appropriate to the local environment and the needs of the groups who use them'.

Kevin Webster provided an update outlining both Tusla's Domestic Violence and FRC programmes, which are managed centrally by Tusla's national office, and provided an input on the local Tusla interaction with these services.

The LCDC raised questions regarding needs and supports in this area in relation to supporting victims of domestic violence and whether a business case was being developed for a Domestic Violence Refuge for the DLR area. Information was requested on this issue.

Lorna Kerin referred to work being undertaken by the DLR CYPSC 'Safety Sub Group', Chaired by Orna Sweeney, Principal Social Worker, Tusla, in regard to the effect domestic violence has on children in families experiencing domestic violence, which was noted.

Action: LCDC to write to Tusla seeking strategic partner meeting with County Council, CYPSC, TUSLA, SSP and HSE to discuss needs, supports and services for victims of domestic violence in this area and Tusla plans for commissioning services to address needs.

Kevin Webster provided an outline on the family resource services available in dlr to meet needs in the county, and outlined current services in the catchment area. Queries were raised regarding Tusla's plans and investment in FRC's in the area.

Action: Arrange meeting with Tusla to discuss family resource centres and services, and their plans and investment for dlr into the future.

Nominations and Replacements

The nomination of Bernard Kelly from the Department of Social Protection to replace Frank Costello who has resigned from the LCDC, was proposed by Dr. Josephine Browne, seconded by Tom Kivlehan and agreed.

The resignation of Colm Kinsella of ICTU was noted. The Chair thanked both Colm Kinsella and Frank Costello for their service to the LCDC. The filling of the vacancy and nomination process from the 'Other Civic Society or Local Community Interests Pillar' was briefly discussed.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC meeting held on the 28th of June 2018 were approved subject to correction of two errors. In PPN update, the scheduling of next PPN plenary Meeting was amended to 'Autumn'. In SICAP update, an Action was amended to 'Lorna Kerin to discuss with SSP regarding increasing service provision for early school leavers.'

The minutes as amended were proposed by Cllr. Kate Feeney, seconded by Dr. Josephine Browne and agreed.

PPN Update – Circulated for comment prior to meeting

It was noted that the circulated written update was both comprehensive and helpful.

LEADER Programme and Rural Task Force Updates

Cormac Shaw circulated written update at meeting

Community Enhancement Programme – Sub-group Report

Sharon Perry absented herself from the meeting at this point, having declared a potential conflict of interest. The Chief Officer established that Members present declared that they had no potential conflict of interest. The Chair thanked the sub-group for their work in preparing recommendations. Lorna Kerin commended the work done in advance of the Sub-group meeting which allowed for open and transparent assessment of applications. The Chief Officer presented the Sub-group report and recommendations to the committee and noted that additional funding may become available from the Department in the future. 53 applications were received and 35 were recommended for funding. Following discussion it was agreed that the Sub-group recommendations be accepted. This was proposed by Cllr. John Kennedy and seconded by Michael O'Brien and agreed. One written statement approving the recommendations was received from Cllr Ann Colgan.

Men's Shed Fund

The Chief Officer provided detail on the scheme and the applications received. It was recommended that the fund be divided equally among the seven applicants. This was proposed by Siobhan Fitzpatrick and seconded by Kay Gleeson and agreed. One written statement approving the recommendations was received from Cllr Ann Colgan.

Healthy Ireland Update – Round 1 Final Report

Sharon Perry rejoined the meeting at this point. The Chair presented key points in the Final Report for DLR's Healthy Ireland Fund DLR, Round 1, Strand 1.

The Final report included a summary of each action, which outlined the aims, locations, lead agencies, agencies involved and benefits and outcomes for in excess of 1,970 participants across the 13 actions throughout the county.

It was noted that the Healthy Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Strategy is in the final stages of completion, with the steering group meeting regularly to progress this action. The strategy will be circulated to the LCDC members for their input and also for their approval. The Final Report for Round 1 was approved.

LECP Update - Mid-year 2018 Progress Report Circulated Prior to Meeting

The LECP mid-year progress report was presented by The Chair who noted that the report highlights progress being made on key areas LCDC agreed for focus.

There was discussion regarding the withdrawal of the FREDA service for domestic violence out-reach supports in DLR and that it would be important to

explore Tusla plans for supports and services in this area in relation to Action 16 in DLR's LECP 'Support Families in the County.

It was agreed that the action arising from the Presentation item would also be relevant here.

County Sports Participation Strategy 2018-2022

A presentation on the Sports Partnership's Sports Participation Strategy 2018-2022 was given by Shane McArdle and Grainne Miller with Pat Smith answering questions arising. A discussion on the plan ensued with valuable input from the LCDC committee being noted.

Future Updates

- ETB - Programmes for early school leavers (Priority LECP item)
- Primary Healthcare
- Regional Skills Forum
- Headstrong
- Citizens Information Centre
- National Advocacy Service
- DSP Update
- Drugs & Alcohol Taskforce
- Mental Health; MOJO
- Southside Travellers Action Group

Date of Next Meeting


The next meeting will be held on 28th November 2018 at 8.30am in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall

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None

Signed: 
Print Name: DEA BILAL LAWSON

Chairperson

Signed: 
Print Name: MARY RUANE.

Chief Officer