

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

19th May, 2021 at 8.30am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present	Organisation
Cllr Kate Feeney (Chairperson)	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Marie Baker	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Tom Kivlehan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Therese Langan	Chief Executive or Nominee
Róisín Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Louise Kinlen	Southside Partnership DLR
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Darren Chambers	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Joan Casey	Community & Voluntary Forum/PPN
Mark Fox	Environmental Pillar/PPN
Maria Culbert	DDLETB
Stephen Fitzgerald	Department of Social Protection
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
Professor Joe Carthy	University College Dublin
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Apologies	Organisation
Sharon Perry	Social Inclusion Pillar/PPN
Mary Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership DLR
In Attendance	Organisation
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Paul O'Dwyer	DLRCC
Michelle Carroll	DLRCC

Welcome and Introductions-Nominations & Replacements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted, and the meeting was quorate.

The Chair introduced the following two new members to the Committee:

Cllr Marie Baker to replace Cllr Kazi Ahmed on the LCDC.

Louise Kinlen, Southside Partnership DLR, to replace Cormac Shaw in the interim until a new CEO of Southside Partnership has been appointed.

Mary Ruane noted that both nominations were approved by the Council at the Council meeting held on 10th May 2021.

Cllr Feeney requested that letters of thanks be arranged for the above outgoing LCDC members for their service to the LCDC.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 10th March 2021 were proposed by Gabby Mallon, seconded by Cllr Tom Kivlehan and agreed by the Committee.

Presentation by Conor Hickey, Crosscare

Conor Hickey, Crosscare, gave a presentation regarding the role of Crosscare within DLR, including:

- the organisation's background
- the various services provided, e.g. food parcels, community café, counselling services, homeless services, youth work

Following the presentation, Conor Hickey responded to questions regarding the services provided by Crosscare across the county. Conor was thanked for the presentation and for Crosscare's work in supporting various groups in the community.

Community Enhancement Programme 2021 Update

Mary Ruane presented a report on the Community Enhancement Programme 2021. The 2021 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) was launched on Monday 10th May by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD. DLRCC is administering this programme in the dlr area on behalf of the DLR LCDC.

Mary Ruane noted that guidelines regarding the scheme for 2021 have just been received from the Department. As the scheme comes under the LCDC, the LA now wishes to consult with the LCDC regarding the closing date and processing of applications was required from the Committee.

She advised that €142,108 has been allocated to DLR LCDC. Examples of what could be drawn down by successful applicants were provided, noting that grantees would need to draw down funding by the end of year. Once the general guidelines have been amended to reflect the DLR LCDC guidelines, they will be circulated to LCDC members and the community networks. Applications will be made via the online grants system as before.

An upper limit of €10,000 per grant application was discussed and there was general agreement, proposed by Cllr Kivlehan and seconded by Cllr McCarthy. The 16th July 2021 was proposed as the deadline for receipt of applications and there was general agreement. There was also general agreement that the grants sub-group will assess applications and a report on recommendations on these applications will be brought to the LCDC for decision at its September 2021 meeting.

Cllr Feeney highlighted that groups who were previously unsuccessful in CEP funding applications be contacted regarding the 2021 call for applications.

Actions:

- DLR LCDC specific guidelines are to be finalised and distributed to Committee members, community network and promoted across various channels (website, social media etc.)
- CEP online grant application form to be finalised and distributed to Committee members and community network
- Groups who were unsuccessful in previous rounds of CEP funding to be contacted regarding the 2021 call for applications

SICAP Update

Louise Kinlen, Southside Partnership DLR, presented on some of the ongoing work of SICAP and provided updates on some initiatives that Southside Partnership were currently involved in:

- Ballybrack Project Centre activities, including courses, events and supports
- Early Childhood Parenting support
- Social Prescribing supports in conjunction with Healthy Ireland
- Enterprise and employment supports – some examples of supported social enterprises were provided
- Food Parcels – a food delivery service out of Holly House through volunteers, staff and Men's Shed
- Personal Development courses online for women's programme

Following the presentation questions were welcomed from the floor and following a brief discussion, Louise was thanked for the update.

Healthy Ireland Update

Mary Ruane and Eoin Kelly provided an update report on Healthy Ireland. Eoin noted Round 3 Healthy Ireland funding has been extended to December 2021, with actions continuing through to December 2021. This was noted by the Committee.

Cllr McCarthy requested further details for signage in Parks. It was noted that DLR Sports are the action holder.

Action: Eoin Kelly to follow up with the DLR Sports team to provide details to Committee members regarding signposting, signage etc. in Parks.

PPN Update

A report from the DLR PPN was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

Leader & Rural Task Force Update

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2021

Bernie King provided a summary of the scheme, of which details were circulated before the meeting.

She noted that the expression of interest process has gone live on the dlrcoco.submit.com online system, with a deadline of 15th June 2021 for applications from interested groups.

LEADER Update

Mary Ruane highlighted the need for a replacement for Cormac Shaw on the LAG group. Mary recommended Louise Kinlen replace Cormac Shaw in the interim period before a new CEO has been appointed by Southside Partnership. Cllr McCarthy proposed and Cllr Feeney seconded the recommendation which was agreed.

Action: Mary Ruane to contact the Chief Officer in Fingal County Council with details of new nomination of Louise Kinlen to the LAG.

Action: Presentation provided by Eilish Harrington at the most recent Rural Task Force on 11th May to be circulated to Committee members for information.

Future Updates

Action: The Dept. Rural & Community Development survey on skills gaps and training needs of the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) was noted.

Mary Ruane acknowledged the passing of Dan Hurst of the DLR Older Persons Council and the Age Friendly Alliance, and John Nolan of the Disability Consultation Group. Condolences were expressed.

Gabby Mallon proposed that the County Childcare Committee be listed next for presentation.

Action: Contact County Childcare Committee to arrange presentation to next meeting of LCDC.

AOB

Stephen Fitzgerald noted the reopening of the Intreo office on Cumberland Street:

- 9:15am – 1:00pm for walk in services, implementing social distancing
- 9:00am – 5:00pm for appointments

Mary Ruane noted that guidelines have not yet been received for the formulation of a new LECP, and this could influence the next Committee meeting date. A meeting in July may be required to account for this but will be communicated to members if required. Otherwise, the next meeting can be considered for September. The proposed date is 15th September.

The next SICAP subgroup will take place at 11am 10th June, with the Grants subgroup to meet at a date decided in the future to assess the CEP applications.

Date of the Next Meeting

Next meeting 8:30am, 15th September 2021

