

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

24th November 2021 at 8.30am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

Introductions and Welcome

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

Governance, Nominations and Replacements (if any)

Mary Ruane advised that the appointment of Aisling Heffernan as the new HSE representative to replace Mary Fitzpatrick was approved by the Council on 8th November 2021. The Chairperson and Members welcomed Aisling to the LCDC.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on the 20th October 2021 were proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Róisín Cronin and agreed by the Committee.

Funding Schemes

Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 Update

Mary Ruane provided an update that the 7 applications recommended for funding by this LCDC on 20th October 2021 have been sent to the Minister for decision. A decision on the recommendations is still pending and once it is received, the LCDC will be updated as soon as possible.

Community Activities Fund Update

Mary Ruane briefed the committee on a substantial new fund: the Community Activities Fund (CAF). The scheme was launched on 11th November 2021 and €284,216 has been allocated to dlr out of a €9m total national budget. The scheme will be administered by the LCDC and will support groups in disadvantaged areas. Mary provided a brief overview of the purpose of the fund, noting guidance from the Department that 60% of the allocated funding will be focused on non-payroll operating/running costs (e.g. utility costs, insurance costs) while 40% will be focused on supporting capital projects.

It is up to each LCDC to decide on a closing date, but this can be no later than 28th February 2022. Mary Ruane proposed a deadline of 18th February for CAF applications in dlr.

Mary Ruane proposed an upper limit of €10,000 for successful applicants applying for the CAF scheme.

It was also proposed that the Grants Sub-Group review applications and bring recommendations to the March 2022 LCDC meeting for final decision. A template application form has been provided by the Department and will be amended to reflect the necessary terms as agreed by this LCDC.

A brief discussion took place and it was confirmed that

- the application process will be held online
- extensive community networks and Council Members will be notified with the details and guidelines for applications
- as much promotion as possible will be utilised in order to try and reach groups who may not be familiar with applying for funding from the Council
- the scheme will be made available for applications as soon as possible, once agreement is noted on closing date and the upper grant amount limit

Cllr Feeney proposed the terms of the scheme as outlined in Mary Ruane's report, Cllr Baker seconded and agreed by the committee.

SICAP Update

Mary Ruane provided an update regarding recent SICAP Sub-Group meetings to agree the SICAP statement of priorities for the two remaining years 2022-2023. A strong rationale for the selection of these key priority areas was presented and agreed.

Three priorities were identified:

1. New communities, with emphasis on migrant women participation
2. Increased engagement with the long term unemployed
3. Mental health (including youth)

The annual plans for 2022 and 2023 going forward will reflect these priorities and Pobal have been notified.

Cllr McCarthy highlighted that Travellers and Roma are the most disadvantaged groups in our county and beyond. Cllr McCarthy would like to see funding for initiatives (e.g. skip days on halting site along with an education element). Louise Kinlen agreed with the point on behalf of Southside Partnership's support provided to this community through the SICAP programme. Cllr McCarthy also highlighted the potential to get feedback from STAG regarding SICAP engagement with traveller groups who need more of a connection to the programme.

Action: A copy of the statement of priorities sent to Pobal will issue to all members of the LCDC.

Cllr Baker noted the short notice given ahead of the SICAP Sub-Group meeting which conflicted with other councillor business. Mary Ruane reiterated apologies for the clash of the meeting noting the strict deadlines set by Pobal in order to make the return and the number of intensive meetings involving Pobal in the build-up to calling the recent SICAP Sub-Group meeting. There was also follow up by email with Sub Group members who could not be present to obtain their written agreement for the statement of priorities. Mary also highlighted that separate meeting/information sessions are available for members of the Sub-Group on request if they're unavailable to attend the scheduled group meetings.

The final approval of the annual plan for 2022 is the 28th February 2022.

Cllr Feeney noted that the issue of traveller engagement is something that could be explored during the LECP thematic workshops. The possibility to add as a standing item on the SICAP Sub-Group agenda with updates provided by Southside Partnership was also mentioned.

The SICAP update was agreed by the committee.

PPN Update

An activity report from the DLR PPN covering October 2021 was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

Bernie King provided a brief run through of the report's key points, noting the next plenary meeting of the PPN is planned for 30th November 2021.

LECP 2016-2021 Updates

Mary Ruane noted the LCDC's plan to go ahead and hold thematic workshops, when we can meet again in person (which, all going well, may be in in Q2 2022). Guidelines have been received from the Department in formulating the new 6 year LECP and Mary provided a brief report about the launch and support the Department will provide.

Supports include a webinar for support staff and members of the LCDC on 9th December 2021. Both the private and public sector members of the LCDC are to contact the dlr LCDC support team to advise if they'd like them to pass on their emails for the 9th December event – the team should be advised by 4pm 24th November so details can be passed on accordingly.

Stephen Fitzgerald noted he has already been invited from Wicklow LCDC and will not need to be re-invited to the event.

Leader & Rural Task Force Update

Mary Ruane noted the 7th December as the date of the next Rural Task Force meeting, following on from the previous meeting held on 21st September, the meetings include an update on the Leader Transitional programme.

It was also noted no decision has yet been made by the Department of Rural and Community Department on applications under the Town and Village Renewal scheme. The Dublin Mountain Partnership is continuing to monitor car park activity due to increase in numbers. The Leader geographic map for dlr is currently being updated having been sent to the Fingal Leader company.

A brief discussion followed regarding increasing outreach to community groups for environmental projects and the increased opportunities provided with the increased demographic area for LEADER in DLR.

Future Updates

Age Friendly Programme and HSE Updates were taken as read and Cllr Feeney noted that Future Updates can be kept under review should members wish to change the content.

AOB

Mary Ruane highlighted that dlr County Council's Community Grants will be open for applications from 26th November 2021 until 28th January 2022. There will be online guidance webinars provided by dlr staff on the 7th December and 10th January for prospective applicants who would like assistance going through the process. The report for the community grants will be presented at dlr's March Council meeting.

Date of the Next Meeting

Next meeting: Date TBC - the end of January or early February 2022 were suggested

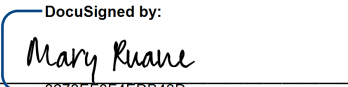
A date and time will be circulated as soon as possible, subject to the deadlines provided by the Department.

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Kate Feeney

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Chairperson

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Mary Ruane

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Chief Officer