

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday

16th September 2020 at 8.30am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present:	Organisation
Therese Langan	Chief Executive Nominee
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Siobhan Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Roisin Cronin	Local Enterprise Office
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	Public Participation Network
Darren Chambers	Public Participation Network
Mark Fox	Public Participation Network
Joan Casey	Public Participation Network
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kazi Ahmed	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative (Chairperson)
Conor Hickey	Crosscare
Alan Wyley	Southside Partnership DLR
Prof Joe Carthy	UCD
Dr. Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Sharon Perry	Southside Women's Action Group
Derek Elders	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
In Attendance:	
Maria Kelly	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Apologies:	
Lorna Kerrin	Tusla (in advisory role)
Stephen Fitzgerald	Dept. of Social Protection
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership DLR

Welcome and Introductions-Nominations & Replacements

Cllr Kate Feeney welcomed the new members and invited them to give brief introductions.

Mary Ruane advised the Committee that there was consultation with the Corporate Policy Group in relation to following nominations:

Therese Langan	Chief Executive Nominee
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Darren Chambers	Public Participation Network (Community & Voluntary sector)
Stephen Fitzgerald	Dept. of Social Protection
Mark Fox	Public Participation Network (Environmental sector)
Joan Casey	Public Participation Network (Community & Voluntary sector)
Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber
Patricia Byrne	Southside Partnership DLR

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the LCDC Meeting held on 1st July 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy seconded by Cllr. Kate Feeney and AGREED.

SICAP Update and Mid-Year Review

Cormac Shaw gave an update on the mid-year review 2020 and noted the mid-year report has been submitted to Pobal on the IRIS system.

Despite the Covid-19 crisis Southside Partnership are on target for mid-year and they expect to reach end of year targets for KPI's 1 & 2.

Southside Partnership are going to focus on working with groups to help them cope financially and operationally, while continuing to provide supports online.

Cormac Shaw gave a brief overview of SICAP for the benefit of the new members.

Mary Ruane presented the mid-year review report from the LCDC SICAP subgroup held on 8th September. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Kate Feeney seconded by Dr. Josephine Browne and agreed by the LCDC to approve the SICAP Mid-Year Review.

Mary Ruane noted that SICAP is a standing item on the Agenda and Cormac Shaw will present a report on the KPI Targets at the next meeting.

Cormac Shaw noted he is working on case study and will circulate it in advance of the next meeting.

Action: Chief Officer to notify Pobal that Mid-Year Review is approved by LCDC.

Grants Schemes Updates

COVID 19 Emergency fund

Mary Ruane presented a report on the grants awarded under the Covid-19 Emergency Fund which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The report was noted by the Committee.

Healthy Ireland Round 3 and Healthy Ireland Portal

Mary Ruane presented the Healthy Ireland Report.

She noted that there are a number of elements to the programme.

She advised that due to impact of COVID-19 Pobal have extended the deadline for the completion of actions to the 30th June 2021 and that any underspend from the actions can be transferred to the community engagement budget and targeted at priority health and wellbeing needs. The unspent budget is approximately €25,000. Mary Ruane noted the Healthy Ireland Steering Group agreed the following four priority areas impacted by Covid-19 and expressions of interest were sought.

- Children at Play
- Elderly
- Domestic Violence
- People with disability.

Eoin Kelly outlined 2 projects received to date under the community engagement budget:

- Children at Play – Focus Ireland will train facilitators in thera-play which will help homeless children and those who have suffered through effects of domestic violence.
- Recommendation- Funding of €6,000 towards cost of programme be provided.
- SAVE – Crisis counselling services for women and children who have suffered domestic abuse. Services will continue by telephone and online until face to face services can resume.
- Cormac Shaw declared a conflict of interest with SAVE and withdrew from discussion and decision-making on the project.
- Recommendation- Funding of €3,000 towards cost of programme be provided.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Kazi Ahmed that funding as recommended be provided for these two applications.

In general discussion on Healthy Ireland matters, Cllr. Kazi Ahmed raised a query regarding community services for mental health issues, Siobhan Fitzpatrick outlined the service provider, St. Vincent's Hospital has an acute mental health service and there are many online services available.

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy enquired about engaging with the elderly across the county and Mary Ruane confirmed that the Council's Age Friendly services are engaging with the elderly countywide. A new Age Friendly Plan from 2021 to 2026 is being developed. The Council engage with the Older Persons Council and the Age Friendly Alliance. The Community Call provided support and assistance to older persons during the lockdown and the service is being maintained.

Therese Langan advised that she is reviewing and evaluating the Community Call. Structured interviews will take place with all forum members. A Terms of Reference has been drafted and a report will be prepared and forwarded to the LCDC and the SPC.

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy noted digital poverty was causing concern for some families. Cllr. McCarthy said she would like to see walking groups set up for older persons.

Cormac Shaw asked if the timescale for Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 could be extended to the end of 2021 given the current Covid-19 restrictions impacting on delivery of the programme.

Action: Mary Ruane and Cllr Feeney to write to Healthy Ireland and Pobal to recommend extending the Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 to the end of 2021.

Community Enhancement Programme

Bernie King presented a report on the Community Enhancement Programme. She advised 34 applications have been received under Round 1 and a report on applications will be available for consideration for decision at the October LCDC meeting.

In relation to the second call, Bernie King noted the closing date for applications under the Community Enhancement Programme for Community Centres and Community Buildings is the 30th September 2020 at 5.00 p.m. Departmental guidelines recommend the ring fencing of 30% of the funding for small projects of up to €1,000 in value, and in the DLR area the aim will be to achieve this, subject to receiving a sufficient number of small grant applications.

Subcommittees

Cllr. Kate Feeney noted that new members were needed for the subcommittees.

Mary Ruane noted that a report was circulated prior to the meeting and that these subgroups are necessary to support the work of the LCDC.

Mary Ruane gave an outline of the subgroups. The membership of this subgroup could be 4 private and 3 public representatives.

Nominations were invited for SICAP subgroup and the following members have agreed to join the SICAP Subgroup:

- Cllr. Kazi Ahmed
- Cllr. Kate Feeney
- Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
- Ibrahim Al Kaddo
- Joan Casey

Josephine Browne will discuss the vacancy with Gabby Mallon who will be her replacement on the LCDC.

An outline of the commitment required and the details of the subgroup to be forwarded to the members to consider for possible nominations from LCDC.

Community Enhancement Programme Subgroup (Grants Subgroup)

Mary Ruane gave an outline of the Community Enhancement Programme subgroup. She recommended re-naming CEP Sub Group as the LCDC Grants and Supports Sub Group. The renamed Sub Group would consider and make recommendations to the LCDC for decision on both CEP and Healthy Ireland grant applications.

The membership of this subgroup could be 4 private and 3 public representatives.

Nominations were invited to join this group.

Cllr. Kate Feeney requested information on the subgroup to be forwarded to the members to allow them time to consider joining the subgroup.

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy, Cormac Shaw and Joan Casey agreed to join the subgroup. Cormac Shaw noted he will abstain from voting if any conflict of interest arises. Dr. Josephine Browne noted she will ask Gabby Mallon to join the subgroup. Eoin Kelly to contact Lorna Kerin to inquire if she wishes to continue on this subgroup.

It was noted that a meeting is required in early October to discuss the current CEP Grant Applications.

Healthy Ireland Steering Group

Mary Ruane confirmed the cross-sectoral steering group included following from the LCDC:

- Therese Langan (Member LCDC)
- Siobhan Fitzpatrick (Member LCDC)
- Lorna Kerin (Advisory role LCDC)
- Cormac Shaw (Member LCDC)
- Mary Ruane (Chief Officer of LCDC)

Mary Ruane outlined that the Healthy Ireland Sub Group will support the LCDC Grants and Supports Sub Group by carrying out and submitting a detailed assessment of Healthy Ireland grant applications to the Sub Group to consider and make recommendations to the LCDC for decision.

The Chief Officer's report was NOTED.

PPN Update

The DLR PPN Report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting and noted.

Leader and Rural Task Force Update

Mary Ruane noted that Mark Fox, PPN (environmental pillar) has now replaced Tom Kivlehan on the LCDC. There is a vacancy on the Dublin LEADER LAG as Tom Kivlehan vacated his position on the LAG on becoming a member of DLR County Council.

The DLR LCDC is invited to nominate an Environmental Representative from the DLR LCDC. Mary Ruane proposed that the LCDC consider that Mark Fox would replace Tom Kivlehan on the LAG.

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy proposed Mark Fox to join the LAG and Cllr. Kate Feeney seconded.

An update report for the LEADER programme was noted.

Cllr. Kate Feeney asked if any progress has been made with the Planning Department for projects that Leader were interested in funding?

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy noted some of the projects don't fit the County Development Plan.

Action:

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy to forward examples of projects Leader are interested in funding which are not permitted under the County Development Plan.

A meeting of the Rural Task Force is being arranged for early October.

Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme

Bernie King presented a report on the Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme.

She advised an application has been submitted under the Accelerated Measure Round 3 by Stars of Erin GAA/Dublin Mountain Community Centre and DLRCC to develop the community centre as a remote working hub.

Two applications will be made under the Main Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme.

- Stepside Village will apply for €99,000 for upgrade of the Village.
- Sandyford Village will apply for €180,000 for upgrade of the Village.

The Department of Rural Community and Development makes the decisions on these applications.

DLR Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021

The LECP Mid-year Progress Report was circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr. Kate Feeney suggested this item be discussed further in a workshop setting in relation to priority themes.

Action:

Mary Ruane to circulate dates for a thematic workshop.

Future Updates

Council's Community Development Programme- DLR's Age Friendly Programme

Mary Ruane notified the LCDC that the DLR Age Friendly Strategy is currently being reviewed and a report on the consultation process will be presented to the DLR Age Friendly Alliance this afternoon.

AOB

As Dr. Josephine Browne was stepping down from the LCDC after her 6 year's term on the Committee, Cllr. Kate Feeney and other members of the committee thanked Dr. Josephine Browne for her contribution and service to the LCDC.

Mary Ruane also thanked Dr. Josephine Browne for her commitment to the LCDC during her 6 year's term.

Eoin Kelly noted that Lorna Kerin has invited members of the LCDC to the launch of the DLR CYPSC Children and Young Persons Plan on Monday, 21st September.

Action:

Eoin Kelly to forward the link to the CYPSC Children and Young Persons Plan launch to the members.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 21st October at 8.30am

Signed: Kate Keeney

Print Name: KATE KEENEY

Chairperson

Signed: Mary Ruane

Print Name: MARY RUANE

Chief Officer

