

# Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 19th May 2016 at 8.30am  
in Southside Partnership, Blackrock.

<b>Present:</b>	
Cormac Shaw (Co-Chair)	Southside Partnership
Deirdre Baber	LCDC Chief Officer
Dearbhla Lawson (Co-Chair)	DLRCC
Cllr Peter O'Brien	Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	Elected Representative
Cllr John Kennedy	Elected Representative
Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
Fiona Ward	Dept. of Social Protection
Kay Gleeson	DLR Public Participation Network
Tom Kivlehan	DLR PPN
Kevin Webster	Tusla
Dave Lawless	DLRCC
Maurice Farnan	HSE
Derek Elders	DDL Education and Training Board
Colm Kinsella	ICTU
Inez Bailey	Southside Partnership
<b>In Attendance:</b>	
Lucy McGrath	DLRCC
Pat Coffey	DLRCC
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Albertine Denis	DLR Public Participation Network
Eibhlin Curley	DLR LEO
Cllr Jennifer Cuffe	Elected Representative
Pauline Davey	DLR Public Participation Network

## **1 Welcome and Introduction**

Cormac Shaw opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr. John Kennedy who is replacing Cllr Josepha Madigan and Kevin Webster from Tusla who is attending on temporary basis. The LCDC has now been up and running for 18 months and has achieved a lot during that time, including the introduction of SICAP, the launch of the PPN and the development of the LECF.

## **2. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Minutes from the last meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March were circulated in advance of the meeting. Matters arising would be dealt with as part of the meeting. Approval of Minutes was proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by Fiona Ward.

## **3. Public Participation Network:**

Dearbhla Lawson introduced and confirmed that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between DLRCC and the PPN and that progress was being made on proposals for PPN Resource worker. Kay Gleeson confirmed that Southside Partnership DLR has been awarded the hosting of the PPN Resource Worker following an open process. The vacancy for the Resource Worker has been advertised on Active Link & jobs.ie. Kay confirmed that a recent regional Public Participant Network event for Secretariat members was very informative with good representation from many counties. The DLR Public Participation Network is well ahead in some areas and behind in others but with the new Resource worker in place it is hoped to be at a more advanced stage. Many of the PPNs have limited representation on local SPCs

and this needs to be addressed. However, in DLR this is not an issue as there is strong PPN representation on the Council's SPCs and opportunities to participate in policy development.

#### **4. SICAP update:**

An update on SICAP was given by Cormac Shaw. Two case Studies were presented handed out and this gave the members an insight in to the work carried out as part of SICAP. Fiona Ward requested the Highlight Indicator Report be sent to the LCDC Members. Southside Partnership have produced a booklet called 'Breaking out of the Welfare Trap', which provides information about services and supports available to those on a Social Welfare payment in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. It is also available online.

Cormac Shaw noted the 'Reaching People V Reaching Targets' article in 'Changing Ireland', this magazine is also available on line, [www.changingireland.ie](http://www.changingireland.ie).

*Action - Highlight Indicator Report be sent to the LCDC Members*

#### **5. LEADER Programme update & Rural Task Force:**

Cormac Shaw gave an update on the Dublin Rural Local Development Strategy (LDS) submission. It was submitted at the end of January to the Department but it now needs to be revised and resubmitted by the end of June. This will delay the roll out of LEADER in DLR which will now take place in the autumn. A meeting of the LAG Steering Group will take place in the next week to discuss.

Dearbhla Lawson updated on proposals for establishing the DLR Rural Taskforce, and that Terms of Reference (TOR) were in preparation to enable the Taskforce to be established in the autumn in preparation for the launch of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme.

It was stressed that all key stakeholders and groups are represented and important that the Terms of Reference are reviewed. Dearbhla Lawson requested that the LAG review the draft TOR and agree these on behalf of LCDC and that letters be sent to relevant groups seeking nominees. This was proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by Cllr. Kate Feeney.

*Action - LAG review the draft TOR and agree these on behalf of LCDC and that letters be sent to relevant groups seeking nominees to join Rural Taskforce*

#### **6. LECP update:**

Dave Lawless, DLRCoCo, gave an update on the LECP Report. The LECP document was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> April in Airfield Estate by An Cathaoirleach Barry Saul. Copies of the report were made available to the LCDC members and is available at [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie).

Dearbhla Lawson confirmed that while it is a five year plan, that it is ambitious and requires a collaborative approach with partners to deliver on the goals and objectives. Some of the 156 actions may need to be adapted as the plan progresses to ensure fit with changing approach or policies and resources. Deirdre Baber asked for an update on actions from the relevant lead organisations and to have feedback by early June. Work needs to be on-going to progress these actions.

It was proposed that the A.S.G. meet in early June to look at strategic issues coming from the action plan and to inform with mid-term report and end of year report.

Cormac Shaw acknowledged the work done by Dave Lawless in leading the development of the Community elements of the Plan.

D. Lawless circulated a draft proposal relating to the implementation phase of the LECP. An Advisory Steering Group (ASG) comprising those members of the LCDC who were on the ASG

for the development of the plan, was proposed. It was agreed that Dearbhla Lawson, Cormac Shaw, Inez Bailey and Deirdre Baber be appointed as LCDC representatives on the A.S.G.

Action

*LECP updates from all - Deirdre Baber asked for update on actions from lead organisations and feedback by early June to inform an update on community actions at next LCDC.*

*A.S.G. to meet in early June to look at strategic issues coming from the action plan and to inform with mid-term report*

## **7. Age Friendly Strategy Presentation:**

Pat Coffey gave a presentation on the recently launched DLR Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020. The overall goal is to create a County which is a great place to grow old. Pat gave an overview of the nine themes in the strategy.

The DLR Age Friendly Strategy aims to set down clear, attainable and measurable goals. A discussion took place on many topics from computer usage (85% of older people access the internet) to downsizing of their homes by older people. Kay Gleeson offered her assistance with implementing the strategy.

## **8. Future Updates:**

Kevin Webster, Tusla, said a newly appointed coordinator for the area, Joanne Cullen, will be in place for the next LCDC Meeting. Maurice Farnan will have input for the next meeting and these will be forwarded to Deirdre Baber. He said the main issue and challenge was staff recruitment.

On Primary Healthcare, again staff recruitment was an issue with little or no new initiatives possible until this is addressed.

Some suggestions were made regarding future inputs to our LCDC meetings, as follows:

- Children's Services Committee
- Primary Healthcare
- Mental Health Network
- Regional Skills Forum
- Dun Laoghaire Community Café Project
- Headstrong

Action

*Maurice Farnan to present to next meeting and forward papers/ presentation to Deirdre Baber*

## **9. LCDC Workshop:**

Dearbhla Lawson introduced the Departmental Feedback form on how the LCDC was operating, and the responses were agreed for submission. Related to this, a discussion took place about how the members of the LCDC feel about how it is operating. It was generally agreed that LCDC is working well, with partners supportive and meetings well attended, and regular updates provided and good progress being made on key programmes. However some expressed that collaboration could be improved to help with building an effective team. Dearbhla Lawson suggested a workshop focussed on the goals or themes from LECP with a social event taking place after. It was also requested that this should also consider the geographical focus to ensure clarity that the LCDC could make a real difference as a team.

Action – Workshop format to be explored and a proposal reported back for LCDC views

**10. A.O.B.**

Opening of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. Invites will be circulated to all members via email.

**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July @ 8.30am in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Offices,  
Dun Laoghaire.**

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Co-Chair

Chief Officer