

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of meeting held on
Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 8.30am
The Annex, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire

Present:	Organisation
Cllr John Kennedy	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Anne Colgan	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Cllr Kate Feeney	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Dearbhla Lawson	Chief Executive Nominee
Mary Ruane	Chief Officer
Siobhan Fitzpatrick	Health Service Executive
Derek Elders	Dublin Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board
Cormac Shaw	Southside Partnership DLR
Sharon Perry	Public Participation Network
Kay Gleeson	Public Participation Network
Michael O'Brien	Public Participation Network
Tom Kivlehan	Public Participation Network
Dr. Josephine Browne	DLR Chamber
In Attendance:	
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Apologies:	
Owen Laverty	Head of Local Enterprise Office
Cllr Peter O'Brien	DLRCOCO Elected Representative
Bernard Kelly	Department of Social Protection
Lorna Kerin	Tusla (in advisory role)
Alan Wyley	Southside Partnership DLR
Ibrahim Al Kaddo	Public Participation Network

Welcome and Introductions

Dearbhla Lawson opened the meeting and welcomed members. The chief officer noted that the meeting was quorate and recorded apologies for 6 members.

Minutes and Matters Arising

Dearbhla Lawson gave an overview of the actions arising from the previous meeting. It was noted that the final DLR Healthy County Plan was circulated to the LCDC members and approval for its publication and launch was granted by the LCDC on 27th February 2019.

In relation to the CEP grants it was noted that the HSE had been contacted regarding operational guidelines for the use of AEDs in community groups. Guidelines would be circulated to all groups who received grants for AEDs in the community.

The minutes of meeting held on 27th February 2019 and meeting adjourned to 13th March 2019 were proposed by Kay Gleeson and seconded by Josephine Browne and agreed.

Governance, Nominations & Replacements (if any):

Mary Ruane presented a report on LCDC governance. A review of nominations who had served more than the initial three years term was underway with nominating bodies; the PPN had been consulted in regard to two PPN representatives and the DLR Chamber had also been contacted to confirm their nomination to the committee. Responses were expected shortly.

The need for appropriate representation to meet the needs of the community at present was noted with regards to the current two vacancies on the committee for 'Other local community and social partner interests' representatives. The review is considering how the work of the LCDC, its aims and objectives, could be further supported and broadened, and how to further advance the objectives in the LECP, by seeking nominees from further sectors of local community and social partner interests to be members on the LCDC.

It was noted that LEO representation on the committee would be invaluable for advising on economic and enterprise and that consideration be given to a nominee from the Head of LEO if the Head was unavailable. The Chair noted that the position of Head of LEO was specified in the guidelines, but that this would be explored to ensure LCDC representation across the key areas.

The on-going national review of LCDCs was discussed and it was noted that the LCDC members had been offered the opportunity to feed into the review through workshops and questionnaires, and that a number of members had fed into the process.

The structure of committee meetings was discussed with some members offering the opinion that having more time for discussion and debate on topics of interest would be of benefit to the LCDC. It was noted that the LCDC had a significant amount of formal business, and that much of this was stemming from the increase in funding streams being administered through the LCDC. While the increased funding was welcome, there was less time for discussion. It was noted

that the workshop format held previously provided an opportunity for discussion, and that the Sub Committees of the LCDC provides opportunity also.

It was proposed that an increased focus on the use of subcommittees could allow for further support to the work of the LCDC. The programme of LCDC workshops held in 2018 to examine priority areas in the LECP would continue in 2019.

Action: Chief Officer to prepare a report around subcommittee structures and topics for discussion to support work of LCDC.

A recommendation was considered that the two vacancies for representatives from Other civic society or local community interests on the LCDC be filled on the basis of the Chief Officer's review.

That in recommending the filling of vacancies, the review has considered that an appropriate mix of interests be reflected in the membership of the LCDC at this time, having regard to aims of LCDC, the guidelines and dlr LECP priorities.

The recommendation that the LCDC consider extending an invitation to Crosscare CEO or to another senior member of management to join DLR LCDC and to contact UCD to invite Professor Joe Carthy, UCD in the Community, or another senior faculty member to join the LCDC,

The following recommendations were then considered in relation to proceeding to fill the two vacant seats on the LCDC:

- An invitation to Crosscare CEO, or another senior member of management, to join the LCDC and
- An invitation to Professor Joe McCarthy, UCD in the Community, or another senior faculty member to join the LCDC;

Was proposed by Dr. Josephine Browne and seconded by Cormac Shaw and agreed.

The LCDC recommendation for nominees would be progressed for consideration by the County Council.

SICAP Update

Cormac Shaw provided a Lot Summary update report from IRIS indicating progress towards the two KPIs in the year to date. It was noted that Southside Partnership DLR CLG was on target to achieve above the expected 25% of the overall target for each of the KPI's.

Cormac Shaw noted that it was difficult to attract and retain suitably qualified staff in the current labour market, but that a full time worker with expertise in the 'emerging needs' area of youth at risk had been employed in conjunction with the DATF to target this group. The Chair noted the positive progress with targets in the year to date and thanked Cormac Shaw for the update.

Grant Schemes

National Community Weekend – The Big Hello – 4th to 6th May 2019

A report on the applications for funding under this scheme was circulated at the meeting. It was noted that there were 27 eligible applications for funding and that the recommendations fully expended the funds allocated by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Conflicts of interest were sought and declared in advance of discussions with one member declaring an interest in two of the applications, and absented from meeting, as required.

Following a brief discussion a vote was held with all members present supporting the allocation of the funding as recommended in the report.

Action: Community Department to prepare list of events for publication on LCDC website and release.

It was further noted that as well as the Community Day, the Community & Cultural Development Department was supporting Street Feast 2019 in dlr.

Community Enhancement Programme Grants 2019

Mary Ruane reported that the CEP grant scheme had been recently announced for 2019 and the total funding allocated to DLR was €142,108. A national deadline of the 30th of May for applications had been announced by the Department.

Action: Community Department to adapt departmental documents for use in DLR and circulate through the usual channels.

Healthy Ireland Update

Mary Ruane gave an update on this item. The Healthy DLR Plan launch date had been confirmed as the 9th of May. This was to take place in conjunction with the schools' Daily Mile event in Marlay Park, and with An Cathaoirleach invited to launch the plan and the Minister for Health Promotion invited to attend.

Final edits were being completed and the plan would be circulated to the committee when printed copies available.

Siobhan Fitzpatrick noted that the HSE specialist team focusing on prevention of tobacco use would be available to advise DLR on this area if required.

PPN Update – Circulated for comment prior to meeting

A written update was circulated at the meeting. It was noted that membership was continuing to increase and that a support worker had been recruited.

Leader & Rural Task Force Update

Cormac Shaw noted that the next meeting of the RTF would take place on the 30th of May.

It was noted that Fernhill Park was now open 7 days per week with the new entrance in operation.

It was noted that applicants for LEADER funding were reporting that the application process for other annual funding streams was more accessible than that for LEADER, which may explain the low level of applications.

Cormac Shaw noted that discussion with LEO had been undertaken with a view to exploring potential for incubator space in the DLR LEADER area.

Interagency meeting with TUSLA in regard to LECP Priority

Dearbhla Lawson gave an update on this item and clarified that an Interagency meeting had taken place with TUSLA and An Garda Síochana, and the Council.

The meeting discussed the current context and need for services and supports for victims of Domestic Violence in DLR and received updates from partners. An Garda Síochana is providing training and is to establish divisional protective services in each division. Tusla are reviewing their emergency services provision, and the baseline review and analysis is expected to underpin the development of a future high level commissioning plan. The level of services and supports was raised including whether any plans for a domestic violence refuge for the area and requirements in relation to the Istanbul Convention. Tusla is currently engaging with a range of Stakeholders and is planning service delivery in this area. It was also confirmed that a Refuge service for Dublin region in Ranelagh had recently re-opened. TUSLA discussed the recording of statistics and a current on-going mapping exercise.

A further inter-agency meeting was scheduled for the end of May, however FREEDA has ceased and is no longer in operation.

Cllr. Colgan noted the importance of work in prevention and highlighted successful schemes in both Boston and New Zealand from which inspiration could be drawn.

Quarterly meetings are to be scheduled and an update provided to the LCDC.

Future Updates

One of the Objectives in the LECP which requires consideration relates to 'a philanthropy strategy' and what could be progressed in relation to dlr. Cormac Shaw confirmed that meetings were held regarding progressing this and that he would report to the LCDC on this.

It was agreed to invite Southside Traveller Action Group (STAG) to hear about their work keeping young people of the Traveller community in education.

Action - Investigate a date with STAG to present at an LCDC meeting.

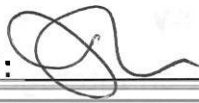
Action - Cormac Shaw to prepare presentation on philanthropy for next LCDC meeting.


Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

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None

Signed: 

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Print Name: D. LAWSON

Print Name: MARY RUANE

Chairperson

Chief Officer