



Minutes of LCDC Meeting 25th June 2026, 4 p.m.

Online, MS Teams.

In Attendance: Denis Leamy (Chair), Denis J. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Gary O'Brien, Cllr. John Maher, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Cllr. Kenneth Collins, Dermot Crosby, Michael Delargey, Rebecca Loughry, (quorum achieved).

Apologies: Bernie Connolly, Eoin Gunn, Katherine Harford, Konrad Im, Martin Davoren, Niall O'Keeffe.

Also in Attendance: Kieran O'Connell (CCC), Stephen Murphy (CCC), Jason O'Donovan (Social Factory), Busie Mhlophe (CCC).

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Denis (Chair) welcomed the LCDC members.

Apologies were noted.

2. Declaration/conflict of interest:

The Chairperson reminded the LCDC of the need to declare any conflict of interests.

3. Presentation by Jason O'Donovan, Social Factory.

Kieran O'Connell introduced Jason O'Donovan to the LCDC. Jason presented Social Factory to the LCDC. This presentation included key pillars of Social Factory namely; Create, Educate, Connect, & Empower. The Committee had an interactive engagement with Jason through a good quality questions and answers session.

4. Change in LCDC Membership.

a. PPN nominated LCDC Representative – Danielle Gayson.

Kieran O'Connell updated the LCDC regarding the PPN representative nominated to join the LCDC.



Proposed by: Michael Delargey

Seconded by: Cllr. John Maher.

b. An Garda Síochána Representative.

Kieran O'Connell updated the LCDC on the An Garda Síochána representative membership. The Chief Superintendent Colm Noonan will join the LCDC. An appointment with the Chief Superintendent will be set in September to carry out an induction before he formally joins the LCDC.

c. CBA Representative – Louise O'Sullivan to replace Cliona Barnes.

Louise O'Sullivan has been approved to succeed Cliona Barnes as a representative of Cork Business Association (CBA), on the LCDC.

Proposed by: Michael Delargey.

Seconded by: Denis J. Fitzpatrick.

5. Draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 28th May 2026.

Minutes of the LCDC meeting on 28th May were approved.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Maher.

Seconded by: Dermot Crosby.

6. Matters Arising.

None.

7. For Information:

a. LCDC LEP Grants 2026.

Kieran O'Connell updated the LCDC on the launch of the LCDC Local Enhancement Programme Grant 2026. The launch will be held in The Rainbow Club on **Thursday, 02nd July 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** The applicants will be notified after the launch.

b. DRCDG/Pobal/OECD event in Cork – EU Presidency Event, 30.11.2026.

Kieran O'Connell updated the LCDC that the DRCDG/Pobal/OECD event is scheduled to take place in Cork City Hall on 30th November 2026, from 09:00 a.m.

to 16:30 p.m. Preparations for the event are currently underway, with the Pobal team leading the organisation and planning process.



8. PPN Report.

Denis J. Fitzpatrick updated the LCDC on the new PPN representatives and a broad range of other PPN activities.

9. Strategic Items:

a. Sláintecare Healthy Fund.

Stephen Murphy presented the Sláintecare Healthy Communities report to the LCDC (report on file). Presentation included:

- 'Contextual Conceptual Therapy & Compassionate Focused Therapy' is to be reorientated to better fit the needs of Traveller parents.
- Mentorship of Knocknaheeney's Le Cheile programme will commence in Mayfield in Autumn 2026.
- This year, Non-Fire Night took place on 23rd June 2026 and was held in 7 locations, across the city.

b. Healthy Ireland Fund.

Stephen Murphy presented the Healthy Ireland report to the LCDC.

- Janet O'Connor was in Portugal for the **WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference 2026**. Janet presented the Age Friendly EnergyCloud Pilot: *Harnessing Surplus Renewable Energy to Reduce Fuel Poverty and Support Older Adults to Age in Place*.
- Janet also led on the Cork City Council Showcase Marque at the Cork Summer Show which took place on 20th and 21st June 2026. This included an LCDC information and promotion stand.
- Stephen acknowledged Arthur Needham's idea in providing sunscreen board out for people in the summer show.

c. LECP 2024-2029 Update.

Kieran O'Connell proposed the setting of a new LCDC Sub-Group on Economic & Community Facilities/Hubs.



The group will be focused on promoting economic community development across the city through strategic community infrastructure. Kieran asked the LCDC for their approval on this proposal.

The LCDC discussed this proposal and welcomed it.

Proposed by: Denis J. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by: Cllr. John Maher.

10. AOB

Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald informed the LCDC about the World Health Organization, EU Summit of Mayors event which will be held between the 5th and 6th October 2026.

11. SICAP Mid-Year Review 2026- Stage 1.

SICAP Sub-Group met and evaluated the stage 1 of the SICAP Mid-year Review and approved it to go to Pobal for their high-level review. Pobal will report back to the LCDC by Wednesday, 15th July 2026.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Maher.

Seconded by: Dermot Crosby.

12. CCP ECP Mid-Year Review 2026.

Kieran O'Connel updated the LCDC that Empowering Communities Programme Mid-Year Review will be due in end of July 2026.

Action items arising from meeting.

Circulate Jason's contact details, presentation, and reports presented in the LCDC meeting.	Busie
Communicate with Jason to do a presentation to Community & Sports Team.	KO'C

Denis Leamy
Chairperson

30th July 2026.