



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council



Minutes of the LCDC meeting of Thursday, 25th January 2024

On Microsoft Teams

In attendance: Chair, Cllr Fergal Dennehy, Brenda Cahill, Gabrielle O’Keeffe, Cllr Ger Keohane, Joe Curtain, Niall O’Keeffe, Rebecca Loughry, Melissa Cotter, Siobhan Goulding,

Also in attendance: Kieran O Connell (CCP), Catherine Sheahan (CCP), and Stephen Murphy (CCP)

Apologies: Cllr Garret Kelleher, CS Tomas Myers, Ann Doherty, Denis Leamy, Eoin Gunn and Majo Rivas.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson, Cllr Fergal Dennehy (FD) welcomed the committee members.

2. Declaration/conflict of interest

The Chairperson (FD) highlighted the importance of declaring interests.

Draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 30th November 2023

The minutes of the 30th of November 2023 were proposed by Brenda Cahill & seconded by Cllr. Ger Keohane.

3. Matters Arising.

No matters arising.

4. LCDC Membership and Annual Report 2022:

KOC noted the recent resignations of Catherine Kennedy PPN Rep’, Adrian Kane, Trade Union Rep, Helen Murphy, CBA Rep, due to a range of circumstances. KOC has invited replacements from their respective organisations. R L replaced A R as Chief Officer. An LCDC membership audit of the length of terms is currently taking place.

SICAP Sub-Group Membership: MR and MC were proposed and accepted as new members of the Group.

Quorum: The quorum required to be ‘present before business can be transacted is 50% of the membership of the Committee, rounded to the nearest whole number, plus one’.

Where members must abstain from decisions, due to conflict of interest for example, this does not affect the quorum. Currently, there are 15 LCDC members. 8 Required for quorum.

Draft LCDC Annual Report 2022: A draft report was sent to LCDC members ahead of the meeting. Approval was proposed by Cllr. G K and G O'K. The Annual Report 2022 will be presented to Council for their approval, through the CCP SPC on 22nd February 2024.

5. For Information:

(a) LCDC Local Enhancement Programme 2024:

Opening 6th February, closing 29th Feb. The Grants is €232,204.82. That is broken down as, €193,504.02 for Capital Projects and €38,700.80 ring fenced for women's groups/sheds 30% €1,000 small grants.

**(b) Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2024 (Update)
(Deadline Feb 2nd)**

The Community Development Grants are provided through the following two streams:

1. Community Associations Capital Grants 2024

For recognised Community Associations in Cork City for works of a capital or major building maintenance nature.

2. Cork City Council Small Programme Grant 2024

For Community Groups in the Cork City area for once off, small scale programme activities.

3. The Community Recognition Fund 2023 (City of Welcomes)

To date, €334,394.55 has been distributed to community groups. The work on this is ongoing. December 2024 is the closing date.

4. The Community Centre Investment Fund

An updated notification on the Cork City Council application will be received by the DRCD in Q1 2024

Action: BC requested a one pager on all the grants available at the moment.

6. PPN Report.

KOC informed the meeting of the appointment of Alannah O' Callaghan (Resource Worker) who started 24th Jan 2024.

7. Strategic Items:

a. LECP Update

LECP Community and Economic Stakeholders Engagement are currently taking place. Thursday 22nd Feb is a key meeting date for LCDC to approve draft LECP Action Plan.

b. Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Stephen Murphy, Cork City Council, gave an extensive overview of the Key achievements for Sláintecare Healthy Communities for 2023. Report of same is available.

c. Healthy Ireland Fund

Stephen Murphy, Cork City Council, also gave an extensive overview of the Healthy Ireland Fund. He reported on funding to the Cork Sexual Health Network PSYCHED Seminar, Greenspaces for Health, and other elements of the programme delivery.

a. SICAP and ECP Report

BC gave an overview of the Empowering Communities Programme. Funding has been renewed for Killala Gardens, Knocknaheeny for 2024.

Cork City Partnership are currently preparing to kickstart the new programme broadly and in the new areas of the city.

8. AOB –

i. 2024 Meeting Dates

2024 meeting dates have been sent out. KOC asked members to please put it in your calendars.

ii. Four Local Area Child Poverty Action Plans:

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) are jointly conducting a pilot programme that will establish at least four Local Area Child Poverty Action Plans across the state. It is envisaged that an upper limit of €100,000 in funding will be provided to each of the areas selected for 2024.

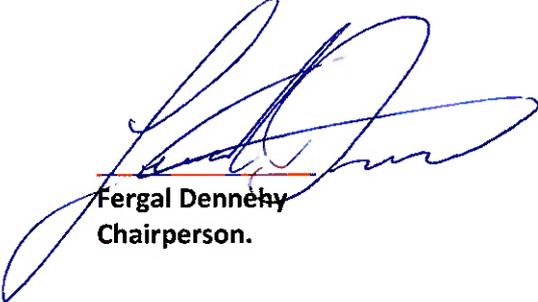
KOC outlined the mechanism for a joint application between the LCDC and CYPSC and asked the LCDC if they agreed for this to be pursued with CYPSC. This was proposed by Brenda Cahill and seconded by Cllr. Ger Keohane

iii. SICAP and ECP Report

KOC gave the report on the assessment of the 2023 SICAP Cork City Lot Annual Performance report. He also reported on the ECP for its first year of the programme.

The SICAP report was recommended to move to the next stage of Review by Pobal This was proposed by Cllr F D and J K. Cllr. Dennehy acknowledged all the work being done behind the scenes and thanked everybody for their contributions.

The next meeting will be held in person on February 22nd in the Multimedia Room, 3rd floor, City Hall at 4pm.



Fergal Dennehy
Chairperson.

25th January 2024