



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council



Minutes of LCDC Meeting 25th July 2024 at 4pm in the Multimedia Room, NCO City Hall

- In attendance:** Chair, Rebecca Loughry, Bernadette Connolly, Majo Rivas, Cllr. John Maher, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Eoin Gunn, Katherine Harford, Dermot Crosby.
Niall O’Keeffe and Gabrielle O’Keeffe joined the meeting remotely via TEAMS
- Also in attendance:** Kieran O’Connell (CCP), Denise Murphy (CCP), Stephen Murphy (CCC).
- Apologies:** Ann Doherty, Thoms Myers, Cllr, Kenneth Collins, Melissa Cotter, Cllr Shane O’Callaghan, Cliona Barnes and Denis Leamy.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Loughry, Chief Officer of the LCDC chaired the meeting. She welcomed the committee members and the new members.

Apologies were noted.

2. Declaration/conflict of interest:

Rebecca Loughry reminded the Committee of the need to declare any conflict of interest.

3. Draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 27th of June 2024

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 27th of June 2024 were approved.
Proposed by Eoin Gunn and seconded by Rebecca Loughry.

4. Matters Arising

None.



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5. LCDC Membership:

Membership: Ratification of Denis Fitzpatrick as the PPN representative on the LCDC Committee. Proposed by Cllr John Maher and seconded by Majo Rivas.

New LCDC Guidance Document due from the DRCD, a training pack will be created from this information for all LCDC Members in the new term.

The election of the new Chairperson of the LCDC will take place at the September 2024 meeting.

6. For Information:

(a) **LCDC Local Enhancement Programme 2024:** The LCDC Local Enhancement Programme amount drawn down so far is €227,779.82 out of €232,204.83 out of the 107 projects 103 of them have been paid. With 2 being paid in the first Agresso payment run on 4th July and 4 waiting to be set up as suppliers.

(b) **The Community Recognition Fund 2023 and 2024 (City of Welcomes)** The CRF total spend to date is €626,390.50 out of total budget €1,110,400.00, less the administration allocation. This is 56% of spend to date. Out of 39 projects, 21 projects now fully completed.

(c) **The Community Centre Investment Fund:** New Fund portal opens on the 29th of July and closes on 29th August 2024. Funding will be available under 2 categories, with grants of between Funding will be available under 2 categories, with grants of between €10k and €100k available:

Category 1: Small scale projects/improvements to facilities - €10,000 to €25,000.

Category 2: Larger scale projects - €25,000 to €100,000

Match funding is required for both categories – a minimum of 5% for Category 1 and a minimum of 10% for category 2

(d) **ASR:** Minister Joe O'Brien announced an increase in the ASR for the operation and administrative support to the Cork City LCDC. This has been increased from €75,392.00 to €110,974.92 (See circular) an increase of €35,582.92. The CO will propose a VFM and best outcomes for us of this additional funding.

7. PPN Report

Bernie Connolly, Majo Rivas and Katherine Harford gave their respective PPN reports.



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8. Strategic Items:

- a. **LECP Update: LECP 2024-2029**
The action plan is currently being converted into an excel document for use as an 'Action Tracker'
A meeting with the LECP Advisory Group and all HLG Leads will be called soon to discuss implementation of the LECP.
- b. **Sláintecare Healthy Communities:** Stephen Murphy updated the committee on recent Sláintecare events led by Development Office of the LECP, Tanya O'Sullivan.
- c. **Healthy Ireland Update June 2024**
Stephen Murphy advised the new Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator is due to take up their post on 3rd September 2024.
- d. **SICAP and ECP Report**

Kieran updated the LCDC on the SICAP Sub-Group and Pobal approval of SICAP Mid-Year Review. SICAP recommends the LCDC approve the Mid-Year Review.

Proposed by: Bernie Connolly

Seconded by: Majo Rivas
- e. **Local Area Child Poverty Action Plans.** CYPSC Update: Application went in on Friday 14th June 2024. No decision has been made to date.

AOB:

Tony Fitzgerald commented that he is blown away by how fantastic everyone is working together. He also advised of his concern regarding reliance of CE Schemes and CE Employment in the sector. LCDC committee came to consensus to put this topic on agenda for discussion.

Next LCDC Presentation: Denise Cahill, Healthy Cities Coordinator would like to present to the LCDC on: The LECP has committed to the development of a food policy for the city so we are proposing a planned approach and approval from the LCDC – Cork food Policy Council will take the policy forward and we have received funding to hire a member of staff to support it – so I will outline the process we will undertake and get feedback and hopefully approval from the LCDC. AS part of the Implementation of the LECP Presentations under each HLG must be delivered to the LCDC over the year, each year. This presentation would kick start that process. 10-15 minutes max.

The Third Annual Networking Event for LCDC members:

The Department will host the third annual Networking Event for LCDC members in the Athlone Springs Hotel on the 9th of October 2024. This event will facilitate the coming together of LCDC members (including elected members), LA officials and relevant stakeholders from Government Departments/Agencies. The event will consist of plenary sessions with departmental updates and sharing of best practice. It is planned to share a draft of the revised guidelines at this event and receive



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feedback before finalisation. We continue to engage with LCDCs and other stakeholders to help us plan an event that will be beneficial to everyone, if there is a particular theme your LCDC would like to feature on the day please forward details.

Also, the Department will shortly initiate a National Awareness Campaign for LCDCs. A working group, representative of key stakeholders, has been established to oversee the development and implementation of the campaign. This group held its inaugural meeting on 18th June last and agreed the scope and focus of the awareness campaign. The Working Group will also provide marketing insights or other relevant/expert support towards achieving greater awareness of LCDCs and their role and function. It is important that any such campaign is delivered in partnership with LCDCs and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that it communicates the correct message and has maximum impact and reach.

The next meeting is Thursday 26th September 2024 at 4.00 p.m. and will be held in-person

Rebecca Loughry
Chief Officer LCDC

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