



## Minutes of LCDC Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 4pm

### Multimedia Room, City Hall, Cork

- In attendance:** Rebecca Loughry (Chair), Martin Davoren, Bernadette Connolly, Katherine Harford, Gabrielle O’Keeffe Michael Delargey, Cliona Barnes, Cllr. John Maher, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Dermot Crosby, Denis Fitzpatrick (Quorum Achieved).
- Online:** Denis Leamy, Eoin Gunn, Konrad Im, Niall O’Keeffe.
- Apologies:** Thomas Myers, Cllr. Kenneth Collins, Melissa Cotter, Cllr Gary O’Brien.
- Also in attendance:** Kieran O’Connell (CCC), Catherine Foley (CCC) William O’Brien (SMS), PJ Murphy (CCC).

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Loughry, Chaired the meeting, welcomed the committee members.

Apologies were noted.

#### 2. Declaration/conflict of interest:

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

- Niall O’Keeffe will exclude himself for item 10 on the agenda.
- The Meeting was informed by Cllr John Maher that he is no longer a member of the board of Cork City Partnership. There will no longer be a need for him to declare a related interest and remove himself from the discussions on SICAP/ECP items of the agenda. Cllr John Maher signed a new declaration of interest immediately after the meeting to reflect this change of status.

#### 3. Presentation; See My Skills Organisation

William O’Brien made a presentation to the meeting on “See My Skills” (SMS) Organisation.

A discussion was had following the presentation:

- CB advised that she could set up contacts for William to engage with.
- All members agreed for their contact details to be shared with William.
- Cllr TF paid tribute and admired the work being achieved by SMS.
- DC suggested engaging with voluntary organisations.
- NOK encouraged connection up with LEO, and sharing this with the Business Community



#### 4. Draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Minutes of this meeting were approved.

**Proposed by:** Michael Delargey

**Seconded by:** Cllr. John Maher

#### 5. Matters Arising

No matters arising

#### 6. Nominations for Vice -Chairperson (Notification)

KOC advised members that the due date for Vice-Chairperson nominations is 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Please submit to KOC directly. Nominations will be brought forward to the next meeting where a decision and/or an election outcome will be made based on number of nominees.

#### 7. PPN Report

Denis J Fitzpatrick presented the PPN Report to the LCDC Members & outlined the work of the PPN to date.

- Paid tribute on the organisation of the recent Community Associations Seminar.
- DF will attend the LCDC Networking Event on 15<sup>th</sup> October in Co. Leitrim with KOC.
- It was agreed to look at a more supportive approach for PPN Reps. KOC will arrange with the PPN coordinator to begin a process of developmental collaborative work between the PPN and CCC.

#### 8. Strategic Items:

##### a. LECP 2024-2029 Up-date:

KOC reported the update on the on-going work to the LCDC members with reference to the completion of the Action to support the Community Associations with buildings/centres as outlined by DF above. The next action will be to bring all the lead partners together at the end of November for a full review of the LECP using the Action Tracker.

KH – requested LECP Action Tracker monthly report to be reported to Members

##### b. SICAP + ECP Programmes – CCP Report

NOK reported the update on the on-going work to the LCDC members.

DF – requested update on SICAP Killala Gardens Programme

BC – Traveller workers supporting children into preschool – align with Tusla – MD to discuss programme implementation with BC after meeting.



**c. Sláintecare Healthy Communities**

MD updated the committee on the activities and work programme of Tanya O'Sullivan, Sláintecare Coordinator for Cork City.  
(Report on File).

**d. Healthy Ireland Fund**

MD updated the committee on the activities and work programme of Janet O'Connor, Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Cork City.  
(Report on File).

**9. AOB**

KOC informed Members of the following events:

1. LCDC Networking Event taking place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October in Co. Leitrim.
2. Future Opportunities Traveller Initiatives taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October from 11 – 1 p.m.

**10. ECP Programme Mid-Year 2025 Review**

KOC updated members on ECP Programme Mid-Year Review.

A discussion was had on the underspend on the Budget report and KOC will feed back to the next LCDC & bring up to date report on expenditure.



### Decisions arising from Meeting

| Decision   |  |
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| Share LCDC Members contact details with William O'Brien for engaging with "See My Skills" Organisation                                       | Kieran O'Connell                                   |
| Positive feedback from PPN to be given to PJ Murphy on successfully organising Community Association Conference in City Hall                 | Rebecca Loughry on behalf of Denis Fitzpatrick     |
| Meet with PPN Co-ordinator - look at development, raise awareness to get reps on Committees & talk to Traveller Interagency & LGBTIQ+ Groups | Kieran O'Connell                                   |
| LECP Action Tracker monthly report to be reported to Members   | Kieran O'Connell                                   |
| DF requested update on SICAP Killala Gardens Programme   | Niall O'Keeffe                                     |
| Share Information on Digitalisation grant  | Niall O'Keeffe                                     |
| Council discuss public toilets in Marina Park  | Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald                              |
| Traveller workers supporting children into pre-school – align with Tusla   | Martin Davoren to discuss with Bernadette Connolly |
| LCDC Website requiring upgrading and updating  | Martin Davoren and Kieran O'Connell                |

### Next Meeting

The next LCDC meeting will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**Rebecca Loughry**

**Acting Vice-Chairperson**

**25<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**