



Minutes of LCDC Meeting 29th January 2026, 4 p.m.

Microsoft Teams, Online Meeting.

In attendance: Denis Leamy (Chair), Denis J. Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Loughry, Martin Davoren, Konrad Im, Niall O’Keeffe, Michael Delargey, Katherine Harford, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Cllr. Kenneth Collins, Cllr. John Maher, Cllr. Gary O’Brien, Bernadette Connolly, Dermot Crosby, Eoin Gunn.
(Quorum Achieved).

Apologies: Gabrielle O’Keeffe, Cliona Barnes.

Also in attendance: Kieran O’Connell (CCC), Busie Mhlophe (CCC).

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Denis Leamy (Chair) welcomed the committee members.

Apologies were noted.

2. Declaration/conflict of interest.

The chair reminded the Committee of the need to declare any conflicts of interest. Niall O’Keeffe and Cllr. Kenneth Collins removed themselves from the meeting regarding their conflict of interest in relation to agenda item number 10 below.

3. Draft Minutes and Actions of LCDC Meeting on 30th October and draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 27th March 2025.

Minutes of LCDC Meeting on the 27th March 2025 were approved.

Proposed by: Michael Delargey.

Seconded by: Bernadette Connolly.

Minutes of LCDC Meeting on the 30th October 2025 were approved.

Proposed by: Eoin Gunn.

Seconded by: Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald.

4. Matters Arising.

None.



5. LCDC Membership and Election/Selection of LCDC Vice-Chairperson.

Denis J. Fitzpatrick was nominated by Katherine Harford and Dermot Crosby and as no other nominees presented. Denis J. Fitzpatrick was duly selected to be the Vice-Chairperson of Cork City LCDC.

6. For Information.

i. LCDC Government Audit Update.

MD gave an update on the successful audit, the positive feedback from the Department regarding the audit, and congratulated those involved in the administration work.

ii. Cork City Council Community Development Grants.

MD gave an update to the Committee. Grants' applications are open to all community groups for Capital Projects. A total of **€260,000** is broken down as **€160,000** for capital projects and **€100,000** for programme grants. The closing date for applications is the 9th of February 2026.

iii. LCDC LEP Grants.

MD gave an update to the Committee. The LCDC Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) Grants total value is **€284,886.64**. The grant applications will open on the 2nd of February and closes on the 23rd of February 2026.

iv. LCDC Communications Campaign.

KO'C gave an update regarding the national LCDC Communications Campaign which will encourage the promotion of the LCDCs. He also gave an update regarding the NICHE Community Garden promotion of the LCDC which came as late request from DRCDG.

v. LCDC Webpage Update.

KO'C updated the committee that the LCDC minutes of the meetings will be uploaded to the Cork City LCDC webpage on the Cork City Council website in the coming weeks.



7. PPN Report.

DJF gave the PPN Report to the LCDC Members. Denis Leamy thanked DJF for his comprehensive report and all the events he outlined.

8. Strategic Items:

a. SICAP + ECP Programmes – CCP Report.

Cllr. KC gave a SICAP and ECP Programmes update to the committee members. Report on file. DL and DJF congratulated the Programme Implementers on their exceptional work delivering both the ECP and SICAP programmes.

b. Sláintecare Healthy Communities.

MD updated the committee on the progress of Sláintecare Healthy Communities over the year, the launch of NICHE community garden, and that SEED Funding will continue in 2026.

c. Healthy Ireland Fund.

MD gave an update to the committee members. Report on file.

d. LECP 2024-2029 Update.

KO'C gave an update to the committee members. He highlighted an obligation on the LCDC to deliver a 2-year review and the implementation of the LECP 2024-2029. He also highlighted the importance of stakeholder engagement and public consultation as part of this 2-year review. This includes working with the Cork City PPN and UCC on the review.

9. AOB.

KO'C noted to the committee members about a request by the Healthy Cities Coordinator, Denise Cahill and Sandrine Bertin, Food Policy Development Officer to report to the LCDC at the February meeting.

KH highlighted a huge need for strategic support for Cork City Child Friendly programme.

Cllr. TF congratulated everyone on their work. Noted the absence of local people at events – a cohort of people possibly missed out.

DJF – there is a need for adequate communication to reach out to wider local communities. Suggested an implementation of public relations plan.

BC – there is a need to showcase more such as SDG 1 and 2 even though it may be a challenge as Local Authorities respond to various demands.



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KH – there are challenges on how work is presented or showcased.

10. ECP Updates/SICAP Annual Plan 2026 and End of Year 2025 Review.

KO’C gave an update to the Committee. The budget for SICAP was delayed. The SICAP Annual Plan 2026 and End of Year 2025 Review meetings were held simultaneously. Report on file.

KO’C also asked if there are LCDC members who would like to join the SICAP Sub-Group.

SICAP Annual Plan 2026 and the **End of Year 2025 Review** – **proposed** by Katherine Harford and **seconded** by Denis J. Fitzpatrick.

DJF acknowledged and congratulated everyone on their incredible work.

***Minutes were amended as per item highlighted by KH under AOB, as request on the 26th February 2026 LCDC meeting.**



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Decisions arising from Meeting.

Decision	
Denis J. Fitzpatrick was nominated to be the Cork City LCDC Vice-Chairperson.	LCDC Consensus.
Invite Denis Cahill and Sandrine Bertin to do a Healthy Cities presentation in the next LCDC meeting.	LCDC Consensus.
The 2026 schedule of Cork City LCDC Meetings was approved.	LCDC Consensus.

Action items arising from meeting.

Action Item from Meeting	
Regarding Child Friendly City funding issues – agencies to meet and discuss (suggestion).	Denis Leamy.
MD and RL to meet and discuss about the working group agencies.	Rebecca Loughry.
To reflect on how the LCDC plan to communicate to reach more communities. To be discussed in the next meeting.	Denis Leamy.

Next Meeting.

The next LCDC meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th February 2026 4 p.m.** online, **Microsoft Teams.**

Denis Leamy

Chairperson

05th February 2026