Minutes of LCDC Meeting 30th July 2026, 4 p.m.

In-person, Newbury House, Mayfield.

In Attendance: Denis J. Fitzpatrick (Vice Chair), Bernie Connolly, Cllr. John Maher, Cllr. Kenneth Collins, Eoin Gunn, Konrad Im, Martin Davoren, Niall O'Keeffee, (quorum achieved).

Online Attendance: Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Danielle Gayson, Michael Delargey.

Apologies: Denis Leamy, Cllr. Gary O'Brien, Dermot Crosby, Katherine Harford, Rebecca Loughry, Louise O'Sullivan.

Also in Attendance: Kieran O'Connell (CCC), PJ Murphy (CCC), Busie Mhlophe (CCC).

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**

   Denis J. Fitzpatrick (Vice Chair) welcomed the LCDC members.

   Apologies were noted.

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

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

3. **Introduction of new LCDC members.**

   The Vice Chairperson welcomed and introduced new members of the Committee, Danielle Gayson (PPN Representative).

4. **Presentation – PJ Murphy.**

   PJ presented his Social Inclusion Indicator Proposal and Scoring Matrix to the LCDC. The LCDC had an interactive engagement with PJ through a good quality questions and answers session. The LCDC made a number of proposed changes to the wording and outlined their observations. These were acknowledged and accepted by PJ.

   Proposed by: Cllr. John Maher

   Seconded by: Michael Delargey.

5. Draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 25th June 2026.

Minutes of the LCDC meeting on 25th June were approved.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Maher.

Seconded by: Cllr. Ken Collins.

6. Matters Arising.

Denis J. Fitzpatrick noted to the LCDC that he had a conversation with Jason O'Donovan from Social Factory which included a suggestion to explore a long-term lease agreement to support the establishment of a Social Factory facility or related social infrastructure in Cork.

7. For Information:

a. LCDC LEP Grants 2026.

Kieran O'Connell provided an update to the LCDC, advising that grant payments have been issued to the successful applicants. He noted that groups may submit a request for a Change of Use where the item or equipment originally applied for has been purchased. Kieran also presented the LCDC with a list of groups that had submitted Change of Use requests.

Michael Delargey suggested that groups seeking a Change of Use should provide more details outlining the rationale for the request. Members of the LCDC agreed with this recommendation.

Change of Use Requests Approved.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Maher.

Seconded by: Bernie Connolly.

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

Kieran O'Connell informed 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.

c. LCDC/SICAP National Meeting Report.

Denis J. Fitzpatrick updated the LCDC on the networking event held in Tullamore. He shared his observations and key learnings from the event with the Committee and encouraged LCDC members to attend similar networking events in the future.

d. Annual LCDC Networking Event – Thursday 22nd October 2026.

Kieran O'Connell reminded LCDC members of the forthcoming Annual LCDC Networking Event, which will be held in Athlone on Thursday, 22nd October 2026.

8. PPN Report.

Denis J. Fitzpatrick updated the LCDC on housing, planning, and linkage groups matters. He also highlighted ongoing challenges relating to housing supply and, affordability within the city. He also outlined other socio-economic impacts on vulnerable communities.

9. Strategic Items:

a. Sláintecare Healthy Communities.

Martin Davoren presented the Sláintecare Healthy Communities report to the LCDC. The report provided an update on a range of initiatives such as Parenting with Suicidal Intrusion, the Traveller Specific Primary School Worker project, Mentoring from Le Cheile for Support Worker, and the Transition to School initiative for preschool (report on file).

b. Healthy Ireland Fund Report.

Martin Davoren presented Healthy Ireland Fund report to the LCDC. He advised members that the Department of Health has confirmed a further extension to the delivery timeframe for projects funded under Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 from 31st December 2026 to 31st December 2027 (report on file).

c. LECP 2024-2029 Update;

(i) Save the date LECP Review 19th October & possibly 28th October High Level Review with UCC.

Kieran O'Connell informed the Committee that community groups and agencies have been invited to attend an event in Millenium Hall on the 19th October 2026. Members of the LCDC will be invited on 28th October 2026 to a high-level review facilitated by UCC.

(ii) New subcommittee of LCDC TOR.

The LCDC members were presented with the new sub-committee Terms of Reference to discuss the focus on community-economic and sports facilities. Due to time constraints, the discussion was moved to the next LCDC meeting in September.

10. AOB

Kieran O'Connell informed the LCDC of a request from Alannah O'Callaghan, PPN Coordinator, to attend one of the full LCDC meetings. The purpose of the attendance is to enable her to gain a better understanding of the Committee's work and identify how she can best support the LCDC PPN representatives.

The above request was accepted by the LCDC.

Proposed by: Martin Davoren.

Seconded by: Cllr. John Maher.

11. SICAP Mid-Year Review 2026, Stage 2.

The SICAP Sub-Group met to consider this review and recommended approval of the SICAP Mid-Year Review 2026 to the LCDC members present.

Proposed by: Bernie Connolly.

Seconded by: Konrad Im.

12. Empowering Communities Programme Mid-Year Review 2026.

The SICAP Sub-Group recommends the ECP Mid-Year Review for the approval of the LCDC members present. This review was subsequently approved by the LCDC.

Proposed by: Eoin Gunn.

Seconded by: Cllr. John Maher.

Action items arising from meeting.

Martin Davoren was asked to review and report back to the Committee on the development of a Disability Strategy for the city regarding LECP 2024-2029 developed.	MD/KO'C
A copy of the report on the workshop on Disability (using the Place Standard Toolkit) conducted in the Council Chambers, City Hall on 29th May 2026. Can this be supplied to the PPN membership?	KO'C/SM
How best to track the Sustainable Development Goals within the LECP? Kieran to review and revert.	KO'C/PJ Murphy
Put together queries and submit them before the next meeting with CCP ECP	MD/KO'C

Denis J. Fitzpatrick
Vice Chairperson

24th August 2026.