



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council



Minutes of LCDC Meeting 26th September 2024 at 4pm in the Multimedia Room, NCO City Hall

In attendance: Lord Mayor, Cllr Dan Boyle, Chair, Rebecca Loughry, Majo Rivas, Cllr. John Maher, Niall O'Keeffe, Denis Fitzpatrick, Katherine Harford.

Cliona Barnes, Eoin Gunn and Denis Leamy joined the meeting remotely via TEAMS

Also in attendance: Ruth Lynch (CCC), Stephen Murphy (CCC) & Michelle Considine. (CCC)

Apologies: Tom Myers, Gabrielle O'Keeffe, Bernadette Connolly, Cllr Tony Fitzgerald, Dermot Crosby, Cllr Kenneth Collins, Cllr Shane O' Callaghan and Melessa Cotter, Kieran O' Connell (CCC)

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. Welcome of Lord Mayor, Cllr Dan Boyle

Rebecca Loughry welcomed the Lord Mayor, Cllr Dan Boyle who visited the LCDC.

3. Declaration/conflict of interest:

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

4. Draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 25th July 2024

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 25th July 2024 were approved.
Proposed by Cllr John Maher and seconded by Katherine Harford.

5. Matters Arising

None.



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6. LCDC Membership:

Membership: Kieran O'Connell is awaiting a representative name from the ICTU.

LCDC Chair – Denis Leamy was elected as Chair of the LCDC. Proposed by Majo Rivas and seconded by Cllr John Maher

LCDC Vice Chair - Majo Rivas was elected as Vice Chair of the LCDC. Proposed by Cllr John Maher and seconded by Denis Fitzpatrick

SICAP Sub-Group members – Denis Leamy, Denis Fitzpatrick, Majo Rivas, Rebecca Loughry and Katherine Harford.

LCDC Members Induction Day: a successful induction day for LCDC members was held on, 12th September 2024 in the Clayton Hotel. Several presentations were delivered by organisation and programmes supported by the LCDC e.g. LECP, SICAP, etc.

7. For Information:

(a) **LCDC Local Enhancement Programme 2024:** Enhancement Programme amount drawn down so far is €228,704.83 out of €232,204.83 out of 107 projects 104 of them have been paid, 3 awaiting supplier set ups. And two groups out of the 107 returned funding (€2,000 Cork Unitarian Church and €1000 Turners Cross Community Playgroup). The €2,000 as proposed at the last LCDC meeting was reviewed in terms of the funding allocation and the now €3,000 returned will be allocated to groups who applied but who did not get full funding. The Community Team are currently looking through groups and will revert with a recommendation.

(b) **The Community Recognition Fund 2023 and 2024 (City of Welcomes)**

CRF 2023 Update: Out of €1,110,400 fund granted the stats are as follows: -Paid out €715,187.25 to groups. This is a 67.6 % of total fund excluding the admin fee of €53,115.

2024 Fund; Phase 1; 4 out of 5 successful applicants: €287,300 has been approved by the Minister under Window 1 of the Fund for your local authority, in respect of 4 projects.

Cork City	Ballincollig/South West	The Carraig Centre	Walkway Canopy Project;	€75,000
Cork City	Mayfield/North East	Cork City Council	The Village Pitches Playground	€73,500
Cork City	Farranree/North West	Cork City Council	Knockpogue Avenue Community Services Centre	€68,800



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Cork City	Mahon/South East	Cork City Council & local community stakeholders	Loughmahon Community Playground replacement	€70,000
Cork City Total				€287,300

Phase 2: Each of our area team leads are in consultation phase with the community through EO1, engagement with Community Rep and Local Cllrs.

(c) **ASR:** Update from Budget 2025 from €75,392.00 to €110,974.92 (See circular) an increase of €35,582.92. Recommended an appointed grade 3 admin to support the additional work of the LCDC.

(d) **The LGBTI+ Dormant Accounts Funding Announcement:** completed form by Friday 27th September. The following conditions apply:

Up to 3 proposals to be submitted per LCDC with an indicative priority; No.1 being the highest priority and so on

Funding request per proposal subject to a minimum of €3,000 and up to a maximum of €20,000

If more than one proposal is submitted, the cumulative total cannot exceed **€50,000**

8. PPN Report

Majo advised that there will be discussions among the PPN as to what/how the PPN will report to the LCDC.

Rebecca advised that report is usually forwarded in advance of the meeting.

PPN to decide on reporting and advise the LCDC.

Denis Fitzpatrick highlighted the issue that some groups are unaware of funding available and unfortunately miss funding opportunities.

9. 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.



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b. Sláintecare Healthy Communities: Stephen Murphy updated the committee on Sláintecare.

c. Healthy Ireland Update June 2024

Stephen Murphy advised the new Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator, Janet O' Connor has started in her new role.

d. SICAP and ECP Report

Kieran will be in contact with the SICAP Sub-Group to arrange a review meeting ahead of End of Year Review.

e. Local Area Child Poverty Action Plans. Application was unsuccessful on this occasion

There were 23 applications nationally for the LACPAP Pilot Scheme, of which the DRCD will be funding four and the award was consequently a highly competitive process. Based on the criteria set out in the LACPAP guidance documentation, the following four applications were selected by the assessment panel for the Scheme:

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Wicklow CYPSC in collaboration with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Wicklow LCDC.

Monaghan CYPSC in collaboration with Monaghan LCDC.

Tipperary CYPSC in collaboration with Tipperary LCDC.

Kildare CYPSC in collaboration with Kildare LCDC.

AOB:

None.

The Third Annual Networking Event for LCDC members:

The DRCD will host the third annual Networking Event for LCDC members in the Athlone Springs Hotel on 9th 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 feedback before finalisation. The DRCD continue to engage with LCDCs and other stakeholders to help them 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 to Kieran.

The DRCD will shortly initiate a National Awareness Campaign for LCDCs. A working group, representative of key stakeholders, has been established to oversee the development and



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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.

Actions:

- Send meeting documentation in separate emails to email invite.
- Correct Eoin Gunn's organisation on voting sheet – IBEC/AIB.
- Send another email to LCDC re Cork info day and Athlone information day.
- Denis Fitzpatrick requested that the LCDC contact the Department regarding lack of information sharing around the funding for the Community Centres – Raise this point at Athlone LCDC and issue around Pilots.
- Add agenda item.
- Look at updating bio of the LCDC and highlight awareness of the PPN.
- Ask that Kieran contact members re Cork & Athlone trips.
- Janet to send brief of her new role to LCDC members.
- All LCDC members to be added to the Community Newsletter mailing list.

The next meeting is Thursday 24th October 2024 at 4.00 p.m. and will be held via TEAMS.

Rebecca Loughry
Chief Officer LCDC

26th September 2024