



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí  
Cork City Council



## Minutes of LCDC Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Multimedia Room.

**In attendance:** Chair, Denis Leamy, Rebecca Loughry (CO), Cllr Kenneth Collins, Dermot Crosby, Denis Fitzpatrick, Eoin Gunn, Martin Davoren, Tom Myers, Katherine Harford, Niall O’Keeffe, Bernadette Connolly, Gabrielle O’Keeffe, Cliona Barnes and Majo Rivas.

**Also in attendance:** Kieran O’Connell (CCC), Michelle Considine (CCC).

**Apologies:** Melissa Cotter, and Cllr Tony Fitzgerald, Cllr Shane O’Callaghan, Cllr John Maher.

### 1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Denis Leamy, Chair, welcomed the committee members.

Apologies were noted.

### 2. **Presentation: Dermot Crosby, (DSP) ‘New and updated Social Protection Schemes’.**

Dermot Crosby made a presentation to the LCDC on several Social Protection back to work Schemes operated by the Dept Social Protection. Presentation will be shared.

### 3. **Declaration/conflict of interest:**

Denis Leamy reminded the Committee of the need to declare any conflict of interest.

### 4. **Draft Minutes of LCDC Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 were approved. Proposed by RL (CO) and seconded by DF.

### 5. **Matters Arising**

None.

### 6. **LCDC Membership: Update**

**Membership:** Representative from ICTU is awaited to be put to LCDC for ratification.

### 7. **For Information:**

- (a) **LCDC Local Enhancement Programme 2024:** Enhancement Programme amount drawn down so far is €232,204.83 the full 107 projects have been paid.



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(b) **LCDC Local Enhancement Programme 2025: Total** €284,887.00 **Capital**  
€244,189.00 SHEDS + **Running Costs** €40,698.00

**LCDC Local Enhancement Programme (Kieran)**

Opens 13<sup>th</sup> January

Closes 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Community Development Grants**

Opens 17<sup>th</sup> February

Closes 5<sup>th</sup> March

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

**CRF 2023 Update:** CRF 2023 Update: Out of €1,110,400 fund granted the 39 projects. 31 projects are fully complete. The LCDC has paid out €859,450.01 and have €214,674.47 left to pay out on projects. There is an underspend of €31,275.52 as one project (Coffa House) not going ahead.

There are 6 projects yet to drawdown any funds: -

- Tinkers Cross Walking Trail (Stephen Murphy) – Parks project €50,000.
- Glanmire Community Garda Bus €42,000.
- Ballyvolane Kempton Park – Parks project €25,000.
- Glanmire Road – Parks project €10,000.
- Fairfield Community Walkway Facility Lighting Project – Parks project €70,000.
- Foyer Playground – Blackpool– Parks project €15,000.

1 project is partially drawn down: -

- St Finbarr's Quarter (Martin) out of €5,000 have €2,674.47 left to drawdown.

There is one project not going ahead which is Coffa House €35,000 – this money has been reallocated to Blarney Playground (Clogheen/Kerry Pike Community Association) and this project is fully drawn down.

Cork City Council have already recouped €743,232.04 from the Department including €53,115 for staffing. They are awaiting funds from our most recent recoupment (recoupment 7) €123,364.69.

Recoupment 8 for St Finbarr's Quarter (€1,243.68) and Mahon Community Development Project (€36,251.07) and City of Welcomes Murals (€2,811.50) and Kerrigan Tyrell Community Centre (€2,223.41).



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There was also an underspend on completed projects of €1,275.52 (€229.34 for Glanmire News; €23.80 for Let's Grow Together; €247.20 for Young at Heart; €111.95 for Bishopstown Tidy Towns; €7.42 for Mahon Tidy Towns; €655.81 for Kerrigan Tyrell Community Centre).

So far CCC have paid out €859,450.01 on projects and we have €214,674.47 left to pay out on projects. This is to take into account the underspend of €1,275.52 and the project of Coffa House not going ahead of €35,000 to add up to €1,110,400.00.

**CRF 2024:** No response from DRCD yet on our applications.

Overall Fund Amt	€1,214,022
Window 1 – 4 Projects approved	€ 287,300
Window 2 – 7 Projects NOT YET Approved	€ 602,937
Window 3 – Closing on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	€tbc

- (d) **The LBGTI+ Dormant Accounts Funding: As approved by the SICAP Sub-Group:** Only one of the four groups recommended by LCDC received funded such was the demand and there will be no call-out in 2025. The successful group was:  
Gender Rebels- who received €7,000.

8. **PPN Report:** Denis Fitzpatrick updated the LCDC on the PPN Plenary. The Plenary elected 3 members to the secretariate to replace those members who had not attended for 3 consecutive meetings. The draft wellbeing plan is to be approved by the plenary committee. DF received feedback that many community groups are accruing losses due rising heating costs etc they are providing a service with little to no assistance from Government. He suggested that representations could be made to Government that local & voluntary groups could claim back VAT and get assistance with large insurance, legal and accounting services costs.

KH advised that the Community & Voluntary sector have costs associated with checking that the organisations are compliant with regulations.

DL (Chair) asked how the LCDC could address this.



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Kieran advised that it is an action of the LECP in relation to the Community Associations across the city. One related action within the LECP is to organise a Community Associations Conference annually and he was proposing this would be in September 2025. BC suggested that it would be expanded to cover the Community and Voluntary Sector and be held in June 2025.

Rebecca Loughry stated that part of LCDC role is to encourage bodies who provide funding to allocate some funds into a pilot. A conference is to be organised to engage with the Community & Voluntary sector around what their needs are and to see what funding bodies could do to support the sector. DF addressed the meeting on the cost of resources involved when running programs introduced by the Government for voluntary NGOs. He suggested the LCDC should raise this issue.

## 9. Strategic Items:

### a. LECP Update: LECP 2024-2029

‘Action Tracker’

A meeting with the LECP Advisory Group and all HLG Leads took place last week as we discussed a way forward for implementation of LECP.

The action tracker is now complete, and template letters are drafted. HLG Leads will now use draft letter to contact their implementation partners. The action tracker can be forwarded to LCDC members, but it is essentially a tool for leads and partner organisations to report into.

### b. Sláintecare Healthy Communities:

KOC gave an updated report to the committee on recent Sláintecare events.

### c. Healthy Ireland Fund:

KOC gave a report from the HI Coordinator on the past months progress and will circulate the Fun Fit programme detail.

### d. SICAP and ECP Report:

CCP Chairperson, Cllr Ken Collins, had to leave the meeting early and could not deliver his report but it will be circulated to all members.



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e. **SICAP**

**LCDC**

Below are the revised timelines for submission and review of 2025 Annual Plans

1. LCDCs should agree and communicate the 2025 KPI targets to LDCs and submit to Pobal Co-ordinator by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**.
  1. LDCs will submit their Annual Plan on IRIS by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.
  2. The LCDC will review the Annual Plan and provide feedback to Pobal on any issues identified by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.
  3. Pobal will carry out a high-level review (to ensure compliance with the Programme requirements) and provide feedback to the LCDCs by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.
  4. Final Approval of the 2025 Annual Plan (following approval of the 2024 Annual Performance Review) by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.
- f. **SICAP End of Year Review:** 1) LDCs Submit their EOY 2024 Fin and Mon Reports **16<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. 2) LCDC Review EOY 2024 and provide feedback to Pobal by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**. Pobal to report back to LCDC by **10<sup>th</sup> February** and LCDC to complete Annual Performance Review and approve by **28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025**.

10. **AOB:**

**Discuss December Meeting format and Dates for meeting in 2025.** KOC gave the members present the suggested dates for 2025 meetings and will forward copies to all members for review at the December meeting.

- **LCDC Webpage to be updated with new membership. Photo & Bio of each new member to be update**

11. **SICAP/ECP:** The LCDC were informed of the proposal from CCP to shift the ECP Programme from Killala Gardens to two areas of Mayfield. KOC will assess this on behalf of the LCDC and refer to SICAP Sub-Group later in week.

**Denis Leamy**  
Chairperson

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2024**