



## Minutes of LCDC Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 4 p.m.

### Microsoft Teams, Online Meeting.

**In Attendance:** Denis Leamy (Chair), Denis J. Fitzpatrick (Vice Chair), Bernadette Connolly, Cliona Barnes, Cllr. John Maher, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Dermot Crosby, Eoin Gunn, Katherine Harford, Konrad Im, Martin Davoren, Michael Delargey, Rebecca Loughry, (quorum achieved).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Gary O'Brien, Cllr. Kenneth Collins, Gabrielle O'Keeffe, Niall O'Keeffe.

**Also in Attendance:** Kieran O'Connell (CCC), Deirdre Hergarty (CCC), Busie Mhlophe (CCC).

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies.

Denis Leamy (Chair) welcomed the committee members.

Apologies were noted.

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

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

#### 3. Cork City Development Plan LCDC Submission.

The LCDC had a very interesting and robust discussion on the Cork City Development Plan. The Committee directed Kieran O'Connell to draft a proposal and send to the LCDC members for ratification.

#### 4. Draft Minutes of LCDC Meetings 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and LCDC LEP Grants Approval 07 April 2026.

Minutes of these meetings were approved.

##### a. LCDC Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. John Maher.

**Seconded by:** Michael Delargey.



**b. LCDC Local Enhancement Programme Grants 2026 Approval.**

**Proposed by:** Konrad Im.

**Seconded by:** Dermot Crosby.

**5. Matters Arising.**

The LCDC paid tribute and the moment of silence to the former Lord Mayor of Cork Donal Counihan who has passed away. The Committee acknowledged Mr Counihan's tremendous work and advocacy across the city.

**6. For Information.**

**a. Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2026.**

Martin Davoren presented the LCDC updates regarding the Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2026 to the LCDC. He noted that applications are now finalised. The payments are going to be processed in due course.

**b. LCDC Local Enhancement Programme Grants 2026.**

Martin Davoren updated the LCDC regarding the LCDC LEP Grants for 2026. The returns documents are sent back to the department (DRCDG). The department will respond in due course.

**c. LCDC Communications Campaign – Ministerial Launch on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.**

Kieran O'Connell talked through the launch of the LCDC Communications campaign and the synopsis of the launch to the Committee. The ministerial launch will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

**d. German Embassy in Dublin request to meet LCDC members – Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 15.00 p.m. in Cork City Hall.**

Kieran O'Connell presented to the LCDC a request from the German embassy, who have a delegation of 10 senior German politician who wish to sit with the LCDC to discuss community work and policy development the LCDC deliver on. All LCDC members are requested to attend this event and welcome and engage the delegation.

Denis Leamy advised the LCDC to confirm their attendance to Kieran O'Connell.



**e. DRCDG/Pobal/OECD event in Cork – EU Presidency Event.**

Denis Leamy, Chair, presented the potential of the DRCDG/Pobal/OECD event in Cork city to the LCDC. RL said that this is such an important and good opportunity for the LCDC to engage. Kieran O’Connell also updated the LCDC in terms of the organisation for the event. Kieran O’Connell was requested to represent the LCDC and Cork City Council on the organising group lead by the DRCDG and Pobal.

**7. PPN Report.**

Konrad Im gave an update to the LCDC. The PPN Annual Report is recently launched. Report on file.

**8. Strategic Items:**

**a. SICAP + ECP Programmes – Cork City Partnership Report.**

Kieran O’Connell gave an update to the LCDC as Cork City Partnership chair, Cllr. Kenneth Collins had to attend to a family emergency. Cllr. John Maher acknowledged everyone involved in the work of the programmes on behalf of the committee. The LCDC members shared ideas on the ECP underspend issues.

**b. Sláintecare Healthy Fund.**

Martin Davoren updated the LCDC. Deirdre Hegarty introduced herself to the LCDC. Deirdre is now the new Sláintecare Healthy Communities Coordinator.

**c. Healthy Ireland Fund.**

Martin Davoren updated the LCDC. Janet O’Connor is the new Healthy Ireland Coordinator. MD also updated the LCDC regarding Let’s Play Cork 2026 events.

**d. LECP 2024-2029 Update. Section 58 of the Planning & Development Act 2024 (as amended).**

KO’C presented the LECP 2024-2029 updates to the LCDC.

**9. AOB**

None.

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**Denis Leamy**  
Chairperson

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**