



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí  
Cork City Council



## Minutes of LCDC Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 3.30pm via TEAMS

**In attendance:** Chair, Rebecca Loughry, Cllr Kenneth Collins, Dermot Crosby, Denis Fitzpatrick, Eoin Gunn, Martin Davoren, Tom Myers, Katherine Harford, Niall O’Keeffe, Bernadette Connolly, Gabrielle O’Keeffe,

**Also in attendance:** Kieran O’Connell (CCC), Sandy McGroarty (CCC), Stephen Murphy (CCC), Janet O’Connor (CCC), Michelle Considine (CCC), Denise Cahill (Healthy Cities) & Sandrine Bertin (Food Policy) (CCC)

**Apologies:** Majo Rivas, Denis Leamy, Melissa Cotter, Cllr Tony Fitzgerald, Cliona Barnes, Cllr Shane O’ Callaghan and Cllr John Maher

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Loughry, Chief Officer of the LCDC welcomed the committee members.

Apologies were noted.

### 2. Presentation: Healthy Cities Coordinator, Denise Cahill on ‘A Food Policy for the City’

Denise Cahill made a presentation to 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were approved.

Proposed by Denis Fitzpatrick and seconded by Eoin Gunn.



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## 5. Matters Arising

None.

## 6. LCDC Membership:

**Membership:** Ratification of ICTU Rep: The ICTU proposed a person however that person is a member of an organisation already represented on the LCDC. They will review and propose another person.

## 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. The returned funding (€2,000 Cork Unitarian Church and €1000 Turners Cross Community Playgroup). The €3,000 as proposed at the last LCDC meeting was reviewed in terms of the funding allocation and has now been allocated to CDYS in the Hut as approved by the SICAP Sub-Group.

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

**CRF 2023 Update:** CRF 2023 Update: Out of €1,110,400 fund granted the stats are as follows: -Paid out €738,912.69 to groups. This is a 78.1 % of total fund excluding the admin fee of €53,115.

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

(c) **The LBGTI+ Dormant Accounts Funding: As approved by the SICAP Sub-Group:** 1 being the highest priority and so on:

- 1) Gender Rebels- €7,000
- 2) Gay Project- €20,000
- 3) LGBT Archive- €20,000

Total - €47,000

We also proposed that the department consider allocating a further €3,000 to the fourth applicant, the Sexual Health Centre, to part fund their application. No response to date has been received by the DRCD.

No quorum was available at the time of consideration to ratify the above groups. This item will be reviewed at the next meeting.



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8. **PPN Report:** Circular from DRCD each PPN will receive an additional €14,840 in core funding from the Department in 2025. This figure represents an almost 20% increase on the funding provided in 2024. This brings the total funding to each PPN from the Department to €100,540 in 2025. €35,000 is also committed to by Cork City Council as in previous years.

Katherine Harford gave the LCDC an update on the PPN attendance at PPN National meeting and the National PPN Conference.

The next Plenary is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024. There will be elections undergoing as part of this on secretariat memberships. Work is ongoing in November on the PPN Well-Being Statement, and this will be launched before the end of this year.

9. **Strategic Items:**

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

SmcG gave the LCDC an update on the progression of the LECP and shared the "Action Tracker" and advised that the community team are open to suggested changes.

A meeting with the LECP Advisory Group and all HLG Leads took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This meeting discussed a way forward for the implementation of LECP.

- b. **Sláintecare Healthy Communities:** SM gave a brief update on progress and will forward a report on recent Sláintecare events to the committee.

- c. **Healthy Ireland Update:** JO'C gave the LCDC an overview of her role and the projects under Healthy Ireland.

- d. **SICAP and ECP Report:** Cllr KC, presented reports from Cork City Partnership. This included a report on the meeting with SICAP Sub-Group regarding the pre-annual SICAP plan for 2025.

His report also included the official opening of Glenamoy lawn €78k paid out in small grants. Recent workshops went very well. Autumn community education courses underway. SICAP and New Arrivals. Cllr Collins advised that he circulate the report.

10. **AOB:**

Dermot Crosby advised he would be happy to make a presentation to the LCDC on the different social protection/back to work schemes. This presentation will be added to the next LCDC Agenda.

KOC advised the LCDC that the webpage needs to be updated with the new membership information and he requested that members forward a personal photograph and a brief bio of each new member and updated bios for previous members.



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Rebecca – Advised the LCDC of the start of the new Chief Executive of Cork City Council and that there is a restructuring of the organisation. LCDC will remain with Community Section, which will become part of a new Directorate. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Rebecca introduced and welcomed Martin Davoren, the new Specialist Social Inclusion (Grade VIII) who will manage the Community Section.

DF suggested an item for discussion on next month's agenda should be the cost of resources involved when running programs introduced by the Government for voluntary NGOs.

**Rebecca Loughry**  
Chief Officer LCDC

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