



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council



Minutes of the LCDC (October) meeting held on Thursday, 9th November 2023.

Venue: Cork Migrant Centre, Nano Nagle Place, Evergreen Street.

In attendance: Cllr Fergal Dennehy, Chairperson, Majo Rivas, Brenda Cahill, Eoin Gunn, Rebecca Loughry

Also in attendance: Kieran O Connell, Naomi Masheti, Catherine Sheahan

Apologies: Cllr. Garrett Kelleher, Catherine Kennedy, Ann Doherty, Cllr Ger Keohane, Niall O'Keeffe, Siobhan Goulding, Joe Curtin, Melissa Cotter, Tom Myers, Gabrielle O' Keeffe, Denis Leamy.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson, Cllr Fergal Dennehy welcomed the committee members. Noted that Helen Murphy, Cork Business Association, has stepped down from the LCDC committee. A letter of thanks would be issued. A full quorum was not available. This meeting was information based only. This meeting is effectively the October meeting which had to be pushed forward.

2. Reminder of Declaration of Interest/Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson (FD) highlighted the importance of declaring interests. The person/s who declare a conflict must then recuse themselves from the decision pertaining to their interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 28th September 2023 were proposed by Cllr. FD & MR with a specific observation that the language employed in the preceding minutes should be amended to reference "People living in Direct Provision."

4. Matters Arising

Cllr. FD noted that Richard McCarthy has transitioned to Limerick County Council. Gratitude is extended to him for his commendable contributions to the LCDC committee, and best wishes are expressed for success in his new role.

5. Presentation by Dr. Naomi Masheti, Cork Migrant Centre

Dr. Naomi Masheti gave an excellent overview of the dynamic work at the Cork Migrant Centre. The LCDC members present obtained a high level of understanding of the various work involved in the provision of this service to refugee and migrant children, families, and communities.

6. For Information

- (a) **Community Support Fund:** A formal request has been made by Barracks St. Band for an extension until July 2024. Kieran will advocate for this extension on behalf of the committee if deemed acceptable by its members. Recommendation from LCDC members present is to extend where possible within the workings of the fund.
- (b) **The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023 (City of Welcomes)-** CRF fund of 1.1m for Cork City. 8 projects have been completed so far, making a huge impact on the community.

Full completion for the Community Recognition fund is December 2024
- (c) **The Community Centre Investment Fund-** The application is currently being processed and reviewed by the DRCD.
- (d) **LGBTI+ Dormant Accounts Fund 2023:** The recommended applications include Cork Pride, Cork Gay Project, Link, UpCork, and Cork Sexual Health Centre.

7. PPN Report: The Public Participation Network staffing and Secretariat are in a transition phase. A recruitment process is now in train for a new Resource Worker and the next Plenary is due in December 2023.

8. Strategic Items:

(a) **City LECP-** KOC gave an updated overview of the status of the development of the draft LECP. The awarding of the tender for the delivery of the draft LECP is concluding.

(b) Sláintecare

RL delivered a report to the meeting on both the extensive and impactful work the project is delivering across the city.

(c) Healthy Ireland

Department of Health has been successful in maintaining the HIF allocation for 2024 at the same level as in 2023 i.e. €75,000. This funding represents the continuing commitment by the Irish government to the Fund and to health & wellbeing initiatives being delivered through the Local Authorities.

9. **SICAP General:** Deferred to next meeting.

10. **SICAP Tender:**

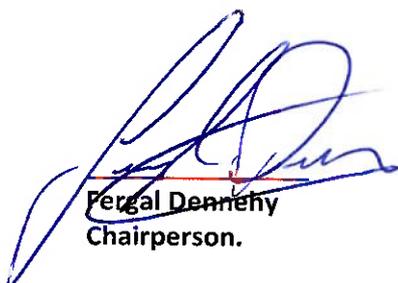
As a quorum was not achieved at this meeting, therefore, it was recommended to hold a special urgent meeting for the sole purpose of seeking the LCDC's approval of the recommendations on the SICAP Tender Evaluation Team.

Monday 13th November was proposed given the need to meet national process timelines.

11. **AOB**

None.

12. The next meeting will be an **online meeting on 30th of November 2023**. This concluded the business of the meeting.



Fergal Dennehy
Chairperson.

30th November 2023