

Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
26th April 2023
10.00 AM-12.00 PM
Online Meeting
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Councillor Carolyn Moore (Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Councillor Daithi Doolan (Vice Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud	DCC Elected Representative
Frank d’Arcy	Director of Operations, Housing and Community Services, Dublin City Council
Blake Hodgkinson	Director of Further Education and Training, CODETB
Ellen O’Dea	HSE, Head of Service Health and Wellbeing - Community Healthcare Office of Dublin North City & County
PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Claire Wheeler	Dublin City PPN, Environmental Pillar
Paul Rogers	ILDN – CEO of the Northside Partnership
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN – CEO of the Ballyfermot & Chapelizod Partnership
Lee Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Sandra Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Kelley Bermingham	Dublin City PPN, Community & Voluntary Pillar
Prof. Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic (NorDubCo)
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Greg Swift	Head Enterprise and Economic Development, Dublin City Council
Councillor Tom Brabazon	DCC Elected Representative
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)

Karen Smollen	Social and Economic (SIPTU)
Councillor Racheal Batten	DCC Elected Representative
ALSO PRESENT	ORGANISATION
Margaret McQuillan	Adjunct Observer – HSE Head of Service for Health & Wellbeing, Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow Community Healthcare Office (CHO7)
Kayanne O’Mahony (Acting Chief Officer), Elaine Hess, Brenda O’Reilly, Sophia Brennan, Sarah Fagan, Fiona McDonnell.	Dublin City Council (Community, Social Development and Research Section)

1) WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Draft minutes from the Dublin City LCDC Meeting of the 22nd February 2023 were proposed as agreed by Sandra Dillon and seconded by Kelley Bermingham.

- a) Matters Arising
 - (i) With great regret, the Chair noted that the LCDC Chief Officer, Dr Daithi Downey, had left Dublin City Council to take up a new position with the National Economic and Social Council (NESC). She noted his departure will be a huge loss, especially with respect to the development of the LECP. Cllr Daithi Doolan echoed Cllr Moore’s sentiments and added that Dr Downey was a huge resource which would be missed. Frank d’Arcy introduced Kayanne O’Mahony as the temporary Acting Chief Officer. Ms O’Mahony has nearly 40 years’ experience in DCC, the majority in the Housing Department, and looks forward to working with members.
 - (ii) The Chair noted that as a result of difficulty in getting members to confirm their attendance at upcoming LCDC meetings in a timely manner, the meeting was being held online instead of in hybrid format. She reminded members of the importance of confirming their attendance at LCDC meetings so that meetings can be planned appropriately and the hybrid model can be facilitated.
 - (iii) The Chair also noted that Sandra Dillon had recently won a Lord Mayor’s Award on the 30th March 2023 in recognition of her outstanding commitment and dedication in leading, supporting and promoting mental health wellness in children and teenagers living under the spectrum in her local community, Ballymun. The Chair congratulated her on behalf of committee members.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) Cllr Daithi Doolan proposed that the chair should write to Dr Downey to thank him for his contribution and to express the committee’s aspiration to maintain links with Dr Downey.

Frank d’Arcy seconded the proposal and offered to liaise with the Chair and write to Dr Downey on the committee’s behalf.

- 2) Kayanne O’Mahony contact details would be circulated to members.

3) LCDC BUSINESS MATTERS

(a) LCDC Funding Schemes

i. Community Support Fund 2023

Elaine Hess (DCC) updated members on the Community Support Fund, which is under the DRCD’s Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) and is being provided by the Government to support community and voluntary groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, with their capital and non-pay running costs. Dublin City Council has been allocated €564,302. The Dublin City LCDC is responsible for administering the fund in Dublin City. The CEP Sub Committee has oversight over the scheme. An online application process was opened on DCC’s online Citizen Hub for three weeks from 12 noon on 13th March to 31st March 2023. 140 applications were received. Pre-assessment stage is underway with a view to holding a CEP Subcommittee meeting mid-June, followed by presentation of grants and potential top ups for approval by the LCDC at its June meeting. Successful grants are to be paid by the end of August.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) An update will be provided at the next LCDC meeting.

ii. Community Recognition Fund 2023

Frank d’Arcy (DCC) gave an update on the Community Recognition Fund 2023. He reminded members that on January 24th 2023 Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O’Brien announced details of the government’s €50 million Community Recognition Fund (CRF). The CRF is a major initiative, the first of its kind, designed to specifically support communities across the country that have welcomed and are hosting families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries. The primary aim of the fund is to support the development of facilities that can be used in the future by all members of the community. Under the scheme, the 2023 allocation for Dublin city is confirmed at €2,392,127. Dublin city had to identify and develop proposals for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development by March 15th 2023. All DCC elected representatives were circulated with details of the CRF on 15th February by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy. Councillors were invited to distribute notice among constituents and request that all parties with a proposal register their expression of interest at a dedicated email crf@dublincity.ie by March 10th 2023. Fortnightly meetings of the Community Response Forum were kept up to date re progress of fund and applications. Notice of the CRF was also issued to DCC Directors of Service in Core and Outer City areas and proposals were actively sought from same. A submission was made to the DRCD post consultation. Liam Bergin has been appointed as the key DCC contact for the Fund and he has been invited to make a presentation at the next LCDC meeting. Members stressed the importance of actively engaging in an open and transparent manner with community groups about such funding opportunities.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) An update will be provided by Liam Bergin (DCC) at the next LCDC meeting.

(b) SICAP Update

Elaine Hess (DCC) updated members on SICAP. The continued funding of SICAP is subject to positive findings from regular reviews by Pobal and the LCDC. Two Financial and Monitoring reports are submitted annually for each of the five Annual Plans /five Lots in Dublin City, at mid-year and end of year. The results of the SICAP 2022 end of year review and the review of the draft plans for 2023 had not been finalised in time for presentation and approval by LCDC members at the last LCDC meeting in time to meet the LCDC approval deadline of the end of February 2023. The LCDC had agreed that the Chief Officer would approve the end of year finance and monitoring reports and plans for 2023 by the deadline on behalf of the LCDC if all was in order. All the EOY performance reports for 2022 and their annual plans for 2023 are now all at LCDC approved. Overall the quality of the end of year reporting and the draft annual plans was again of a high and professional standard and the programme implementers had all done exceptionally well. All met and exceeded their Key Performance Indicator (KPI) targets to support in total 540 local community groups; 5282 individuals; 90 Social Enterprises and create 51 associated jobs. All Lots have received a budget increase for 2023. The total DCC SICAP budget for 2023 is €6, 129, 504, up about 3% from 2022. An extra €714, 873 has been allocated for Ukrainian support totalling €6,844,377 for 2023.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) An update will be provided at the next LCDC meeting and Elaine's report would be circulated to members.

(c) Healthy Ireland Fund Dublin City and Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Update

Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud, Chair of the LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee, gave a verbal update. Main points.

- (i) Sile McNulty Goodwin has left the Community, Social Development and Research Section to work in DCC's South East Area Office. DCC will work towards recruiting a new Healthy Dublin City Coordinator as soon as possible.
- (ii) The LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee met 19th April.
- (iii) DCC Health and Wellbeing Programme.
 - 1) Healthy Ireland - 3yrs Strategy being developed with focus on Water.
 - 2) Slaintecare - Enhancement and Seed Funding roll out. LDOs were well established and dates for 3 launches set as per mail to sub-committee.

3) WHO Healthy Cities Network with emphasis on Safe and active Mobility - Funding of \$100,000 going to the development of a walkability audit. Implementation group will be established with relevant stakeholders, such as SMART Dublin, to oversee the delivery of the project.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) An update will be provided at the next LCDC meeting.
- 2) Partnership Healthy Cities Dublin Implementation Plan will be circulated.
- 3) Admin support to the LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee will be confirmed and provided.

(d) DCC Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Update

Frank d’Arcy gave a verbal update. The Draft Higher Level Goals have been updated, so Stage 1 of the consultation process has been completed. DCC senior management met to consider how to move the LECP preparation process forward into stage 2: Public Consultation over the summer with a view to having a draft plan ready by end of the summer. Members noted that timelines for new Census data is out of sync with the LECP preparation and SICAP tender timeline. The timeframe is very tight and it will be challenging to get active participation from community groups, schools, the public and stakeholders over the summer period and members wanted more consideration to be given towards in person workshops, town hall type events rather than the focus to be online consultation.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) DCC senior management will develop a timeline for holding LECP Advisory Group meetings over 2023.
- 2) DCC will give more consideration to extending the consultation period in stage two and how to deliver in person consultation events and methods.
- 3) Updated Draft Higher Level Goals will be circulated.
- 4) Frank d’Arcy will write to the DRCD about timelines.
- 5) An update will be provided at the next LCDC meeting.

4) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Next meeting is 10.00 to 12.30, Wednesday May 24th 2023 (Guinness Enterprise Centre with remote attendance as an option at this venue).

Future 2023 dates are:-

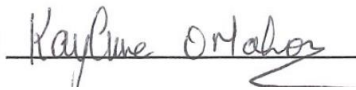
- June 21st
- Sept 27th
- Nov 22nd



Signed: _____

Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore



Signed: _____

Acting Chief Officer

Print Name: Kayanne O'Mahony