

Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
22nd February 2023
9.00 AM-10.30 AM
In person at the F2 Centre, Rialto and online
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Councillor Carolyn Moore (Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	DCC Elected Representative
Councillor Daithi Doolan (Vice Chair)	DCC Elected Representative
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
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
Frank d’Arcy	Director of Operations, Housing and Community Services, Dublin City Council
Blake Hodgkinson	Director of Further Education and Training, CODETB
Sandra Dillon	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar
Councillor Tom Brabazon	DCC Elected Representative
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic (CEO, Rediscovery Centre)
Michelle Murphy	Dublin City PPN, Social Inclusion Pillar

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)
Dr Dáithí Downey (Chief Officer), Elaine Hess, Brenda O'Reilly, Sophia Brennan, Sarah Fagan, Síle McNulty Goodwin.	Dublin City Council (Community, Social Development and Research Section)
Steve O'Reilly	Rediscovery Centre

1) WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members. She noted the time and venue of meeting has been changed to facilitate the joint meeting of the LCDC and the DCC Economic Development and Enterprise (EDE) Strategy Policy Committee (SPC) straight after the LCDC meeting from 11-1pm to allow all members of both Committees to consider, agree and adopt the wording of the draft HLGs. Thereafter the draft HLGs become the object of a stakeholder engagement programme and a follow-on public consultation under Stage 2 of the process towards adoption of the revised LECP 2023 to 2028.

2) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Draft minutes from the Dublin City LCDC Meeting of the 23rd November 2022 were proposed as agreed by Paul Rogers and seconded by Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud.

a) Matters Arising

The Chair noted that Councillor Tara Deacy had been the LCDC Vice Chair. As Councillor Deacy had resigned a new Vice Chair needed to be agreed. The Chair had nominated Cllr Dáithí Doolan for the post of LCDC Vice Chair and he was agreeable to act as same. The Chief Officer had updated members and also sought any additional expressions of interest for this post from them. None were forthcoming.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) The Chair proposed nomination of Cllr Doolan as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Kelley Bermingham.

3) LCDC BUSINESS MATTERS

(a) LCDC Funding Schemes

i. Community Support Fund 2023

The Community Support Fund, under the DRCD's Community Enhancement Programme (CEP), 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. €5,643 has been ringfenced for Women's Sheds to be spent on non-pay running costs. The Dublin City LCDC is responsible for administering the fund in Dublin City. The CEP Sub Committee has oversight over the scheme. Members of the Dublin City LCDC admin team met the CEP Sub Committee on the 21st February to review the DRCD draft guidelines, terms and conditions and application form and to decide how to best administer this scheme to address local needs and priorities. Key decisions made include the following:-

- Funding bands - 30% of the funding will be ringfenced for grants seeking €3,000 or less with a maximum of €25,000.
- To maximise promotion to women's' sheds.
- Ineligible Costs – CCTV and similar security equipment will be added to the ineligible costs scheme.
- Applicants will be encouraged to embrace the concept of circular economy and submit applications for capital goods that are sustainable, environmentally friendly and support the local community and social enterprises through the buy social campaign. So for example, the committee would rather approve applications for refurbished laptops procured via a social enterprise rather than new one from a multinational company or a set of recycled or sustainably sourced tables and chairs from a local charity shop rather than new ones from a large furniture store.
- The same target groups will be used as last year.
 - a. People experiencing challenges to their mental health and wellbeing;
 - b. Older people and those vulnerable to isolation;
 - c. Travellers/Roma;
 - d. Long term unemployed;
 - e. New communities; and;
 - f. Parents and marginalised children with a focus on childcare and afterschool services.
- Applications for funding will need to contribute towards Goal 2 of the Dublin City LECP.
- Groups must be members of the PPN in order to apply
- An online form will be drawn up via DCC's online Citizen Hub and tested. Guidelines, to include terms and conditions and script for DCC landing page will be drawn up.
- The CSF will be open mid-March for three weeks with a closing date of 31st March.
- Grants will be put forward for consideration and approval by the LCDC meeting at its June meeting. A shortlist of approved applications that can be topped up from any unspent and refunded funding from the CSF will be identified by the CEP SC. In addition, a shortlist of applications for approval under any forthcoming second round of similar CEP funding will also be identified by the CEP SC. drawn up and presented for approval at the June meeting.

Members highlighted the amount of resources and work required by LCDC admin team involved in the administration of CEP funding and the challenge of supporting smaller, newer groups with less experience or capacity to make applications. To help the team, the approach to developing a shortlist for subsequent rounds of funding had been developed and did help but it was also suggested that the LCDC write to the DRCD and request that one significant fund be launched per year as opposed to multiple smaller ones and that extra resources be allocated to help the team.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) The Chair and Chief Officer will write on behalf of the LCDC to the DRCD to request that one significant fund be launched per year as opposed to multiple smaller ones.
- 2) The Chief Officer will explore ways in which the LCDC admin team can be allocated additional resources.

ii. Community Recognition Fund 2023

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 now needs to identify and develop proposals for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development by March 15th 2023. Funding proposals submitted will be based on direct engagement with impacted communities and in consultation with the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the local Community Response Fora. Proposals will be consistent with the high-level goals of the current Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and whilst the follow-on plan remains under development. Local councillors were invited by the Lord Mayor of Dublin to disseminate details of the Fund across their constituency networks and invite responses from community and voluntary groups wishing to make proposals to register their interest by contacting Dublin City Council at designated email.

Agreed Action:-

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

(b) SICAP Update

The Chief Officer gave a verbal update on SICAP and the following key information points made were:-

- 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 SICAP 2022 end of year review and the review of the draft plans for 2023 are both underway and at the final stages but the results have not been finalised in time for presentation and approval by LCDC members at this LCDC meeting in time to meet the LCDC approval deadline of the end of February 2023.

- The Chief Officer did not anticipate any major problems so once any issues are addressed and assuming Pobal and he are satisfied with the review outcome, he suggested that he, as the Chief Officer, will aim to formally approve the end of year finance and monitoring reports and plans for 2023 by the deadline on behalf of the LCDC.

Agreed Action:-

- 1) The Chair proposed that the Chief Officer would aim to formally approve the end of year finance and monitoring reports and plans for 2023 by the deadline on behalf of the LCDC. This was seconded by Kelley Bermingham.
- 2) An update will be provided at the next LCDC meeting.

4) LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee

a) Report from meeting Feb 8th 2023

- Síle McNulty Goodwin gave a verbal update. Main points.
 - (i) Subcommittee met 8th February and written reports will be available after every meeting from April 2023. Subcommittee Chair is Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud.
 - (ii) DCC Health and Wellbeing Programme
 - 1) Healthy Ireland - 3yrs Strategy being developed by Síle with focus on Water
 - 2) Slaintecare - Enhancement and Seed Funding roll out. Plus dates for 3 launches set as per mail to sub-committee
 - 3) WHO Healthy Cities Network with emphasis on Safe and active Mobility - Funding going to the development of a walkability audit.
 - 4) LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee to meet on 19 April and update LCDC on 26 April

Kelley Bermingham suggested that the emphasis on “walking” might alienate some people with mobility issues so to review language used.

5) Presentations

a) Presentation on Circular economy Hotspot Dublin 2023 (Rediscovery Centre)

Steve O’Reilly, from the Rediscovery Centre, gave a presentation on the plans for the Circular Economy Hotspot Dublin 2023, which will run for four days from the 29th May to the 1st June 2023.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Next meeting is 10.00 to 12.30, Wednesday April 26th 2023 (Guinness Enterprise Centre with remote attendance as an option at this venue).

Future 2023 dates are:-

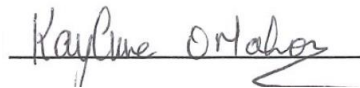
- May 24th
- June 21st
- Sept 27th
- Nov 22nd



Signed: _____

Chairperson

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore



Signed: _____

Acting Chief Officer

Print Name: Kayanne O'Mahony