Dublin City Local Community Development Committee

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Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 26th March 2015

3pm, Liffey Room, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices

**Members in attendance:**

**Public sector representatives:**

1. Cllr Daithí Doolan
2. Brendan Kenny, DCC
3. Cllr Claire Byrne
4. Greg Swift, DCC
5. Cllr Rebecca Moynihan

Cllr Tina MacVeigh, LCDC Observer

**Private sector representatives:**

1. Marion Kelly, Dublin City Community Forum
2. Maria Tyrell, Larkin Unemployed Centre
3. David Brennan, Dublin City Business Association
4. Claire Wheeler, Environmental Pillar
5. Mel MacGiobúin, City Drugs Task Forces
6. Ciarán Reid, Ballyfermot Partnership
7. Marian Vickers, Northside Partnership
8. Siân Muldowney, Dublin City Community Forum
9. Godfrey Chimbganda, Dublin City Community Forum

**Also in attendance:**

Martin McDonagh, DCC; Helen O’Leary, DCC; Alison King, DCC

**Apologies:**

Martina Queally, HSE; Cllr Éilis Ryan; Darragh O’Connor, SIPTU

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

**Item 1 Minutes**

There were minutes of three meetings to be approved:

* 30 October 2014
* 04 December 2014
* 13 February 2015

The Chair requested the members to confirm they had read the minutes and if there were any matters arising.

**Matters arising**

Cllr Tina MacVeigh pointed to an error in the minutes of 30 October 2014 and asked they be amended to reflect that she was in attendance.

The October and December minutes were proposed by Marian Vickers and seconded by Cllr Rebecca Moynihan.

The February minutes were proposed by Greg Swift and seconded by Claire Wheeler.

**Agreed.**

In reference to the minutes of the February meeting, Claire Wheeler asked if the cuts to LCDP / SICAP funding could be restored and if there would be redundancies in the companies that were unsuccessful in the SICAP tendering process. Cllr Moynihan queried if the successful companies could absorb staff from the unsuccessful companies. Brendan Kenny advised that funding in the Inner City had been restored. It was suggested to move to Item 2 on the Agenda and return to SICAP at Item 4.

**Item 2 Dublin Age Friendly Programme, Pat Doherty, Regional Development Consultant, Age Friendly Ireland**

Pat Doherty gave a comprehensive presentation on the Dublin City Age Friendly Programme. Following the presentation Pat responded to a number of questions and observations from members of the LCDC.

Pat finished his in-put by highlighting that the Age Friendly programme has made a submission to the Dublin City Development Plan, that they would up-date the LCDC on progress and make a submission to the LECP and that a presentation would be made at the next meeting of the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC.

**Item 3 Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) up-date**

Helen O’Leary and Greg Swift gave a short up-date on progress on the LECP. Helen informed the LCDC that Future Analytics Consulting had been commissioned to complete a socio-economic profile of the City. She highlighted that an initial consultation to establish challenges and high level goals had taken place on Tuesday 24 March and that another was scheduled for 11 April. The combined results of the two consultations will be merged with similar work done by the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC for wider public and stakeholder consultation on the issues and high level goals.

Greg Swift informed the LCDC that the Local Enterprise Office had held two consultations on the challenges and the high level goals for the LECP and that Dr Brendan Williams from UCD was working on a draft issues paper using results of the consultations and data from a report completed in 2012. He had met with the Regional Assembly and discussed the timeline for their approval of the LECP at Stage2 and again at Stage 3 and hoped to have a draft Plan ready for approval at their September meeting.

Cllr Doolan commented that it would be important to ensure that the LECP goals were fed into the City Development Plan.

**Item 4 SICAP – next steps**

Brendan Kenny gave a short overview of the current status of SICAP, explaining that the standstill period in the Lots where there was no competition had now expired but that in the remaining Lots where there was competition the standstill period had been extended to 30 days and would expire on 03 April. He said that he was hopeful some of the staff working in the Rathmines Pembroke and Ballymun Partnerships would be absorbed by the successful tenderers in those areas but that the loss of jobs was related to funding cuts rather than the SICAP process. A discussion on the cuts to funding took place.

Marian Vickers raised the concerns of successful tenderers on the content of the contracts and the limited time that they were given to review and sign contracts. She said that an Irish Local Development Network (ILDN) document highlighting the issues would be circulated to all LCDCs.

Members of the LCDC expressed concern that they were the contracting body for a contract they had not examined or been briefed on from a legal perspective.

Committee members discussed the monitoring of the contract. Ciarán Reid suggested that an operational sub-committee of the LCDC should be set up to take responsibility for monitoring.

Brendan Kenny suggested that it would be useful to invite each of the successful tenderers to forthcoming meetings to outline their action plans for 2015.

**Actions**

* DCC to circulate blank contract and SICAP Programme Requirements for 2015
* Invite Pobal to next meeting of the LCDC to give presentation on the detail of the SICAP contracts
* Invite one of the successful Partnerships to the next meeting of the LCDC to present their Action Plan for 2015

**Agreed.**

**Item 5 Correspondence**

Helen O’Leary briefly outlined the correspondence received since the last meeting.

**Action**

DCC to contact the Irish Traveller Movement on behalf of the LCDC to thank them for their correspondence but to explain that forthcoming LCDC agendas are too full to allow time for a presentation from them on the Yellow Flag Programme.

**Agreed**

**AOB**

Nil

Next meeting: Thursday 30th April 2015, 3pm to 5pm, The Liffey Room, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices.

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Cllr. Daithí Doolan

Chair