



Dublin City Council
Local Community Development Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on 25th November 2020 at 10am
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT – PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Carolyn Moore	DCC Elected Representative
Tara Deacy	DCC Elected Representative
Colm O’Rourke	DCC Elected Representative
Noeleen Reilly	DCC Elected Representative
Racheal Batten	DCC Elected Representative
Blake Hodkinson	Director of Further Education and Training – CODETB
Martina Queally	Chief Officer HSE South and South East
Greg Swift	Head Enterprise and Economic Development, Dublin City Council
PRESENT – PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
Paul Rogers	ILDN
Anne Fitzgerald	ILDN
Kelley Bermingham	PPN, C & V
Sandra Dillon	PPN, Social Inclusion
Anne Talbot	PPN, C & V
Dr Sarah Miller	Social and Economic
Michelle Murphy	PPN, Social Inclusion
APOLOGIES	ORGANISATION
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive Dublin City Council
Deiric O’Broin	Social and Economic
ALSO PRESENT	ORGANISATION
Dáithí Downey	DCC
Elaine Hess	DCC
Joan O’Mara	DCC
Brenda O’Reilly	DCC
Mary Hayes	DCC Housing and Community Services Executive Manager on behalf of Brendan Kenny – Observer
Mary Lynch	DCC Integration Officer
Sile McNulty	DCC Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator
Edwina Dewart	Dublin City Volunteer Centre

INTRODUCTION, WELCOME & UPDATE AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councillor Carolyn Moore opened the meeting at 10am and welcomed all members.

The Chief Officer, Dáithí Downey, updated the committee that he is actively pursuing a new representative from the Dublin Council of Trade Unions (Private Sector Member) as a replacement for Mr Darragh O'Connor and that he is also pursuing a PPN rep from the environmental pillar.

MINUTES

Minutes from the LCDC Meeting of the **30th September 2020** were proposed by Councillor Carolyn Moore and seconded by Cllr Noleen Reilly and Agreed.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2020

ROUND 1 – Update and recommendations of CEP Sub-Committee

The Chief Officer presented an update report on CEP 2020 Round 1 that had been circulated to LCDC members in advance. The information issued is for public consumption and can be circulated as required.

The CEP Sub Committee met online on the 9th November to assess applications received and concluded their recommendations on the 11th November.

CO Report summary:

- 157 applications received – every applicant was followed up personally, often several times, by LCDC support staff
 - 19 were ineligible (primarily because they were not capital expenditure related, could not get quotes due to COVID-19 or did not have sufficient permissions from correct bodies for the work proposed)
 - 10 applications withdrawn
 - Total eligible applications 128
- Total amount of funding available was €116,279.99 with 30% ring-fenced for proposals under €1000 and the balance for grants up to a maximum of €10, 000
- 52 Round 1 applications recommended by subcommittee for funding
- Total amount recommended €116,096.24 (leaves €183.75 to carry forward to round 2)
 - 33 applications were carried forward for assessment under Round 2
 - 27 Round 1 applications were recommended for inclusion under Round 2

ROUND 2 – Update

The Chief Officer gave a verbal update on CEP 2020 Round 2. Applications had closed on 16th November 2020 and all eligible and complete applications will be confirmed by DCC LCDC staff team from January 2021 and thereafter an assessment process and dates for same confirmed with the CEP Sub-Committee. The anticipated timeline is that CEP Round 2 will conclude with notification to successful applicants and conclusion of payments by March 2021

Discussion

LCDC members proceeded to discuss how LCDC grant application process can be improved and made more user friendly particularly for hard to reach groups. Suggestions include the use of webinars, workshops, extra guidance, mentoring, greater awareness, promotion and advance notice and addressing accessibility, capacity and language issues. LCDC members noted opportunity to build on existing local community development resources and initiatives on the ground provided by the Council's community development team, Local Development Partnerships and other relevant organisations/

Actions:

1. Refer as agenda item for LCDC Strategy in January 2020 (Weds 27th)

SICAP

The Chief Officer gave a verbal update on SICAP.

- 1) The annual POBAL engagement meeting took place involving LCDC admin, POBAL and the LDC CEOs. The meeting included programme updates, presentation of social inclusion data analysis, 2020 programme implementation and planning for 2021 with an emphasis on reviewing KPIs for 2021 and the delivery of the programme.
- 2) The Dublin City LCDC financial declaration for SICAP required as part of the completion of a financial claim by the government under the European Social Fund was completed in Q4, 2020.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made to LCDC members:

- i. Greg Swift, Dublin City Council (Head Enterprise and Economic Development, Dublin City Council) - The Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) - economic actions/outcomes for 2020.
- ii. Edwina Dewart, CEO, Dublin City Volunteer Centre - DCC Public Participation Network (PPN).
- iii. Síle McNulty-Goodwin, DCC Healthy Ireland Coordinator – Update on Healthy Ireland programme and activities, including details on Dormant Accounts Fund and Community Resilience Fund monies.
- iv. Mary Lynch, DCC Integration Officer – Overview of Review and Preparation of 2nd DCC Integration Strategy.

Actions:

- 1) Presentations will be circulated to members.
- 2) Agenda items for LCDC Strategy Day to be identified arising from presentations and communicated to DCC LCDC administration team.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Councillor Carolyn Moore invited all members to give their observations on the developmental steps and strategies the LCDC hope to achieve and what the LCDC needs to undertake from January 2021. Matters arising included focus on:

- How members can feed into the preparation of the Integration Strategy and the Healthy Ireland Framework.
- Ways in which community funding (EU, CEP, Dormant Accounts Fund; Community Grants etc.) can be made more accessible and user friendly to community groups.

Actions:

- 1) Strategy Day planned for Wednesday 27th January to consider LCDC priorities for 2021.
- 2) CO to liaise with DCC Economic Unit to see if the remit of the third party hired to look at potential of EU funds for economic initiatives could be expanded to look at community initiatives as well.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the first meet of 2021 will be on January 27th and will include a Strategy Day. It was agreed that thereafter the final Wednesday of every second month from 1000 to 1230 would be reserved for LCDC meetings, beginning from February 24th 2021, with adjustments made for summer and Christmas holiday periods. Meeting dates will be notified to DCC Chief Executive office for inclusion in the DCC corporate calendar.

- Note: due to the continued HSE Guidelines in relation to Covid-19 all LCDC meetings for the foreseeable future will be held online *via* Zoom unless otherwise advised.

Meeting dates in 2021:

- January 27th (including Strategy Day)
- February 24th
- April 28th
- June 30th
- September 29th
- November 24th

Signed: 
Chairperson

Signed: 
Chief Officer

Print Name: Councillor Carolyn Moore

Print Name: Dáithí Downey