

Minutes of Meeting: Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Date: 15th July 2024 at 4.00pm

Location: Cooley Room, County Hall, Dundalk and via Teams

- In attendance:** Ms. Alison Quail, Chairperson, PPN
Cllr. Kevin Meenan (via Teams)
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)
Cllr. Ejiro Stratton-O'Hare
Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Ms. Joan Martin, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB (via Teams)
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
Ms. Sharon Curran, DSP (via Teams)
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN (via Teams)
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN (via Teams)
- Officials:** Mr. Joe McGuinness, Chief Officer
Mr. Finbar Gethins, Senior Executive Officer LCC
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC
Ms. Ann Monahan, Staff Officer LCC
- Apologies:** Mr. Steven Rice, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Ms. Niamh Dennehy, LEO
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk
- Guests:** Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD
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LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 42/2024

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 24th June, 2024:

On the proposal of Ms. Bridie Pepper and seconded by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th June 2024 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 43/2024

2. Matters Arising:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that the Procurement Process for Consultants for the development of the Local Development Strategy is currently being audited.

LCDC Minute No. 44/2024

3. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme:

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid.

SICAP Mid Year Review:

Ms. Miriam Roe informed members that the SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub-Group met on 4th July, 2024 to assess the Financial (Financial & Monitoring Report) and non-financial elements of the 2024 Plan as part of the Mid Year Review (MYR).

This period under review covers the months of January to May (5 Months), noting that the total annual combined budget for 2024 is €1,997,711.50.

The MYR is carried out in accordance with guidance issued by Pobal and covers 5 main headings:

1. Confirmation that relevant documents have been uploaded to IRIS:

It was confirmed that all documents have been uploaded to IRIS, in accordance with the review requirements.

2. Meeting the Mid-Term Targets:

Excellent progress has been made against the KPI 1. The LDC has already achieved 107% of the annual target, supporting 80 Community Organisations.

KPI 2 is also on target with 60% of the annual caseload target supported to date.

3. Adherence to Budget Parameters and financial compliance with the Programme Requirements:

SICAP and New Arrivals cost charged items have been entered separately – as per the Lot Cost Charged Report submitted. All costs charges are within budget parameters.

All grants awarded year to date do not exceed the maximum eligible amounts.

4. Progress on Actions:

The mid-year update heading for each action has been comprehensively completed. There is significant activity detailed in the action progress report which highlights the pro-active roll out of the plan. Extensive detail and commentary have been provided in the narrative to give a clear picture of progress to date regarding the Programme Priorities.

Action Progress Updates for each action have been completed and are very detailed. Progress is evident across all Actions in the 2024 plan with the majority of action level targets above the expected 40% achievement at this point in the year. Delivery is on track, with clear progress noted in both the monitoring report and the action progress report.

5. IRIS Data Checks:

All items have been updated on IRIS with no items outstanding.

The Sub-Group commended Ms. Maeve Harkin and the SICAP team in Louth Local Development for their delivery of the SICAP Programme and commented that the Action Progress Report, once again, demonstrates the ambitious breadth and depth of services provided across the county.

The Sub-Group, having reviewed the information in the Action Progress Report, associated documentation and the information which has been inputted on the IRIS system, made the following recommendation to the LCDC members:

Recommendation: Having completed the Annual Plan review, in accordance with the guidelines issued by Pobal, the SICAP/Social Inclusion Sub-Group recommend that the LCDC approve the 2024 Mid Year Review & Financial & Monitoring Report.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Carol Murphy, seconded by Ms. Sharon Curran, the SICAP 2024 Mid Year Review and Financial & Monitoring Report was approved.

LCDC Minute No. 45/2024

4. Peace IV and PEACEPLUS:

Mr. Finbar Gethins advised the members that there has been no update since the last meeting with regard to the PEACEPLUS Action Plan. It is still with the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) for approval and a decision is expected by the end of August 2024.

LCDC Minute No. 46/2024

5. Next Meeting of LCDC:

The date of the next LCDC meeting is 16th September 2024. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on:

16.09.2024.

Chairperson:



