

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

Date: 15th June 2026 at 4.00pm

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

In attendance: Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton (via Teams)
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Ms. Lorraine O'Malley, DSP (via Teams)
Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD (via Teams)
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Mr. Liam Reilly, PPN
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN (via Teams)
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk (via Teams)
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA (via Teams)

Officials: Ms. Paula Keenan, A/Senior Executive Officer LCC/Chief Officer
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC
Ms. Ann Monahan, Staff Officer LCC

Apologies: Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Mr. Eugene Conlon, PPN
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda
Ms. Joanna Kelly, A/Director of Services LCC
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC

Guests: Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD

LCDC MATTERS

In the absence of Chairperson Cllr. Kevin Meenan and Vice Chairperson Ms. Carol Murphy, Ms. Paula Keenan, Chief Officer, invited members to nominate a member to act as Chairperson for the LCDC-LAG meeting. This procedure was carried out in accordance with the LCDC Standing Orders.

On the proposal of Mr. David Conway, seconded by Ms. Bridie Pepper, Cllr. Shane McGuinness was selected to act as Chairperson for the LCDC-LAG meeting.

LCDC Minute No. 43/2026

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 18th May 2026:

On the proposal of Ms. Bridie Pepper, seconded by Ms. Nikki Campbell and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2026 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 44/2026

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Ms. Paula Keenan reminded members to declare their Conflict of Interest at the beginning of the meeting or as it appears on the agenda, if applicable.

LCDC Minute No. 45/2026

3. Matters Arising:

There were no LCDC matters arising.

LCDC Minute No. 46/2026

4. LCDC Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for noting.

LCDC Minute No. 47/2026

5. Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

Conflict of Interest: Mr. Ciaran Reid left the meeting.

(a) SICAP Qtr. 3 Payment July-September 2026:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr.3 2026 payment (July-September) is now due for payment in the amount of €438,857.50.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr.3 2026 payment (July-September) in the amount of €438,857.50.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Jasmine Mathew, seconded by Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, the SICAP Qtr.3 2026 payment of €438,857.50 was approved.

(b) SICAP Qtr. 3 New Arrivals Payment July-September 2026:

Members were advised that the SICAP Qtr.3 2026 payment (July-September) New Arrivals is now due for payment in the amount of €59,577.25.

Recommendation: To approve SICAP Qtr.3 2026 payment (July-September) New Arrivals in the amount of €59,577.25.

Decision: On the proposal of Ms. Jasmine Mathew, seconded by Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, SICAP Qtr.3 2026 payment (July-September) New Arrivals in the amount of €59,577.25 was approved.

(c) SICAP Mid-Year Review

Ms. Paula Keenan advised the members that the SICAP Mid-Year Review process is now underway. The process begins when Louth Local Development submit their 2026 Mid-Year Review documentation, the SICAP/Social Inclusion subgroup then begin their performance review on behalf of the LCDC. This review feedback must be given to Pobal by 30th June. Pobal will complete their High Level, Parallel review with feedback to the LCDC by 15th July. A report and recommendations from the subgroup will then be brought to the July meeting of the LCDC for formal approval.

Mr. Ciaran Reid rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

LCDC Minute No. 48/2026

6. PEACEPLUS:

Ms. Paula Keenan informed the members that Ms. Susan Deery has been transferred to the role of PEACEPLUS Programme Manager.

Ms. Keenan provided an update on the PEACEPLUS Programme, noting the following:

- Stage 1 Procurement Assessment for Conservation Architect for the PEACEPLUS St. Nicholas' Church of Ireland Regeneration, Capital Project took place on Monday 15th June. Stage 2 assessment to follow.
- Contract signing for "Community Restorative Justice in Louth" PEACEPLUS Programme, delivered under Thematic Strand 3: Celebrating Cultures & Diversity Programme of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan, will take place on 30th June. Project value €14,280 with project to be completed in Q2 2028.

- Further contract signings to take place in the coming weeks for the following programmes:
 - Multi-cultural/Inter-cultural Programme
 - Minority Ethnic & Traveller Community Entrepreneurship Programme

LCDC Minute No. 49/2026

7. Annual LCDC Networking Event:

Ms. Keenan referred members to the email which was circulated previously regarding the Annual LCDC Networking Event, which is to take place in Athlone on 22nd October. The DRCDG have asked LCDCs to put forward suggestions on the content of this year's event and members were encouraged to submit same by Friday 26th June. Further information regarding expressions of interest to attend will follow in due course.

LCDC Minute No. 50/2026

8. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Cllr. Shane McGuinness, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 20th July 2026. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on: 20-7-26

Chairperson: Kem Hen