

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

Date: 18th May 2026 at 4.00pm

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

In attendance: Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson
Cllr. Ejiro O'Hare Stratton (via Teams)
Cllr. Shane McGuinness
Cllr. Dolores Minogue (via Teams)
Mr. David Conway, C.E. of LCC
Ms. Nikki Campbell, LEO
Ms. Bridie Pepper, HSE
Mr. Liam Reilly, PPN (via Teams)
Mr. Eugene Conlon, PPN
Ms. Bernardine Quinn, PPN (via Teams)
Mr. Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce Dundalk (via Teams)
Mr. Hubert Murphy, Chamber of Commerce Drogheda (via Teams)
Mr. Kevin Sweeney, IFA (via Teams)

Officials: Ms. Paula Keenan, A/Senior Executive Officer LCC/Chief Officer
Ms. Joanna Kelly, A/Director of Services LCC
Ms. Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer LCC
Ms. Miriam Roe, Senior Staff Officer LCC
Ms. Ann Monahan, Staff Officer LCC

Apologies: Mr. Ciaran Reid, LLD
Ms. Lorraine O'Malley, DSP
Ms. Carol Murphy, PPN
Ms. Jasmine Mathew, PPN
Ms. Kayleigh Mulligan, Louth Volunteer Centre
Ms. Sadie Ward-McDermott, LMETB

Guests: Ms. Mary O'Neill, LLD

LCDC MATTERS

LCDC Minute No. 35/2026

1. Minutes of LCDC Meeting Monday 20th April 2026:

On the proposal of Mr. Eugene Conlon, seconded by Cllr. Shane McGuinness and unanimously agreed by the members, the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th April 2026 were adopted.

LCDC Minute No. 36/2026

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. 37/2026

3. Matters Arising:

- Sláintecare Place Standard Tool Event

Ms. Keenan advised the members that a Place Standard Tool Event will take place on 21st May in Muirhevnamor. The event is being facilitated through the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme and will help inform the Muirhevnamor Park Master Plan. Members were directed to the Place Standard Tool Booklet which was included in their member's pack and were invited to attend the event.

LCDC Minute No. 38/2026

4. LCDC Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for noting.

LCDC Minute No. 39/2026

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

- CDQSF Pilot Implementation Group

Ms. Paula Keenan informed the members that a draft Community Development Quality Standards Framework (CDQSF) will be piloted in 2026 to enhance SICAP delivery, with an increased focus on community development approaches.

Louth has accepted an invitation to participate in the pilot implementation group. The group is advisory in nature and is expected to meet approximately four times during the pilot.

Members will be updated as further information becomes available.

LCDC Minute No. 40/2026

6. PEACEPLUS:

An update was provided by Ms. Paula Keenan on the PEACEPLUS Programme as follows:

- The post of Conservation Architect for the St. Nicholas Church of Ireland Regeneration Project has been advertised, with a closing date of 2nd June
- A launch event for the PEACEPLUS Collaborative Arts Project will take place on 22nd May in Dundalk Library

LCDC Minute No. 41/2026

7. LCDC Communications Campaign:

Ms. Paula Keenan provided an update to the members on the LCDC Communications Campaign which is currently underway. She advised that Minister Jerry Buttimer, DRCDG, launched the national awareness campaign to highlight how LCDCs connect public bodies and communities across Ireland. The 3-week campaign commenced on 1st May and will run across radio, podcasts, print and online media. Locally, this involves radio adverts and posts on the Council's social media platforms.

The overall objective of the campaign is to raise public awareness on the role and function of the LCDCs and how they contribute to the development of local communities, through actions contained in each of their Local Economic and Community Plans (LECPs). A new dedicated webpage – www.gov.ie/lcdc - is a central hub for information on each of the 33 LCDCs and will be beneficial in terms of succession management and induction for new LCDC members and staff. A link to this webpage will be circulated to the members following the meeting.

Members acknowledged the work undertaken to date and expressed a need for continued coverage of the LCDC's activities. It was also suggested that informational resources be made available to members to support them in promoting the work of the LCDCs.

LCDC Minute No. 42/2026

8. Next Meeting of LCDC:

Cllr. Kevin Meenan, Chairperson, informed the members that the date of the next LCDC meeting is Monday 15th June 2026. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

The business of the LCDC meeting concluded.

Minutes confirmed at meeting held on: 15-6-26

Chairperson:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Meenan', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.