



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council



Minutes of the L.C.D.C meeting on Thursday, 21st March, 2019 – Multimedia Room, New Civic Offices, Cork.

In attendance:

Cllr. Fergal Dennehy	Chairperson
Aaron O'Connell	Vice Chairperson
Paul Moynihan	
Bernie Connolly	
Siobhan Goulding	
Fiona Finn	
Nora O'Donovan	
Priscilla Lynch	
Joe Curtin	
Cllr. PJ Hourican	
Cllr. Chris O'Leary	
Adrienne Rodgers	
Lawrence Owens	
Catherine Kennedy	

Also in attendance: Rebecca Loughry, Susan McCarthy

Apologies: Ann Doherty, Chief Supt. B. McPolin, Eddie Mullins, David Ronayne, Ger Canning, Mick O'Connell, Tony Power

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the members and apologies were noted. The Chairperson introduced and welcomed Catherine Kennedy to the LCDC who will be representing the PPN.

2. Minutes

The minutes of 21st February, 2019 were considered and on proposal of Nora O'Donovan, seconded by PJ Hourican were approved with no matters arising.

3. Correspondence

None received.

4. Funding Streams Update

a) Healthy Ireland Fund 2018

R Loughry noted that Healthy Ireland Round 2 Actions are ongoing.

b) Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2018

R Loughry confirmed that Community Enhancement Programme 2018 funding has been paid out. A final list of approved grants totalling €459,524 was circulated to members.

c) National Community Weekend – May, 2019

R Loughry confirmed that 31 National Community Weekend event applications have been received. R Loughry sought the LCDC's approval for the SICAP Sub Group and any interested members to assess applications and award grants. Meeting details to be circulated to the SICAP Sub Group and all LCDC members inviting them to attend this meeting. Approved projects will be circulated to the LCDC at its April meeting for information. This was approved by the LCDC.

5. SICAP

The LCDC SICAP End of Year Report 2018 was circulated to members.

6. Comhairle na nÓg

Cork City Comhairle na nÓg members Bernadette Gabuya, Seamus Ryan and Salma Waleed gave a presentation to the LCDC. Cork City Comhairle na nÓg coordinators Joy Cantwell-Moore and Carolyn Collier and can be contacted via email on joycantwellmoore@gmail.com and Carolyn.collier@ymca-ireland.net

On the proposal of L Owens, the LCDC agreed to endorse Cork City Council's motion of 28th May, 2018 in relation to item 17.1 'Safe Talk' Training Programme and write to Minister for Health and Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health to assess the possibility of introducing a tailor-made 'safe-talk' training programme, relevant to young people aged 16-18, to tackle the issue of youth suicide, that potentially could be rolled out as a guest speaker series in post-primary schools.

7. Public Participation Network Report

A. O'Connell gave a report on the PPN to members.

A number of concerns were raised in relation to injecting drug use in Cork City including the temporary closure of the public toilets on the Grand Parade and the need for a collaborative coordinated public health response to the matter. Members noted that while the fact that these toilets are frequented by injecting drug users is not the ideal situation, the support mechanism that is in place around this facility has enabled the delivery of a public health response to the matter and has limited negative impact elsewhere in the city centre. The LCDC agreed to write to the Chief Executive, Cork City Council requesting that the toilets be reopened as soon as possible.

A discussion took place on the need for a Safer Injecting Facility in Cork City, similar to the one planned for Dublin and it was agreed to write to Minister for Health, Simon Harris TD and Minister of State, Catherine Byrne TD to invite them to meet with the LCDC to discuss the potential for the development of same in Cork city.

8. Boundary Extension

P Moynihan gave an update on the boundary extension.

8. LECP

R Loughry confirmed that a workshop around the strategic focus of LCDC funding will be arranged for April, 2019. Members will be contacted regarding agreeing a suitable date for this workshop.

A review of specific LECP themes for April and May meetings was agreed – Environment and Youth respectively.

9. A.O.B.

In response to the boundary extension, P Moynihan confirmed that Cork City Council will reconfigure all its functions. A new community directorate 'Community, Culture and Place Making' will be established.

J Curtin raised concerns over reductions in funding to youth services in Cork. It was agreed to invite the new ETB Chair to meet with the LCDC to discuss further. The Chief Officer confirmed that he will liaise with the Cork City Council's European Officer regarding identifying potential EU funding opportunities.

B Connolly noted that the Transport and Mobility Forum will hold a seminar of sustainable travel in the Council Chamber, City Hall on 29th March, 2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Cllr. Fergal Dennehy,
Chairperson**