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**Draft Minutes of the LCDC meeting on Thursday, 17th June 2021**

**Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Cllr Fergal Dennehy Chairperson

Nora O’Donovan PPN Representative

Catherine Kennedy PPN Representative

Fiona Finn PPN Representative

Michael O’Connell Cork City partnership

Cllr Garrett Kelleher Vice Chair

Eoin Gunn IBEC

Siobhan Goulding DEASP

Adrienne Rodgers Chief Officer

Adam Lacey Cork Volunteer Centre

Joe Curtin

Gabriel O’Keefe

Rebecca Loughry

Ann Doherty

Denis Leamy

**Apologies:** Paul McGuirk, Adrian Kane

**Also in attendance:** Tony Power, Richard McCarthy, Aoife Collins, Ricky Osei, Stephen Murphy

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the committee members and noted the new committee member Gabrielle O’Keeffe of the HSE

**2. Minutes**

On the proposal of Catherine Kennedy, seconded by Eoin Gunn the minutes of 20th of May 2021 minutes were approved with no matters arising.

**3. For information:**

1. **Cork City Council Community Response Forum update**

**T Power** gave an update on the most recent actions on the community response progress report. (Highlighted in yellow on the report)

**A Rodgers** there will be consultation process and there will be a key focus on what needs to be put in place

1. **Funding Streams**

i) **T Power** circulated report on current funding streams. Community Emergency Fund - total Fund €62,778 and all funds have been disbursed.

**The 2021 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP**) The 2021 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) was launched Monday 10th May by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O’Brien TD.

**The 2021 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP**) will provide small capital grants designed to assist in the re-opening of facilities such as community centres, men’s and women’s sheds, parish halls and youth centres.

Sports clubs will also be given financial support to purchase equipment and sports gear, as well as to carry out minor upgrades that will benefit its members.

The grants will range from a few hundred euro up to €10,000, however, exceptions will be made depending on the application.

The funding may be used to carry out necessary renovations and repairs or to purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and so on.

**Cork City Local Community Development Committee were allocated €153,703 with €60,000 of this grant allocated to the rapid areas**

This application went live on 9th June and will remain open until Sunday 11th July.

I will present the assessments and awards to the next meeting of the LCDC.

**R. Loughry** Encouraged the LCDC members to push the CEP applications

**Catherine Kennedy** said to send out the link by email and **T Power** agreed to circulate

ii) **S. Murphy** made a presentation in relation to the healthy Ireland Fund

**Catherine Kennedy** asked about If there was a geographical map that looks at the city? And Connection with all the different funds such as Cork Active/Playful Paradigm etc?

**S. Murphy** Its currentlybeing worked on by community garden/mapping and the connection piece was a victim of Covid, the healthy Ireland steering group is the main connection to promote events.

1. **Public Participation Network Report**

**T Power** gave an update on the PPN. Currently no resource worker. Tendering exercise closing soon for a part time facilitator. Upcoming recruitment campaign.

1. **Strategic Items:**
   1. Community Volunteer Force Presentation by Adam Long

**Adrienne Rodgers** Thanked Adam and discussed about the upcoming challenges foreseen for Volunteers

**Adam Long** opportunities to support volunteers weren’t there as events got cancelled etc even though 3,000 volunteers trained

**Denis Leamy** asked about Garda vetting and how volunteers get trained

**Adam Long** you can register as a volunteer through the portal and there is a step by step process.

* 1. **SICAP**

**T. Power** A meeting took place with Cork South County LCDC and SECAD on SICAP delivery in Extended boundary areas on the 4th of June. They gave a presentation.

**R. Loughry** the presentation was a beneficial overview work plan & we could possibly invite to our meeting in time. There was a risk that the extended boundary was not receiving a service, but this was not the case as they are putting in additional work in these areas.

**Fergal Dennehy** Communities will not lose out regarding the bio-diversity project

1. **AOB**

**T. Power** promoted the healthy Ireland Strategic action plan webinar on the 21st of June

**Catherine Kennedy** promoted ‘Child Friendly City’ being ran by let’s grow together and to pop an email to me if you want to get involved.

**Rebecca Loughry** community section in Council part of that initiative also

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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**Fergal Dennehy**

**Chairperson. 18th June 2021.**