

**Minutes of Galway City Local Community Development Committee
Meeting held on 24th April 2024 at 5.00pm
(Virtually on MS Teams)**

Present:

Cllr. Martina O'Connor (Chairperson), Galway City Council
Cllr. Alan Curran, Galway City Council
Mr. Laurence Gaughan, Health Service Executive West
Ms. Linda Sice Brogan, Galway City Partnership
Ms. Fiona McDonagh-Delaney, Galway City Community Network / PPN
Ms. Joanne Laffey, Galway City Community Network/ PPN
Ms. Lorraine Lally, Galway City Community Network / PPN
Ms. Elaine Harvey, Trade Union
Ms. Caroline McDonagh, Local Enterprise Office
Ms. Charlotte May, Galway City Community Network / PPN

Apologies:

Ms. Patricia Philbin, Interim Chief Executive, Galway City Council
Ms. Sinead Morgan, Galway & Roscommon ETB

In attendance:

Mr. Dermot Mahon, LCDC Chief Officer, Galway City Council
Ms. Theresa Donohue, Galway City Council
Mr. Liam Kitterick, Galway City Council
Ms. Chelsea McConn Joyce, Galway City Council
Mr. Morgan Mee, CYPSC

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Martina O'Connor, Chairperson, introduced and welcomed all members to the meeting. Mr. D Mahon informed members the new Chief Executive of Galway City Council, Mr. Leonard Cleary and Mr. Derek Pender, Director of Services will be starting with GCC in May one of them will attend LCDC meetings from July onwards.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Galway City LCDC meeting held on 28th February 2024

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th February 2024 were:

Proposed: *Cllr. Alan Curran*

Seconded: *Ms. Linda Sice Brogan*

And agreed by all members.

Mr. D. Mahon spoke on matter's arising from previous meetings and advised members that grants have been approved under the Local Enhancement Programme in which we received 80 applications. He advised we are not in a position to inform any groups on the outcome of their funding applications until such a time we are informed by the Department of Rural &

Community Development (DRCD) that they have issued a press release nationally. It is intended that Ministers Humphreys and O'Brien will announce details of successful applicants in May 2024. He advised once that national press release is issued, we will be informing groups of the outcome.

3. Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilots – Presentation by Mr. Morgan Mee, CYPSC Co-ordinator

Mr. M. Mee gave a presentation on the Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan. He outlined there are 4 pilot areas to be selected. A limit of €100,000 in funding for 2024 and a joint application only from CYPSC and LCDC. Mr. Mee then proceeded to ask the Galway City LCDC to partner with CYPSC to do a joint application for funding in support. He advised he will circulate a copy of the application before the deadline of the 7th June.

Mr. D. Mahon noted that we are at starting point, and it isn't an actual application just yet. This action was included on the LECP to work through this and submit an application. He noted that GCC and LCDC are happy to work with CYPSC on the initiative. A discussion took place with queries raised by Ms. Lorraine Lally which were addressed by Mr. Mee.

It was agreed that an application be submitted by CYPSC with support from Galway City LCDC.

4. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) a. SICAP Annual Plan 2024

Mr L. Kitterick provided an update on the SICAP Annual Plan 2024. Pobal circulated guidance and a checklist to review the SICAP Annual Plan 2024 submitted by GCP on the IRIS system. This had to be reviewed and a completed checklist returned to Pobal by 15th March. The 2024 Annual Plan has already been approved by the LCDC, as the agreed tender. The process for 2024 focuses on ensuring that the plan reflects the agreed tender and is in line with the SICAP 2024-2028 Programme Requirements. Mr. Kitterick & Mr. Dermot Mahon, Chief Officer LCDC with assistance from the Pobal Coordinator reviewed the Plan. Following this process there were no issues identified that would prevent the SICAP 2024 Annual Plan from being formally approved by the LCDC.

Mr. Mahon noted the document had been circulated in advance of this meeting and stated that staff met with Ms. L Sice Brogan GCP in relation to target groups. The KPI's have been agreed and need to be added in.

The 2024 SICAP Annual Plan 2024 was proposed by Cllr. Martina O'Connor and seconded by Ms. Lorraine Lally and agreed by all.

b. 2022 SICAP Internal Audit

Ms. Linda Sice Brogan gave an update on the recent internal Audit for SICAP 2022. The purchase order system is now in place with two signatures required for payments. A new HR team is in place who look after time management and systems in place for travel expenses to be submitted. Board members now have a quorum and GCP maintain a separate bank account for SICAP.

Mr. D. Mahon advised that as SICAP is such a significant programme and a lot of the proposals come through the LCDC, it gives reassurance that the programme is audited, and recommendations are made and implemented.

5. AMACH LGBT+ - Update on CDP Programme - Presentation by Fiona McDonagh, Amach LGBT

Ms. Fiona McDonagh – Delaney delivered a presentation on the Community Development Programme. The main focus of this programme was to secure a premises and she said the group were successful with 1 Courthouse Square at its new location. Ms. McDonagh – Delaney outlined the objectives of AMACH LGBT+ and its priorities. The members raised a number of queries which were addressed by Ms. McDonagh – Delaney.

6. Community Recognition Fund 2024

Mr D. Mahon provided an update on the Community Recognition Fund 2023. The report was circulated in advance of the meeting outlining the status of the 2023 projects. The 2024 fund is open for online applications from the 15th April to the 31st May. We will not be in a position to bring the proposal to the LCDC before the application deadline to the DRCD however he noted that a copy of the application will be circulated once the completed application has been submitted.

A discussion took place where queries were raised by Ms. E Harvey and Ms. M O'Connor and answered by Mr. D Mahon.

7. Any Other Business

Ms. L Sice Brogan advised members Galway City Partnership received funding to continue the Bridge Project. €640,000 to be allocated until 2027.

Mr. D Mahon thanked Cllr. M O' Connor for chairing the LCDEC as an interim and a member for the last 6 months and Cllr. A Curran for been member for the last year. He wished them both the best of luck in the upcoming local elections.

The date for the next meeting of the LCDC was agreed for Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 3:00pm in the Council Chamber.

The meeting then concluded.