

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Minutes

DATE: 16th December 2025

TIME: 14.00 – 15:30

VENUE: CE Conference Room County Hall Swords – Hybrid Meeting

QUORUM: 10

SECTOR	AGENCY	NAME	INITIAL	PRESENT/ APOLOGIES
STATUTORY	Local Authority Member (Rush/Lusk)	Cllr Eoghan Dockrell	ED	APOLOGIES
	Local Authority Member (Castleknock/Mulhuddart)	Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan	ECM	PRESENT
	Local Authority Member (Howth/Malahide)	VACANT		
	Local Authority Official Chief Executive's Nominee	John Quinlivan	JQ	PRESENT
	Local authority Official Fingal Local Enterprise Office	Oisín Geoghegan	OG	PRESENT
	State Agency, Higher Education Institute, TU Dublin	Pat O'Connor	PO'C	
	State Agency, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Seamus Quigley	SQ	PRESENT
	State Agency HSE	Ellen O'Dea	EO'D	APOLOGIES
	State Agency TUSLA	Una Caffrey	UC	PRESENT
	Non Statutory	Community Interest	VACANT	
Community & Voluntary Interest Fingal PPN		Samina Ahmed	SA	APOLOGIES
Social Inclusion Interest Fingal PPN		William Wanjihia	WW	PRESENT
Environmental interest Fingal PPN		Mary Attridge-Jones	MAJ	PRESENT
Community Interest Fingal PPN		Anne Marie Brady	AMB	PRESENT
Social Inclusion Interest Fingal PPN		Annie Byrne	AB	APOLOGIES
Local Development Fingal Leader Partnership		Eilish Harrington	EH	PRESENT
Local Development Empower		Adeline O'Brien	AO'B	APOLOGIES
Business & Employers Chambers Ireland		Anthony Cooney	AC	PRESENT
Farming & Agriculture The Irish Farmers Association		Laurence Ward (Chairperson)	LW	PRESENT
	Public (Statutory)			
	Private (Non-Statutory)			

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IN ATTENDANCE:	Aoife Sheridan Toni Hogan Áine Moreland Caroline Kelly Martin Smith Rafe Costigan Bridget Loughlin Felix Gallagher	Chief Officer Fingal LCDC EETCD FCC EETCD FCC EETCD FCC EETCD FCC Community Dept. FCC Environment Dept. FCC Empower
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Item		Action
1.	Apologies: Cllr Eoghan Dockrell, Samina Ahmed, Ellen O’Dea, Adeline O’Brien, Annie Byrne	
2.	<p>Presentation to LCDC Chair LW, as he is stepping down as Chair, thanked the LCDC members for their engagement and contribution during his term and advised that he would remain on the committee until a replacement from the farming sector is appointed. A presentation was made to LW on behalf of the LCDC in recognition of his contributions as Chair.</p> <p>The Chief Officer advised the Committee that Cllr. Cathal Haughey had advised that he would be stepping down from the LCDC and informed the members that this vacancy would be referred to the next Council meeting to nominate a replacement.</p>	Nomination to be sought from Council
3.	<p>(a) Election of Chair The Chief Officer advised that two nominations had been received for the position of Chair: Cllr Eoghan Dockrell and Anthony Cooney. Cllr Dockrell had advised the Chief Officer that he was not in a position to take up the role, leaving Anthony Cooney as the sole nominee.</p> <p>Nomination of Anthony Cooney as Chair Proposed: Eilish Harrington Seconded: Mary Attridge Jones</p> <p>Anthony Cooney took the Chair and thanked members for their nomination</p> <p>(b) Election of Deputy Chair The Chief Officer advised that no nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Chair. Members were invited to submit nominations to the Chief Officer following the meeting and it was agreed that the election of Deputy Chair would be deferred to the next LCDC meeting.</p>	LCDC Members to submit nominations to the Chief Officer.
4.	<p>Agree Minutes, Matters Arising & Correspondence Following discussion of the minutes of the September LCDC meeting the Chair requested that in future any issues with draft minutes be submitted to the Chief Officer in advance of meetings.</p> <p>Minutes: 3rd September 2025 Proposed: John Quinlivan</p>	LCDC members to submit proposed amendments to the minutes in advance of

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	<p>Seconded: Anthony Cooney The objection of UC to the September minutes is noted.</p> <p>Minutes: 22nd October 2025 Proposed: Eilish Harrington Seconded: Anthony Cooney</p> <p>In response to queries the Chief Officer advised that, due to lack of quorum available to meet by the Pobal submission deadline, that the LCDC's agreement on the KPI targets was sought and confirmed by email and that statutory/non-statutory representation requirements had been met.</p>	<p>meetings to the Chief Officer.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>LECP Theme 1: Sustainability & Climate Action Bridget Loughlin, FCC Climate Action Co-ordinator, delivered a presentation on LECP Theme 1: Sustainability and Climate Action.</p> <p>Members discussed the presentation and related climate initiatives.</p>	<p>Details of the Climate Action Fund and relevant contact information to be circulated to the LCDC.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Not-for-Profit Community Childcare</p> <p>The Chief Officer advised that FCC Director of Housing and Community Development, Paul Carroll had been invited to attend the LCDC meeting, but he was unable to attend today's meeting and sent his apologies.</p> <p>There was discussion of the draft Terms of Reference prepared by UC, and circulated to the LCDC, for a proposed LCDC sub-committee. The LCDC raised concerns about potential duplication of existing structures, in particular the Fingal County Childcare Committee (FCCC) and duplication of their role and remit.</p> <p>The LCDC agreed that further clarity was required on the role, remit and representation of the FCCC before establishing a sub-committee to look at the issue and the Chief Officer was requested to liaise with Fingal County Childcare Committee.</p> <p>The LCDC noted that childcare is a significant barrier to social inclusion in Fingal and that it is an issue requiring a co-ordinated approach at national level.</p>	<p>Chief Officer to liaise with the Fingal County Childcare Committee.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Local Enhancement Programme 2026</p> <p>CK provided an overview of the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026.</p> <p>The Chief Officer requested representatives from the LCDC to join the Evaluation Committee. Cllr Eoghan Dockrell, Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Una Caffrey and Eilish Harrington all agreed to participate on</p>	<p>PPN representative to be nominated for the LEP 2025 Evaluation Committee.</p>

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	the Evaluation Committee. The Chief Officer advised that a PPN representative would also be sought.	
8.	<p>Annual Report 2025</p> <p>CK advised that input from members to the draft LCDC Annual Report 2025 is required by 30th January and that LECP Q4 updates were required by 19th December.</p>	LCDC Members to provide updates by the specified deadlines.
9.	<p>Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme</p> <p>The Chief Officer provided an update on the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme, noting that it is a place-based initiative targeting the Blanchardstown area funded by the Department of Health. FCC to commence recruitment of a staff resource in Q1 2026 and seed funding has been allocated to FCC.</p>	Noted
10.	<p>LEADER Update</p> <p>EH provided an update on the LEADER Programme, noting that 41 projects had been approved in 2025 to a value of approximately €700,000.</p> <p>It was noted that applications require the same level of assessment regardless of value, and discussion took place regarding introducing a minimum application threshold of €5,000 to manage workload.</p> <p>MAJ thanked the LEADER team and referenced participation in the capacity-building programme.</p>	Noted
11.	<p>SICAP Update</p> <p>FG provided an update on SICAP.</p>	Noted
12.	<p>AOB</p> <p>UC advised that CYPSC is examining youth space provision and requested the opportunity to present to the LCDC in Q1 2026. The Chief Officer to liaise with UC to schedule the presentation.</p>	UC & Chief Officer to liaise on FCYPSC presentation to LCDC in Q1 2026.
LCDC Meeting Part B		
13.	<p>Contract Management - SICAP</p> <p>No business</p>	
Next Meeting 25th February 2025 14:00 - 15:30		

Signed: _____
Anthony Cooney
 Chairperson

Signed: _____
Aoife Sheridan
 Chief Officer

Date: _____

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