

# Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Minutes

DATE: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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	PRESENT
	Local Authority Member (Castleknock/Mulhuddart)	Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan	ECM	APOLOGIES
	Local Authority Member (Howth/Malahide)	Cllr Joan Hopkins	JH	APOLOGIES
	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	PRESENT
	State Agency, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Seamus Quigley	SQ	PRESENT
	State Agency HSE	Ellen O'Dea	EO'D	PRESENT
	State Agency TUSLA	Una Caffrey	UC	PRESENT
	Non Statutory	Community Interest	VACANT	
Community & Voluntary Interest Fingal PPN		Samina Ahmed	SA	
Social Inclusion Interest Fingal PPN		William Wanjihia	WW	PRESENT
Environmental interest Fingal PPN		Mary Attridge-Jones	MAJ	APOLOGIES
Community Interest Fingal PPN		Anne Marie Brady	AMB	
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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<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Aoife Sheridan</b> <b>Toni Hogan</b> <b>Áine Moreland</b> <b>Caroline Kelly</b> <b>Martin Smith</b> <b>Keith Hammond</b> <b>Niamh Rochford</b> <b>Martina Hillard</b> <b>Suzie McCarthy</b> <b>Rafe Costigan</b> <b>Felix Gallagher</b>	<b>Chief Officer Fingal LCDC</b> <b>ECCD FCC</b> <b>ECCD FCC</b> <b>ECCD FCC</b> <b>ECCD FCC</b> <b>ECCD FCC</b> <b>ECCD FCC</b> <b>Regeneration FCC</b> <b>Operations Dept. FCC</b> <b>Community Dept. FCC</b> <b>Empower</b>
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Item	Action	
1.	<p><b>Apologies: Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr Eimear Carbone Mangan, Mary Attridge-Jones, Annie Byrne, Adeline O Brien</b></p>	
2.	<p><b>Agree Minutes, Matters Arising &amp; Correspondence</b>  <b>Minutes:</b> 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025  <b>Proposed:</b> Eilish Harrington  <b>Seconded:</b> John Quinlivan</p> <p>The Chair requested the circulation of the LCDC meeting minutes earlier to allow members additional time to review and raise queries.</p>	<p><b>Minutes to be circulated earlier.</b></p>
3.	<p><b>LEADER Update</b>  <b>EH</b> gave an update on the current status of the LEADER Programme, noting that the current programme runs to end 2027. 46 projects approved to date with a value in excess of €700k.  A targeted call for capital projects is due to be announced shortly with up to €150k available per project. Projects require 25% match funding, with a minimum contribution of 5% from applicants.  The LCDC were encouraged to share details of the upcoming call within their networks.</p>	
4.	<p><b>LECP Theme 6: Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places</b>  <b>Martina Hillard</b> from the Town Regeneration Office presented on Urban &amp; Rural Town Regeneration.  The LCDC welcomed the presentation and noted the positive impact of regeneration initiatives.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Local Community Safety Partnership</b>  <b>Suzie McCarthy</b> from the Operations Department presented on the Local Community Safety Partnership.  The LCDC requested clarification on the composition of the Partnership.</p>	<p><b>LCDC Admin</b> to circulate LCSP membership to LCDC.</p>
6.	<p><b>Not-for-profit Community Childcare</b>  The <b>Chief Officer</b> advised that she had made contact with Fingal Community Childcare Committee to follow up on the LCDC's queries from the previous meeting. A meeting is to be scheduled and the Chief Officer will report to the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Chief Officer</b> to liaise with the Fingal County Childcare Committee</p>
7.	<p><b>LCDC Annual Report 2025</b></p>	<p>LCDC Annual Report 2025</p>

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	<p>The <b>Chief Officer</b> advised that the draft LCDC Annual Report 2025 had been circulated and the LCDC Members were invited to make any final amendments prior to the Annual Report going to the next Council meeting.</p> <p><b>LW</b> thanked the team for the report.</p>	to go to next Council meeting.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>LECP Implementation Action Plan</b></p> <p>The <b>Chief Officer</b> outlined the proposed process for the review of the LECP Implementation Action Plan.</p>	Review process to proceed
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>SICAP Update</b></p> <p>Documents relating to the End of Year Review and the Annual Plan 2026 were circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Approval of End of Year Review 2025</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> Eoghan Dockrell  <b>Seconded:</b> Ellen O’Dea</p> <p><b>Approval of Annual Plan 2026</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> Eoghan Dockrell  <b>Seconded:</b> Ellen O’Dea</p> <p>The SICAP update was noted.</p>	<p>End of Year Review 2025 approved</p> <p>Annual 2026 approved</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p><b>EOD</b> advised the members that this would be her final meeting due to a change in role. A new member is expected to be appointed by the HSE. The Chair thanked <b>EOD</b> on behalf of the LCDC for her contributions to the work of the LCDC and wished her well.</p>	
<b>LCDC Meeting Part B</b>		
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Contract Management - SICAP</b></p> <p>No business</p>	
<b>Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 14:00 - 15:30</b>		

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anthony Cooney**  
Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Aoife Sheridan**  
Chief Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_