

# FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## Minutes

DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

TIME: 3.15 – 5.15 pm

VENUE: Crown Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown Retail Park, Dublin 15.

PRESENT	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Natalie Treacy	Local Authority Member, Councillor (Castleknock/Mulhuddart)	Fingal County Council
Brian McDonagh	Local Authority member , Councillor (Howth/Malahide)	Fingal County Council
Ed Hearne	Local Authority official, Chief Executive's nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisin Geoghegan	Local Authority official, Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Dr. Pat O'Connor (Chairperson)	State agency, Higher Education Institute	Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
Siobhan Lawlor	State Agency, Dept. of Social Protection	Department of Social Protection
Peter Foran	State Agency, Child and Family Agency, TUSLA	Child and Family Agency, TUSLA.
Anthony Brennan	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Jeff Murphy	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Adaku Ezeudo	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Alice Davis	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Máire O'Brien	Environmental Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Terry McCabe	Local Development	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
Mary McKenna	Local Development	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Des O'Sullivan	Community Interest (Young People Under 30)	Headstrong, Jigsaw Fingal.

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

In attendance: Fran Creed, Paul Kinsella, Breffni O'Rourke, Paul Smyth, Fingal County Council.

	ITEM	ACTION
1.0	<p><b>Apologies: Cllr. Tony Murphy, Brid Walsh, Tony Lambert, Padraic McMahon</b></p> <p><b>Absent - none</b></p>	
<p>2.00</p> <p>2.1</p> <p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p>	<p><b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Minutes were read and accepted: Proposed by Siobhan Lawlor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seconded by Des O'Sullivan</b></p> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>Fingal Community Network is now called Fingal Public Partnership Network (FPPN).</p> <p>There was a discussion around a dedicated resource worker to support the FPPN including its nominees to the LCDC. Anthony stressed the role of the workers importance to the successful operation of the FPPN, Jeff requested a time line for same.</p> <p><b>Action: Ed undertook to discuss the matter with colleagues in the Council and ensure an update on the matter was circulated to LCDC FPNN members.</b></p> <p>A meeting between Terry McCabe, Mary McKenna and Eithne Mallin (FCC) took place in Swords earlier today, regarding the roll out of 'Care and Repair' Services across Fingal. This was deemed by all parties involved to be a very productive and reassuring meeting. Siobhan gave her support from the Department of Social Protection.</p> <p><b>Action: To follow up on progress and update the LCDC</b></p> <p>Further to the Communications Audit, Ed reported it was anticipated a Communications Officer would be in place by April.</p>	<p>EH</p> <p>TMcC &amp; M McK</p>
3.00	<p><b>Fingal Local Economic &amp; Community Plan</b></p> <p>Three self-selecting groups were formed and preliminary discussions took place on implementation (report attached).</p>	
4.00	<p><b>LEADER</b></p> <p>Further to the meeting of the Dublin Rural LAG on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 it was proposed and accepted to reduce the LAG from 27 to 16 members. Of the 9 members which will be drawn from the Fingal LCDC the Chief Officer recommended:</p> <p>Alice Davis, Des O'Sullivan, Cllr. Tony Murphy, Ed Hearne, Oisin Geoghegan, Pat O'Connor (Chair LCDC/LAG), Maire O'Brien, Mary McKenna, Padraic McMahon.</p> <p><b>Proposed by: Alice Davis</b></p>	

	<b>Seconded by: Ed Hearn</b>	
5.00	<p><b>SICAP</b></p> <p>Pat is stepping down from membership and Chairperson of the LCDC SICAP Oversight sub-committee. Máire is also stepping down from this committee. Adaku put forward her name to join the SICAP subcommittee.</p> <p>Chief Officer requested names and nominee/s for the role of Chair LCDC SICAP Sub Committee, none forthcoming. Brid Walsh agreed in the absence of a nominee/s her name be submitted:</p> <p><b>Proposed by Siobhan Lawlor</b> <b>Seconded by Mary McKenna</b></p>	
6.00	<p><b>Member Profile</b></p> <p>Máire representing the Environmental Pillar of the FPPN put forward what she perceived as being the key challenges in the area, referencing the LECP objectives. Siobhan, volunteered to do next member profile.</p> <p><b>Action: Department of Social Protection, Siobhan Lawlor on the next LCDC agenda</b></p>	<p><b>Chief Officer</b> <b>/ SL</b></p>
7.00	<p><b>Any Other Business &amp; Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b> A draft 2015 LCDC Annual Report will be circulated to members, W/B 21<sup>st</sup> March, post review and feedback the Chief Officer will recirculate for adoption by members by 31<sup>st</sup> March.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> The IFA sent a letter to DECLG, forwarded to Chief Officers, requesting clarification of Indemnity for IFA members on LCDCs. In the response it was confirmed LCDC members are indemnified in respect of all actions taken in the performance of their functions as LCDC members.</p> <p>Circular 6 of 2014 refers to the fact that the legislation underpinning LCDCs does not provide for the LCDC to have the power to sue or be sued and states:</p> <p><i>'As a local authority committee, therefore, where a legal dispute arises in relation to actions by an LCDC (e.g. a dispute over a contract award), local authorities will either take an action or defend an action on behalf of the LCDC.'</i></p>	

<b>7.3</b>	Three further dates were proposed for LCDC meetings in 2016  Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May  Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June  Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October  A further date comprising a half day/ full day workshop was proposed t.b.c.  <b>Meeting concluded at 5.20 pm</b>	
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Signed:

Dr. Pat O'Connor,

Chairperson

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Signed:

Breffni O'Rourke,

Chief Officer

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016