

**FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)  
MINUTES**

DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

TIME: 2.30 – 4.00 pm

VENUE: Room 3A6, County Hall, Swords

PRESENT	INITIAL	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Tony Murphy	TM	Local Authority Member (Swords/Balbriggan)	Fingal County Council
Brian McDonagh	BMcD	Local Authority Member (Howth/Malahide)	Fingal County Council
Ed Hearne	EH	Local Authority Official, Chief Executive's Nominee.	Fingal County Council
Oisín Geoghegan	OG	Local Authority Official, Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor (Chairperson)	PO'C	State Agency, Higher Education Institute.	Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
Una Caffrey	UC	State Agency	TUSLA
Siobhan Lawlor	SL	State Agency	Department of Social Protection
Anthony Brennan	AB	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal PPN
Jeff Murphy	JM	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal PPN
Adaku Ezeudo	AE	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal PPN
Alice Davis	AD	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal PPN
Maire O'Brien	MO'B	Environmental Interest	Fingal PPN
Brid Walsh (Vice Chairperson)	BW	Community Interest	North Dublin Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force
Adeline O'Brien	A'OB	Local Development	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
Tom Haesy	TH	Local Development	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Tony Lambert	TL	Business & Employers	Chambers Ireland
Laurence Ward	LW	Farming & Agriculture	Irish Farmers Association

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Breffni O'Rourke Chief Officer Fingal County Council, Paul Smyth, SEO, Fingal County Council, Pat Queenan, Community Dept. Fingal County Council, Felix Gallagher, Manager, Blanchardstown Area Partnership, Ellen O'Dea, HSE.


	ITEM	
1.0	Apologies: Natalie Treacy	
2.0	Minutes and Matters arising Proposed: Tony Murphy Seconded: Brid Walsh	
2.1	BO'R referred to 2.3 of previous minutes, recommended TUSLA representation will continue and that a nominee from the HSE, Ellen O'Dea, will replace Youth Under 30 Category,	

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2.2	<p>previously represented by Desmond O'Sullivan. <b>Action: List of nominees for recommendation to be brought to March Council meeting for formal ratification in adherence to reissued December 2016 LCDC guidelines.</b></p> <p>In response to a query from <b>JM</b> regards the PPN, <b>PQ</b> informed the meeting that a PPN Resource Worker position was advertised internally, no suitable candidate emerged. The post is being advertised nationally, with no date confirmed for interviews.</p>	
2.3	<p><b>BO'R</b> confirmed further to item <b>8.2</b> the focus of the next LCDC will be the Fingal Local Economic &amp; Community Plan 2016 – 2021.</p>	
2.4	<p><b>PO'C</b> gave a short verbal chairs report of activity since the last LCDC including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting of all Chairs and Chief Officers took place in the Custom House in February where departmental officials confirmed that in response to the expanding role of local government, leading economic, social and community development in particular the LCDC and LECP resources for staff had been approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Circulate Chairs report to members.</b></p>	<b>BO'R</b>
3.00	<p><b>Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality</b></p> <p><b>Action: All members to return / renew Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Agreements.</b></p>	<b>BO'R</b>
4.00	<p><b>Fingal Economic &amp; Community Monitor</b> Special Insight solutions gave a presentation and facilitated a Q&amp;A. <b>PO'C</b> praised the initiative and its potential application for all LCDC stakeholders.</p> <p><b>Action: Circulated link to members</b></p>	<b>BO'R</b>
5.00	<p><b>SICAP Oversight Sub Committee Chairs Report</b> The first meeting of the committee in 2017 took place on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017. First draft of the SICAP PI End of Year (EYR) report was reviewed at the meeting. A representative group of LCDC members met with BAP representatives on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss specific challenges and barriers and agree changes.</p>	
5.1	<p>Following a round of discussion, which confirmed, there was no underspend in 2016, no remedies were applied, and that both KPIs had been achieved. <b>BW</b> on behalf of the sub-committee recommended that the 2017 Annual Plan and 2016 End of Year review were approved. <b>Proposed by: Ed Hearne</b> <b>Seconded by: Maire O'Brien</b></p>	
5.2	<p><b>BW</b> confirmed that a comprehensive questionnaire had been completed representing the collective viewpoints of the LCDC on the next iteration of SICAP.</p>	
5.3	<p><b>AO'B</b> reported the PI was happy to have achieved the two KPI's and majority of Headline Indicators and that where challenges remained strategies had been put in place to manage these. Specifically she pointed to the review by Pobal at the End of Year point and their satisfaction with the PIs collection of Data.</p>	
5.4	<p><b>FG</b> asserted the dispersal of targets groups across Fingal in newly classified social housing (in receipt of supplements), disproportionately affected Fingal, and that the resource allocation</p>	


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	model currently used by the department may be adversely effecting budget allocation for Fingal. <b>BO'R</b> confirmed this was documented in the PI End of Year Report, and that the Oversight committee had undertaken to follow up on this and other challenges highlighted by the PI.	
6.00	<p><b>Dublin Rural LEADER</b> On the occasion of the resignation of Des O'Sullivan from the LCDC there is a requirement required to put forward a nominee to the Dublin Rural LAG. Adeline O'Brien expressed an interest in the role. <b>Proposed by:</b> Tony Lambert <b>Seconded by:</b> Brid Walsh</p> <p><b>AB</b> questioned if companies who sought funding from LEADER should they have had communication by now from the LEADER company. <b>AD</b> undertook to raise this issue at the LEADER meeting following this.</p>	<b>AD</b>
7.00	<p><b>Promoting Community Interest</b> <b>AB</b> raised the issue of tree cutting in residential areas in Rush. <b>LW</b> raised an issue with - pruning of trees and hedgerows in rural areas. <b>PS</b> outlined the Tree Cutting Policy for Fingal County Council. <b>PO'C</b> cautioned more appropriate forums existed to raise these types of matters and that this was not the purpose of an LCDC or this agenda item. <b>Action: Issue clear guidance on purpose of this item heading</b></p>	<b>BO'R</b>
8.00	<p><b>Members Profile</b> <b>AD</b> gave a presentation on her work in the community specifically the Balbriggan Meals on Wheels service.</p>	
9.00	<p><b>Lillian Whelan gave a presentation on The Fingal Library Development Plan</b> <b>Action: To circulate and disseminate through member networks.</b></p>	<b>BO'R</b>
10.00	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BO'R</b> informed the meeting that the statutory making of a LCDC Annual Report was required and that this would be circulated in advance of being brought to council for noting.</li> <li>• <b>TH</b> informed a new CEO had been appointed to Fingal Leader Partnership Dr. Chris O'Malley.</li> <li>• <b>PO'C</b> read out correspondence (15/02/2017) from the CEO, Blanchardstown Area Partnership, in response to Item 5 of the September 2016 LCDC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown</b></p>	

Signed: 

Dr. Pat O'Connor, Chairperson

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Signed: 

Breffni O'Rourke, Chief Officer.

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