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**Draft Minutes of the LCDC meeting on Thursday, 25th March 2021**

**Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Adrienne Rodgers Chief Officer

Nora O’Donovan PPN Representative

Joe Curtin PPN Representative

Denis Leamy CETB

Adrian Kane ICTU

Catherine Kennedy PPN Representative

Siobhan Goulding DEASP

Priscilla Lynch HSE

Fiona Finn PPN Representative

Lawrence Owens CBA

Michael O’Connell Partnership

Cllr Garrett Kelleher Vice Chair

Cllr Ger Keohane Cork City Council

**Apologies:** Cllr. Fergal Dennehy, Eoin Gunn, Ann Doherty, Paul McGuirk, Barry McPolin.

**Also in attendance:** Tony Power, Rebecca Loughry, Ruth Lynch, Kieran O’Connell

**1. Welcome**

A Rodgers welcomed the committee members and welcomed the return of N O’Donovan to the LCDC.

**2. Minutes**

On the proposal of Catherine Kennedy, seconded by Fiona Finn the minutes 18th February 2021 were approved with no matters arising.

**3. For information:**

1. **Cork City Council Community Response Forum update**

**T Power** gave update on CRF. A report dated 11th of March was circulated to the Committee on the progress of the Community Response Team. All 16 Area Based Teams remain on call and available to respond as necessary. The Nesc report was circulated to the Committee, to be revisited at a later date. The Community Response Forum is meeting regularly.

The Food Distribution Group has been meeting fortnightly, with the membership of the four main food charities SVP, FeedCork, Penny Dinners and Food Cloud, with the DSP, TUSLA, and the additional perspectives of school meals provision through schools and childcare settings through CETB, IPPN, Cork City Childcare.

The Keeping Well Campaign has been promoted strongly in 2021 and was integrated into the Wellbeing webpage on the City Council Website.

**A Rodgers** advised the committee that the HSE has requested the Local Authority to be on standby to support the vaccination program in relation to transport and the mobility group to be reconvened when needed.

1. **Funding Streams**

**T Power** circulated report on current funding streams. Community Emergency Fund - total Fund €62,778. An initial assessment has been carried out on the applications by the community team and HSE Community Team. A second meeting to further assess will be held shortly and proposals will then be presented to the SICAP Sub-group for consideration.

The Community Development pilot programme was announced recently and is managed directly by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The aim of the programme is to trial community development initiatives that address poverty, social exclusion and inequality, and promote human rights. Up to eight projects will be selected to be part of the pilot.

**R Loughry** noted a myriad of funding streams are due in the coming months. Funding is advertised through mailing lists and through all social media platforms. The Committee should ensure funds are allocated as strategically as possible.

1. **Public Participation Network Report**

**J Curtin** gave an update on the PPN. Currently no resource worker. Covid is delaying recruitment.

1. **Strategic Items:**
   1. Placemaking toolkit –

Presentation was made to the Committee by Kieran O’Connell, Social Inclusion Development Officer.

**A Rodgers** thanked Kieran for the presentation and commented on this short presentation represented a huge body of work. It needs to be made relevant by establishing a cross departmental steering group internally.

**J Curtin** gave the example of the Gurranabraher/Churchfield Green Spine. Placemaking events like this are happening all over the city.

**C Kennedy** suggested the toolkit should be a step to be fed into the LECP. Need real Community buy in.

**L Owens** brilliant initiative which is all about engagement and getting Community buy in.

**K O’Connell** Douglas Street encapsulated how communities can come together and rethink their space.

**A Rodgers** suggested its not just communities but business communities etc.

1. **AOB**

**T Power** the Chief Officer has been advised by Internal Audit that an Audit is due in September. Will meet with Sicap in the next week.

Workshops on SICAP were underway, organised by Pobal nationally showcasing best practice and providing updates.

The Committee has received notification that the Climate Action Plan public consultation process has begun.

**C Kennedy**  launch of information booklet on sexual health.

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**Fergal Dennehy**

**Chairperson. 25th March 2021.**