



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project Code:	31LDRWAT103327
Project Name:	Anne Valley Walk Phase II
Promoters Name:	Dunhill Tourism Walking Trail Company Limited by Guarantee
Address:	C/o Dunhill Lodge, Annestown, Co. Waterford
Description:	Extension of the Anne Valley walk from Dunhill Castle to Annestown creating an off road walk of almost 5km through the natural Anne Valley wetlands
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub-theme:	Rural Tourism
Link to LDS	LO1 Rural Economic development and 1.1 Activity tourism

Funding sought by promoter:	€124,553.78		
Details of private funding:	Term loan facility from Clann Credo of €6,650, €5000 as per bank statement own AIB account & €2,711.86 as per BOI statement of own account & bridging loan facility of €99,750 Clann Credo		
Voluntary Labour/Donation of Land: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	Yes, the local farmers have donated their land for ten years to the promoter in a license agreement and an independent valuation of the land was undertaken and valued at €33,568.50 which has been used in calculating the percentage of grant aid		
Synopsis of project:	The Anne valley walk was created in 2013 linking Dunhill village to the castle facilitated by the kind donation of land by the local farmers. The walk is now weather proofed and accessible all year round and is wheel chair friendly. It passes through a wetlands valley that is home to unique flora and fauna. The walk has been enhanced with seating, signage and parking facilities and has proved extremely popular with the local community and nearby town of Tramore.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75%
	Construction of the 2nd phase of the walk	€132,876	€124,553.78
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Total Funding			
Was an assessment completed?: Date: _____11th April '17_____	Yes		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, the project was etendered and required number of tenders received and lowest tender selected		

Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Not applicable
Innovative Element of the project:	The uniqueness of the walk through a wetlands valley where there is no similar facility to it in the county.
Consideration of Deadweight:	This development would not take place without access to public funding due to the voluntary nature of the promoters
Consideration of Displacement:	There is no other facility similar to the Anne Valley walk in the County
Economic justification for project:	In the first 4 months of opening, a counter placed at the entrance to the walk recorded 14, 000 users. Linking Annestown village to the walk will attract many more users particularly in that there is no shop or local services in Annestown only in nearby Dunhill at the end of the walk.
Average Score for Project:	85/100
75% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €124,553.78 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective for Activity Tourism type projects 2. The promoters have a good track record and successfully implemented the projects funded under the previous programme. 3. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it is an extension to the original walk which based on proven visitor numbers is very popular. 4. The project scored 85/100.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
N/A	N/A	€14,361.86 plus €99,750 bridging loan	€78,790.67 awarded in Jan '12

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
LEO	13 April '17	Brid Kirby
Failte Ireland	6 April '17	Sarah Fitzpatrick

Detail of Discussion: The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project:- - Ms Claire Connors advised this project, previously recommended for approval, was deferred at the last LCDC meeting due to an issue raised by the Department over proprietary rights and the value on the donation of land. As a result, a new company was set up to promote the project and the Anne Valley Walk Farmers Group who own the land which is being donated for the proposed walk, has entered into a new licence agreement with the new company known as the Dunhill Tourism Walking Trail for a ten year period. A revised valuation was also undertaken to take into account current land value and size of the donation. - As the costs changed slightly a revised application was circulated to all Evaluation Members. The funding rate
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changed from 74% to 75%.

- The Evaluation Committee agreed that essentially it is the same project as previously and that they were happy to recommend the project for approval.

Amount Recommended: €124,553.78

75% of Eligible Project Funding

The cost of this project is €166,444.50 and the promoter has requested funding of €124,553.78 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.

Grant calculation taking into account value of donated land being used as match funding;

1. Total of all invoices €132,876
2. Total of benefit in kind €33,568.50 (value of donated land)
3. Total of 1 + 2 = Total eligible costs (TEC) €166,444.50
4. Establish the min cash contribution - 5% of TEC €8,322.22
5. Establish programme element i.e. 3 minus (4 + 2) €166,444.50 – (€8,322.22 + €33,568.50) = €124,553.78
6. To establish programme % RoA: RDP amount divided TEC
€124,553.78/€166,444.50 = 75%

Signed: _____

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Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Claire Connors

Dated: 11th October '17

WLP Project Officer