

individuals may exclude themselves voluntarily from a voting procedure or the names may be drawn by lottery. Derval Howley, Liam Daly and Vincent Daly volunteered to exclude themselves from a voting procedure.

2. Apologies as detailed above were noted by the Committee

3. Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 9th October 2017

Proposed: J. Stokes Seconded: J. Taaffe

4. Matters arising:

- It was noted that Ivan Grimes was omitted on the attendance record in error.
- It was noted that J. Beresford and not G. Foley approved Item 10.

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of October 9th be amended accordingly.

Proposed: Joe Stokes Seconded Jimmy Taaffe

Approved

5 Conflict of Interest

D. Tuohy stated that the LAG and Evaluation Committee members must declare at each meeting the nature of his or her interests in-

- any application to the LAG for financial or other support; and/or
- any initiative taken by the LAG; and/or
- any contract or proposed contract with the LAG in which a LAG member, or a connected person is directly or indirectly involved; and/or
- any matter from which the LAG member, or a connected person, may stand to benefit directly or indirectly from his or her position as a LAG member or from the operation of the LAG.

Where a Conflict of interest is declared that person must absent themselves from any deliberations where such a declaration is made. This declaration must be formally recorded in the LAG minutes.

6. Circulars:

Circular 20/2017: Standard Application Form, Standard Application Form Checklist, Standard Project Assessment Report, Revised Article 48 Checklist questions.

Don Tuohy briefly outlined the background to the above Circular and invited questions.

Noted.

7. Expressions of Interest

J. Taaffe confirmed 2no. expressions of interest following the call for New Media projects are undergoing evaluation and will be before the Committee for decision at the December LAG meeting.

J. Taaffe informed the Committee that information workshops were being held during 1st – 9th November at 5 locations throughout the County in advance of acceptance of expressions of interest for the next targeted call for funding and Claire Connors project officer will meet clients. In reply to a member's query, J. Taaffe confirmed he will revert with the budgeted figures for each theme.

J. Taaffe also confirmed the call themes are Rural Tourism, Enterprise and Rural towns and in terms of interest it is 30% Enterprise, 30% Community and 30% Tourism.

J. Taaffe advised that in terms of issues, for example Rural Tourism, people are not reverting to queries from the Planning Department causing delays.

8 Approval of quarterly advance administration payment to WLP – as per schedule circulated

J. Taaffe stepped out of the meeting having declared a conflict of interest as CEO of Waterford Leader Partnership CLG.

Consequently the quorum was not achieved. The matter was deferred to the next meeting having taken all conflict of interest matters into consideration.

Proposed by:	Deferred
Seconded by:	Deferred
Absenters:	J. Taaffe, Derval Howley, Vincent Daly, Liam Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	Deferred
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	NO 5 : 4 = 9

Quorum was not achieved. This matter will be placed for decision at the next LAG meeting.

9 Scenario Planning Proposal

J. Taaffe briefly outlined that scenario planning has its origins in the private sector and is a new concept with the objective of mapping out the future direction at community level subject to Department funding. This process will be undertaken in the 3 Municipal areas and involves arranging two public meetings to present pertinent facts and figures for consideration and anticipate scenarios. The third meeting will take place between relevant stakeholders, including the local authority and Department of Social Protection. The process will be undertaken within the remit of the Community Department of the Council.

No questions arose. The matter was noted.

10. **Rural Development Programme –Projects**

- (a) J. Taaffe advised that the company Streamline Engineering Ltd., (Hugh Kavanagh) had to purchase machinery directly from the UK supplier and not their Irish Agents. He confirmed the companies are the same entity and the reason is to ensure timely delivery. He also confirmed procurement is not an issue as the quotes received are exactly the same, and the change is basically technical. The approval of the LAG was requested.

Proposed by:	J. Beresford
Seconded by:	J. Stokes
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Vincent Daly, Liam Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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- (b) J. Taaffe stated that in relation to Project ref. 31LDRWAT103583 Automated Drilling Line, Kenneally Steel Fab. Ltd. page 5 of the minutes of the meeting held on July 2nd 2017, the % level of aid & ceiling approved by the LAG should read €140,985.50 and not €140,000. The approval of the LAG was requested to amend the minutes of the LAG meeting of July 6th to reflect same.

Proposed by:	G. Foley
Seconded by:	J. Stokes
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Vincent Daly, Liam Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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Project No 31LDRWAT103880 Ballysaggart GAA Hall Development
Project No 31LDRWAT105434 Ballysaggart Community Centre

Project No. 31LDRWAT103880
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Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT103880
Promoters Name:	Ballysaggart GAA Hall Development
Project Name:	Ballysaggart GAA
Description:	Ballysaggart GAA is proposing to build a Community Hall beside the pitch in the centre of Ballysaggart Village. There is another smaller facility at the entrance to the village, which used to be the old primary school. The group there may also be applying for funding in the future to renovate it. At a Public Meeting, the Community agreed that this proposal should proceed first, as it had all the permissions.

	Ballysaggart is a community located in West Waterford and is currently one of the few areas without a venue capable of supporting community events. The proposed hall will cater for the needs of the community and will be a suitable venue for all community events, providing a stage for drama and catering facilities for a variety of social events. Also included would be a gym for use by the community and two new dressing rooms to serve as a changing space for all the community activities that may take place in the venue.
Theme:	Local Objective 5
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 5.1
Deadweight:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.
Displacement:	The project was not considered eligible as presented.
Innovation:	The project was not considered eligible as presented.
Reasonableness of costs	As the project was deemed ineligible it was not scored by the Evaluation Committee & they unanimously agreed to recommend not funding this project to the Board of Waterford LCDC.
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project for the following reasons:- The Evaluation Committee commented that planning was for GAA Facilities. The Constitution of the GAA is that everybody is secondary to the GAA. Nothing has changed in the application. The group are entitled to appeal but the committee are unanimously rejecting the application based on the following points; 1) The Constitution of the GAA, the objects included in Section 3. 2) Under the LDS if the applicant is a sports club & you're applying for sports capital funding that disqualifies the application. 3) The population of Ballysaggart & the fact that the community is not unified.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy	
Cumulative score	The project was not scored as the E.C. agreed to recommend not funding the project.
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LAG	A maximum of €0 or 0% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Proposed by:	N/A
Seconded by:	N/A

Absenters:	N/A
Agreed by the LCDC:	N/A
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

Members discussion: - 31LDRWAT103880

J. Taaffe confirmed the Evaluation Committee went through the revised application in detail, including, the constitution, and planning matters. As the project was deemed ineligible it was not scored by the Evaluation Committee and they unanimously agreed to recommend not funding this project to the Board of Waterford LCDC. A detailed discussion regarding the merits of the project and procedural issues ensued.

Project No. 31LDRWAT105434

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105434
Promoters Name:	Extension & Renovation Works including Waste Water Treatment System to Ballysaggart Community Centre
Project Name:	Ballysaggart Community Development Company Clg
Description:	The Old School House in Ballysaggart has been used as a Community Hall/Facility for many years. It is in poor condition. The Community in Ballysaggart wish to renovate the hall and extend it to allow for a small theatre/meeting area, and a functional kitchen, and toilets
Theme:	Objective 5,
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 5.1
Deadweight:	The project was deferred to the next meeting.
Displacement:	The project was deferred to the next meeting.
Innovation:	The project was deferred to the next meeting.
Reasonableness of costs	The project was deferred to the next meeting.
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The project was deferred to the next meeting.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy	The project was deferred to the next meeting.
Cumulative score	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LAG	N/A
Proposed by:	N/A
Seconded by:	N/A
Absenters:	N/A
Agreed by the LCDC:	N/A
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

J. Taaffe circulated the drawings of Project 31LDRWAT105434 for discussion. He confirmed the Evaluation Committee recommended that the project should be deferred and the promoters asked to provide a better funding proposal, justify the scale of the funding and address the committee's concerns about usage and future viability.

A Committee member recommended that both projects 31LDRWAT10380 and 31LDRWAT10534 integrate and submit one application. A number of members agreed with this proposal and stated that the community should unite and revert with an agreed proposal as the population is small.

The Committee agreed that a need exists for community facilities in Ballysaggart and appeals could cause substantial delays without a favourable outcome for the community. A Committee member sought clarification on the amount of funding sought for the above projects vis a vis the total amount available under this theme. A number of members agreed that the amount of funding requested was disproportionate given the size of the community.

E. Quinlan stated it would be prudent to improve the lines of communication between the Evaluation Committee and the LAG and suggested they ask the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee to attend a LAG meeting. Both J. Taaffe and D. Tuohy agreed this could be arranged.

It was agreed that external assistance would be offered to the Ballysaggart groups if requested, with a view towards one application being submitted.

Following a lengthy discussion and having given due consideration to the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee the following was proposed:

- (i) that Project No. 31LDRWAT10380 is approved by the Committee subject to clarification on the G.A.A. Lease agreement.**

Proposed Tom Cronin Seconded Eamon Quinlan

An amendment was proposed as follows:

- (ii) That Project No. 31LDRWAT10380 is rejected in line with the I.E.C. recommendation and that regarding applications Project No. 31LDRWAT10380 and 31LDRWAT105434 that the two communities in Ballysaggart be encouraged to work together with a view to submitting one application.**

Proposed: Jenny Beresford Seconded: Gabriel Foley

The following voted in favour of the amendment

Jenny Beresford, Gabriel Foley, Gerald Hurley, Heather Kiely, Joe Stokes, Jimmy Taaffe, Michael Walsh, Pat Nugent, Richie Walsh.

The following voted against the amendment

Eamon Quinlan, Tom Cronin.

Quorum Achieved – YES. D. Tuohy declared the amendment carried.

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It was agreed that an independent facilitator would be arranged to assist the Ballysaggart community groups in submitting one application, if the community were agreeable.

Project 31LDRWAT105434 – Ballysaggart Community Centre

It was proposed that the above project be deferred.

Proposed by:	Gabriel Foley
Seconded by:	Gerald Hurley
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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Project: 31LDRWAT015444

The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT015444
Promoters Name:	Tallow Community Centre Ltd
Project Name:	Tallow Community Centre Phase 3
Description:	“The proposed project is to complete phase 3 of the development of the community centre: to create a 21st century fit for purpose centre for patrons of all ages. “ The project involves the completion of phase 111 of the Community Centre in the middle of Tallow. It involves the refurbishment of the squash courts into meeting rooms, the provision of additional toilet facilities, and it will add to the regeneration of the centre of the village
Theme:	Local Objective 5,
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 5.1
Deadweight:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue

	as without funding this project will not proceed.
Displacement:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project will improve the facility for the use of the local community therefore displacement is not an issue.
Innovation:	It was agreed that the project is innovative as the promoters strive to continually improve the centre.
Reasonableness of costs	The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for supporting social inclusion projects in rural areas. Community centres are vital to combat isolation in rural areas. The Evaluation Committee agreed that the costs are reasonable as national procurement guidelines were followed.
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	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 5: Strategic Action 5.1 Capital Investment support for community service delivery hubs. 2. The promoters are a hard working committee with a range of skills and expertise and have the capability of implementing this project. 3. The project scored 79/100. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as the centre provides a social meeting place for the village.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy	Strategic Action 5.1 The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5: Strategic Action 5.1 Capital Investment support for community service delivery hubs.
Cumulative score	
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €130,619.94 or 47.5% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Proposed by:	Joe Stokes
Seconded by:	Jenny Beresford
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

Project: 31LDRWAT103327 Anne Valley Walk Phase 2
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J. Taaffe confirmed Project 31LDRWAT103327 is at Stage 8. He advised it is necessary to defer decision on the project as it is progressing through the Article 48 stage.

Decision on the above project was deferred as it is currently progressing through Article 48 Check.

Project:	31LDRWAT105481
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The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105481
Promoters Name:	OK Fuels
Project Name:	Biomass Log Dryer
Description:	OK Fuels was established by Mr. Gerard O'Keefe as an off shoot of the family business O'Keeffe Sawmills. OK Fuels supplies dried firewood for Stoves to multiples such as Dairygold. The Company is now going to upgrade its production capacity and quality by installing a commercial biomass log dryer to ensure a good quality product. This will help secure the existing jobs, and create 2 more.
Theme:	Objective 2 Economic Development
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 2.1 Capital Investment in existing & start up technology, graduate orientated businesses
Deadweight:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.
Displacement:	There are two to three other businesses nationally, and the market is a growth market, as wood burning stove sales are quite buoyant.
Innovation:	The business is very innovative as it has opened a market supplying kiln dried wood for stoves to large scale stockists and it is a direct off shoot of a traditional pallet making business..
Reasonableness of costs	The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for Economic Development and will generate activity in a rural area. Funding supports existing employment and will create and additional two jobs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	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 2 Strategic Action 2.1 for Capital Investment 2. The promoters have the experience and capability to deliver the project successfully as they are building on ten years development of the business. 3. The project scored 84/100. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will help secure local employment in a rural area.

Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy	The LAG Committee agreed to approve funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 2 Strategic Action 2.1 for Capital Investment
Cumulative score	84% out of 100%
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €27,650.00 or 50 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
Proposed by:	Gerard Hurley
Seconded by:	Gabriel Foley
Absenters:	Vincent Daly, Derval Howley, Liam Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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Project:	31LDRWAT105414
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The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105414
Promoters Name:	Eurofab Technologies Ltd
Project Name:	Machinery Upgrade
Description:	Eurofab Technologies was established in 1999 in Dungarvan. It produces high end steel casings and holders for specialised equipment in laboratories and hospitals. Investing in this machinery will assist Eurofab sustaining the 17 existing jobs, plus it will create 1 additional job immediately. Their biggest customer is Siemens' Healthcare, and this proposed new investment will help secure long term work with Siemens. The average contract life cycle is 15 years. Also, Eurofab have added DePuy, Abbot Vascular, Vistakon and Johnston & Johnston to their customer base, and this proposed new machinery will copper fasten their entry into these customers, as the products that will be manufactured will be of a higher spec.
Theme:	Objective 2 Economic Development
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 2.1
Deadweight:	This project will go ahead on a much smaller scale. They have €120,000 cash on hand, however they are not in a position to expend more than the €66,000 matched funding that is been sought without putting the company under pressure. The Evaluation Committee discussed deadweight in great detail

	and agreed to fund the project at a lesser scale of 40%. While the promoter does have the cash on hand it was agreed that this is required as a reserve as the business fluctuates from profit to loss yearly.
Displacement:	The LAG Committee agreed that funding this project will improve the efficiency production of current workload as well as creating opportunity for newly designed products for the Pharma industry therefore displacement is not an issue as the majority of the benefits will be to current contracts.
Innovation:	It was agreed that the project is innovative as using advance technology will increase efficiency as well as raise the quality of finish. The promoters acknowledge that their client base needs to expand and this project will enable them to do so.
Reasonableness of costs	The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for supporting enterprise development. Funding will help sustain the existing jobs and will create one additional job.
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	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 2: Strategic Action 2.1 Capital Investment in existing and start up technology, graduate orientated rural businesses. 2. The promoters have over 25 years of experience in this market and have the ability to implement the project successfully. 3. The project scored 85/100. Funding will secure existing employment and create one new job in a rural area.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy Cumulative score	The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 2: Strategic Action 2.1 Capital Investment in existing and start up technology, graduate orientated rural businesses. The project scored 85/100.
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €52,658.40 or 40% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
Proposed by:	Gabriel Foley
Seconded by:	Jenny Beresford
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

Approved

Project: 31LDRWAT105309

The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105309
Promoters Name:	Busy Barn
Project Name:	Busy Barn
Description:	Busy Barn will be an indoor and outdoor activity centre for children up to approximately 14 years of age. It will include a mini farm, indoor play frame, outdoor playground, astro turf, soccer pitch, crazy golf, sand pit and coffee shop
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub- theme:	Rural Tourism
Deadweight:	The promoter could not start up the project without grant support
Displacement:	The LAG considers that displacement is an issue thereby are not recommending the project for funding.
Innovation:	The Evaluation Committee scored the innovation level 5/15
Reasonableness of costs	Yes, direct tendering used and the most economic advantageous tender process used for scoring same
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The promoter's previous experience in managing a plant hire business is not directly relatable to this type of business. 2. Funding this project will cause displacement to existing projects in the local area. 3. Concerns relating to the sustainability and viability of the project. The project scored 47/100 and not the required 65% 47/100
Cumulative Score	
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy <u>Members discussion</u> J. Taaffe advised of concerns regarding displacement as the proposed site for Busy Barn is only 3km from the Dunmore East Adventure Centre. The issue of a business plan was discussed in general terms. R. Walsh LEO stated the project is worthwhile and the promoters are committed and suggested a mentoring service may be beneficial to assist with their business plan as they are	The LAG committee agreed not to fund this project as per above <u>Recommendation of the LCDC</u> The LAG committee agreed not to fund the project as presented and that the promoters be advised to avail of the mentoring service of Waterford Local Enterprise Office with a view to resubmitting an application to fund the project.

moving into an expanding market place.	
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	N/A
Proposed by:	Jenny Beresford
Seconded by:	Vincent Daly
Absenters:	Liam Daly, Derval Howley, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	Agreed not to fund the project as presented. LEO office will contact the promoters regarding business mentoring service with a view to resubmitting a revised application.
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

Project: **31LDRWAT105231**

The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105231
Promoters Name:	Carriglea Community Project
Project Name:	Development of Woodland Walk & Gardens within Carriglea
Description:	The aim of the project is to develop a walk within the woods of Carriglea and open the grounds up to the public which was formerly under the auspice of the Carriglea Cairde Services
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub- theme:	Rural Tourism
Deadweight:	Project could not proceed without grant aid
Displacement:	There is no comparable wooded walk in the area with amenities and dog free so close to a town
Innovation:	The creation of a pathway will include a variety of landscape including a sunken garden and water features. It will be accessible for both able and disabled persons in a safe outdoor environment that is also dog free. It will be a unique outdoor environment close to a town
Reasonableness of costs	Advantageous Tender
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for rural tourism and Strategic Action 1.1 for tourism activities. 2. The Evaluation Committee noted the considerable skills and experience of the promoters involved in the project. 3. The project scored 84/100. 4. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it has

	two main benefits:- a) Firstly to the parents of the residents visiting the amenity and b) It is an amenity for the public and visitors to the town of Dungarvan
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy Cumulative score Members discussion J. Taaffe clarified that public access would not be an issue.	The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for rural tourism and Strategic Action 1.1 for tourism activities. 84/100
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €13,213.44 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Proposed by:	Jenny Beresford
Seconded by:	Joe Stokes
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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Project: 31LDRWAT105432

The following are the main points of the background to the project as outlined by J. Taaffe.

The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105432
Promoters Name:	Clashmore & Kinsalebeg Community Council
Project Name:	Clashmore Distillery
Description:	Clashmore & Kinsalebeg Community Council have obtained promissory access to the old distillery site in the middle of the village of Clashmore. The old distillery chimney is still intact, and is a focal point in the village. However it is in need of repair, and in order to ascertain what has to be done, and how to proceed to rehabilitate the structure, this project involves obtaining a detailed structural engineering survey from recognised experts in the field of building restoration.
Theme:	Local Objective 1,
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 1.2 Culture & Heritage Product Development
Deadweight:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.

Displacement:	Funding this project will not cause displacement as the funding is being used to explore the possibility of renovating an existing landmark
Innovation:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project is innovative as the promoters wish to renovate a landmark structure to attract more visitors to the areas.
Reasonableness of costs	The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for supporting cultural tourism type projects:- Procurement process concluded
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for rural tourism and Strategic Action 1.2 for cultural tourism. 2. The promoters have the experience and skills to implement the project successfully. 3. The project scored 80/100 The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will provide a structural report for the conservation of the old distillery which is an integral part of the promoters plan for the regeneration of the village of Clashmore.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy	Agreed as per No 1 above
Cumulative score	80% out of 100%
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €5,719.50 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Proposed by:	Joe Stokes
Seconded by:	Gabriel Foley
Absenters:	Liam Daly, Derval Howley, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

Project:	31 LDRWAT105282
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The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31 LDRWAT105282
Promoters Name:	South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association (SEMRA)

Project Name:	Mountain Rescue Equipment Project 2017 - 2020
Description:	SEMRA need to invest in a variety of mountain rescue equipment to assist them in their work as a 999/112 volunteer emergency service covering the upland areas of Co. Waterford. The equipment proposed is a combination of replacing older equipment which has reached the end of its working life and new equipment with improved technical specification.
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub- theme:	Rural Tourism
Deadweight:	SEMRA would not be in a position to invest in this new equipment without access to grant support
Displacement:	SEMRA is the sole recognised provider of search and rescue in the upland areas of the south east of Ireland
Innovation:	Over the past 40 years, SEMRA has been very innovative in its approach to providing a 999/112 emergency service for the South East of Ireland on a voluntary basis, pioneering the introduction of formal search management processes in Ireland by bringing in leading experts from the USA and UK to deliver leading edge training to Mountain Rescue, Civil Defence, An Garda Siochana and other agencies. A track record of sending our member to the bi annual international Mountain Rescue Conference and other training courses in the UK and Europe to learn about the latest techniques, technology and equipment. They are also leading the current National SARCALL Development Project to introduce a web based callout system for use by An Garda Siochana and Mountain Rescue Teams throughout the country.
Reasonableness of costs	Procurement process undertaken - Advantageous Tender
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 5. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective rural tourism for activity tourism 6. The promoters are all highly skilled professionals with strong organisational and leadership skills well equipped to deliver this project. 7. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as funding will provide critical search & rescue infrastructure in direct support of activity tourism.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy	The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective rural tourism for activity tourism
Cumulative score	The project scored 92/100.

% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €18,150.00 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Proposed by:	Gabriel Foley
Seconded by:	Jenny Beresford
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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Project: 31LDRWAT105439

The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105439
Project Name:	Waterford County Museum Ancestry Tourism Project
Promoters Name:	Waterford County Museum
Description:	The project will improve the museum's capacity to display items in an environmentally safe conditions, safely store material for use and research related to Ancestry Displays and enable safe and efficient temporary exhibitions to correspond to ancestry related cultural events and thus enhance the visitor experience and fill a need in the broader tourism product of the County
Theme:	Local Objective 1,
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 1.2, Cultural Tourism
Deadweight:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.
Displacement:	Funding this project will not cause displacement as the funding is being used to improve an existing facility thereby offering an enhanced experience to the visitor.
Innovation:	The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for supporting cultural tourism type projects.
Reasonableness of costs	Procurement process undertaken - Advantageous Tender
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for rural tourism and Strategic Action 1.2 for cultural tourism.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for rural tourism and Strategic Action 1.2 for cultural tourism. 2. The promoters have considerable skills and experience to oversee the project to completion. 3. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will enhance the current visitor experience to the museum.

Cumulative score	The project scored 92/100.
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €5,294.13 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
Proposed by:	Michael Walsh
Seconded by:	Gabriel Foley
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

APPROVED

Project:	31LDRWAT105278
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The main outcomes as discussed and agreed at the meeting are outlined hereunder:

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105278
Promoters Name:	Dungarvan Scouts
Project Name:	Dungarvan Scouts New Storage Facility
Description:	To build on a new storage facility to the site of the existing Dungarvan Scouts Centre to cater for the increasing number of groups using the space which currently stands at 600 users. Equipment is currently taking up valuable space that if properly stored would free up space for general use in the hall
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub- theme:	Basic Services for hard to reach communities
Deadweight:	The promoter would not be able to build this storage space without access to grant support
Displacement:	There is no other space in the town that caters for large youth groups and can run a host of activities simultaneously
Innovation:	There is no other venue like it in the town that provides a large enough space both upstairs and downstairs for youth activities and can store groups equipment
Reasonableness of costs	eTendering was used and the lowest value tender selected
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	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 5: Strategic Action 5.1 2. The promoters have previous experience and skills to implement the project. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this

	project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will enable the centre to deal with the increasing numbers of users and the demands for storage of additional equipment.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy Cumulative score	The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5: Strategic Action 5.1 The project scored 83/100
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €41,672.68 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
Proposed by:	Jenny Beresford
Seconded by:	Maggie Flanagan
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES - Non - public 6 / Public 5

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Project:	31LDRWAT105437 Legacy Irish Cider
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J. Taaffe stated it is necessary to defer consideration of the above referenced project to the December LAG meeting as the operation has moved to a new facility in the Dungarvan Business Park and planning permission for change of use is pending. No discussion ensued.

AGREED

Project:	31LDRWAT105479
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Tom Cronin stepped out of the meeting for the full duration the above project was being considered and decided due to the location of the proposed facility.

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105479
Promoters Name:	Upkeep of St. Declan's Community Hall
Project Name:	St Declan's Hall committee
Description:	The project involves the renovation and refurbishment of St. Declan's Hall in the very centre of Ardmore. It is a volunteer run facility. The hydraulics on the stage need to be replaced, the wooden floor renovated, the store room renovated, and the hall repainted inside.
Theme:	Objective 5.0,
Sub- theme:	Strategic Action 5.1

Deadweight:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.
Displacement:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project will improve the facility for the use of the local community therefore displacement is not an issue.
Innovation:	The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for supporting social inclusion projects in rural areas. Community centres are vital to combat isolation in rural areas.
Reasonableness of costs	The promoter did direct tendering and that the most economic advantageous tender process was used to select the winning tender.
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 8. The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5: Strategic Action 5.1 Capital Investment support for community service delivery hubs. 9. The promoters are a hard working committee with a range of skills and expertise and have the capability of implementing this project. 10. The project scored 81/100. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as the centre is a real community hub for the area and uses by many.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy Cumulative score	1. The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5: Strategic Action 5.1 Capital Investment support for community service delivery hubs. The project scored 81/100.
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LCDC / LAG Committee	A maximum of €13,894.50 or 75 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Proposed by:	Gabriel Foley
Seconded by:	Gerald Hurley
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly, Tom Cronin
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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Project: 31LDRWAT105218

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT105218
Promoters Name:	Storage room onto Ballinameela Community centre
Project Name:	Ballinameela Community Centre
Description:	The Ballinameela Community Centre want to build a storage room onto their existing centre providing wheel chair access from existing tarmacadam to stand
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub- theme:	Basic Services to support hard to reach communities
Deadweight:	The promoter would not be able to build this extension without access to public funding
Displacement:	The project is sustainable given the current use of the facility which meets the needs of the community since 2003
Innovation:	It will provide a much needed facility to the community and enable full inclusive use while enhancing visitor experience
Reasonableness of costs	The project is needed given the number and variety of groups who use the community space and requirement for storage of their equipment and indeed extra chairs required in the centre. The freeing up of a meeting room currently housing extra chairs will provide a further space to rent
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 11. The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5 Strategic Action 5.1 for investment support into community service delivery hubs. 12. The promoters have the experience and capability to deliver the project successfully. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as funding will support social inclusion by providing full access to all members of the community.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy Cumulative score	1. The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5 Strategic Action 5.1 for investment support into community service delivery hubs. The project scored 80/100.
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LAG	75% : Total cost (expenditure) €19,907.90; Grant aid approved by the LAG 75%
Proposed by:	Jenny Beresford
Seconded by:	Gabriel Foley
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly
Agreed by the LCDC:	YES
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	YES

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Project: 31LDRWAT103906

J. Taaffe stepped out of the meeting having declared a conflict of interest as CEO of Waterford Leader Partnership CLG.

Consequently the quorum was not achieved. The matter was deferred to the next meeting having taken all conflict of interest matters into consideration.

Promoter Code:	31LDRWAT103906
Promoters Name:	Request for tenders for provision of community training services to Waterford Leader Partnership
Project Name:	Waterford Leader Partnership CLG
Description:	Waterford Leader Partnership is running community capacity building training targeted at existing community groups in County Waterford, to assist them in strategy development and implementing village/community of place plans.
Theme:	Revitalisation of local villages through the development of Human Capital and capital investment
Sub- theme:	Rural Towns
Deadweight:	Waterford Leader Programme is a company limited by guarantee and contracted to run the Leader Programme for WC&CC. Part of the programme remit is to be able to deliver in-house projects with a specific objective in mind. Training benefits from 100% grant support
Displacement:	The project will not displace any other existing support as the target group is too specific and the requirement for the project only proven as a result of the consultation of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) and experience of the last Leader programmes
Innovation:	The project is innovative in that the training proposed will encourage community groups across geographical areas to think and work together in developing village/community of place plans
Reasonableness of costs	eTendering has been carried out and the MEAT process used to score tenders. In the case of room hire, only one hotel in Dungarvan which acts a mid point in the county has conference facilities to host group events i.e. training, therefore only one quotation for same is available
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	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 3 / Strategic Action 3.5 2. The promoters have the experience and capability to

	deliver the project successfully. 3. The project scored 84/100 The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will provide training to local communities for sustainable development.
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the Waterford County Local Development Strategy Cumulative score	The project will support both hard to reach communities as per the Local Development Strategy who did not avail of previous support as well as strengthening existing communities groups and instilling more strategic thinking for sustainable development The project scored 84/100
% level of aid & ceiling approved by the LAG <u>Members discussion:</u> R. Walsh advised there is an office designated to support village plans within the Local Enterprise Office – contact is V. O'Shea. He recommended an integrated approach.	A maximum of €6,000.00 or 100 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser. (The total budget available for that SA was €6,000.00)
Proposed by:	Deferred
Seconded by:	Deferred
Absenters:	Derval Howley, Liam Daly, Vincent Daly, Jimmy Taaffe
Agreed by the LCDC:	Deferred
Have Quorum Requirements been met:	NO 5 : 4 = 9
DEFERRED	

11. Correspondence – None noted

12. A.O.B.

D. Tuohy stated that progress had been made setting up an extranet site which will include minutes, operational rules etc. Provision has been made in the draft budget for the supply of tablets to members in 2018, to allow members access information more easily.

G. Foley recommended that photographs of projects be attached to files when they are being circulated.

13 Details of next meeting.

Thursday December 14th 2017, at 11.00a.m., Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Cllr. Pat Nugent, Chair

Date