

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting held on 14th December 2017, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan

Present: **Non Public Sector:** **Public Sector**

Tom Ahearne	ICMSA	Chair Councillor Pat Nugent	Elected representative
Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	Councillor Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative
Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	Councillor Tom Cronin	Elected representative
Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	Michael Walsh	CEO WCCC
Joe Stokes	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	Kevin Lewis	CEO WWETB
Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG		
Niall O'Brien	PPN / Community & Voluntary		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
Heather Kiely	PPN –/Social Inclusion	Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber of Commerce	Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
Margaret Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	Liam Daly	Regional Manager DSP
		Vincent Daly	Interim Manager Tusla

Staff Present: Don Tuohy Chief Officer to the LCDC, Kevin Moynihan S.O., Elaine Hickey, S.O.

1. The Chief Officer stated that a quorum was in attendance and the meeting could commence.
2. **Apologies** as detailed above were noted by the Committee.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 9th November 2017**

Proposed: G. Foley **Seconded:** E. Quinlan

Approved

Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 6th July 2017

Proposed: G. Foley **Seconded:** S. Cooke

4. Matters arising:

None

5. Healthy Ireland update

LCDC Chief Officer, Don Tuohy, informed the members that funding in the sum of €107k had been sought and that €93k was achieved. The difference of €14k was discussed and areas that the department disallowed were identified.

The members were also informed that similar funding will be available in 2018.

In response to a query from Cllr. Quinlan, it was confirmed that the LCDC Health and Wellbeing sub-committee will be managing the Healthy Ireland programme for Waterford.

6. Review of LECP: Community Engagement 2018

LCDC Chief Officer, Don Tuohy, informed the members that WCCC Economic Development department, Waterford Area Partnership and Waterford Leader Partnership all have Community Engagements coming up in 2018 and highlighted the importance of all of these agencies not working in Silos resulting in communities having multiple meeting to attend.

J. Taaffe stated he had sent WLPs list of 2018 Community Engagements to the Chief Officer for circulation. He also gave the following summary of the 2018 plan:

1) January: Blackwater Valley (plan for the Economic Development of the area)

2) January to May: Training to take place in the MD's before the February meeting (Estuary/Geopark/Comeragh/Knockmealdown Area) with the aim to get groups ready for Economic and Social Development)

3) September to December: Restart after summer break due to rural areas not meeting during the summer months

J. Taaffe also staged that WLP's work will not duplicate Economic Developments work on Village renewal and WAP's work on Social Inclusion

On behalf of WAP, J. Stokes informed the members that their engagements will be based on the plan submitted to and accepted by the LCDC (the SICAP 2018 plan). This training will begin on January 16th 2018 and that there were 4 main actions in relation to groups identified. He outlined the key geographic areas to be addressed during 2018 with those being Dungarvan, Aglish, Tallow, Cappoquin, Ballyduff Upper, Clashmore/Kilsalebeg, Mellary, Ardmore, Kill, Portlaw, Tramore, Clonea Reception Centre

7. RAPID programme update

LCDC Chief Officer, Don Tuohy, informed the members that a decision was made to focus the funding on Age Friendly Initiatives. 16 applications were received and due to the extremely short timeframes a sub-committee was set up to review same. Recommendations have been sent to the MD's and all decisions are to be made by 5pm December 14th.

Member Comments:

- Cllr. Cronin queried as to what happens if a successful applicant does not take up funding.
 - The Chief Officer stated that this would cause great difficulties as all monies need to be gone from WCCC accounts by December 31st
- Cllr. Quinlan queried if there was a shortlist of applicants with substitutes available
 - The Chief Officer stated that decisions on what applicants were to receive and not receive funding were to be made speedily

8. SICAP 2016 Audit update

(J. Stokes & J. Taaffe left the room)

The Chief Officer recapped the last correspondence with the department regarding the audit. Unofficial feedback from the department stated that they were unable to reduce the ineligible amount of €89k. The department is satisfied that if the original proposal of €40k is paid then the balance can be repaid over a period of 10+ years. The department wants an agreement/legal arrangement to reflect this reality.

Member Comments:

- Michael Walsh stated that he believed this to be a reasonable request by the department
- E. Quinlan enquired if the repayment plan had been given to WAP. The Chief Officer stated that it had not yet been given to them.
- E. Quinlan also enquired if the department had made any reference to interest payment on sum outstanding. The Chief Officer stated that this had not been raised
- K. Lewis expressed concern that the repayment amount i.e. €440k may come from SICAP funds. The Chief Officer confirmed that this could not occur due to it being outside the scope of the SICAP 2018 contract and subject to audit
- The Chief Officer did state that the LCDC could request proof as to where the funds were coming from and asked for a proposal to this effect.

Proposed: E. Quinlan **Seconded:** G. Foley

9. SICAP programme 2018-2022 – Update

No further update since last meeting

10. AOB

None

11. Next meeting to be held in Civic Offices, Dungarvan on **Thursday January 11th at 11am** immediately after the LAG meeting

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Cllr. Pat Nugent, Chair

Date