

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting held on 11th January 2018, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Dungarvan

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

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

Staff Present: Don Tuohy Chief Officer to the LCDC, I. Grimes Director of Services, 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 14th December 2017

Proposed: N. O'Brien **Seconded:** K. Lewis

Approved

4. Matters arising:

The Chief Officer, D. Tuohy referred to the presentations and discussion at the previous meetings regarding the engagement with Communities during 2018 and the need for joined up thinking when dealing with community groups. He referred also to report circulated to the members from V. O'Shea (WCCC Economic Development Dept.) regarding same.

5. Sub-committee update

(1) Healthy Waterford:

D. Howley updated the members. Sub-committee meeting held on January 10th. Nine initiatives went forward for funding and eight were approved. Examples of these include Tobacco Free Ireland, Irish Cancer Society Training sessions, No smoking signage, employment of the coordinator, Social Farming and the Healthy Ireland Nutrition programme. A Strategic Planning process has commenced and the LCDC will be a consultee.

(2) Skills

The Chief Officer, D. Tuohy updated members. Next meeting of this sub-committee is planned for Tuesday January 16th. Action plan to be reviewed and will revert to the LCDC's February meeting where members will be tasked with various actions.

(3) SICAP

The Chief Officer, D. Tuohy updated members. The SICAP 2018-2022 contract was signed on December 18th. The 2017 outcomes review is still ongoing. Waterford Area Partnership have until January 17th to have IRIS fully updated. Post this date the SICAP sub-committee will meet and the review can take place. The Pobal parallel review will also be taking place around this time and they have been asked to expedite same. Sub-committee will report back to the LCDC and the 2017 outturn will be signed off mid February

6. SICAP 2016 Audit update

(J. Taaffe left the meeting)

D. Tuohy stated that WAP had made a proposal in December and have accepted that the full amount outstanding will have to be repaid and are proposing that the amount due to be repaid will be repaid over a 10 year period commencing in January 2018.

The Chief Officer confirmed that the Department sees the LCDC entering into an agreement with WAP to repay the ineligible funding owed, as the appropriate course of action to bring about the resolution of this matter.

The Chief Officer recommended that the LCDC formally approve this arrangement. LCDC members had confirmed individually in December that they were in agreement.

Proposed: L. Daly **Seconded:** G. Foley

Approved

A vote subsequently took place and the proposal was unanimously accepted by the members present.

(J. Taaffe returned to the meeting)

7. & 8. LCDC Review/LCDC Training & Correspondence

LCDC Review/LCDC Training had already been covered in the earlier LAG meeting. K. Moynihan detailed the following six items of correspondence previously circulated to members:

- 1) LCDC Review Survey/Questionnaire – Closing date January 15th
- 2) LCDC Induction Training – Closing date for event in Limerick is January 11th
- 3) Economic Development Rural Town and Village Health Checks
- 4) LCDC report presented by J. Stokes (WAP) & Community Supports in Rural Communities 2018 presented by J. Taaffe (WLP) at previous meeting
- 5) Proposed Calls/Training dates: J. Taaffe (WLP)
- 6) New Public Library Strategy 2018-2022 Public Consultation - Closing date for responses February 1st 2018

9. AOB

- N. O'Brien commented that the LCDC review (link circulated), had many Yes/No dichotomous questions. Some questions would have been better served with more options available. The Chief Officer stated that this would be given as feedback to Pobal.

- The Chief Officer, D. Tuohy gave an update regarding RAPID funding. €64,500 had to be spent by end 2017. Sixteen applications for funding were received, eight were successful and seven have to date confirmed acceptance of grant offer. Funds will be paid out within the next two weeks. The LCDC will receive 2018 funds earlier in the year and the LCDC will be better placed to decide on best use of the funds.

10. Next meeting to be held in City Hall, Waterford on **Friday January 26th at 11am** immediately after the LAG meeting

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Cllr. Pat Nugent, Chair

Date