



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT107277
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Hire Boats for Carrigavantry Reservoir
Promoters Name:	Waterford City and County Trout Anglers Association
Address:	Cross St, New Ross, Co. Wexford
Description:	The promoter wishes to replace five of their existing fishing fleet on Carrigavantry Reservoir for five new lake boats that will pass the Small Craft Directive. Currently two disabled angler boats meet the directive but the existing hire boats are thirty years old and need constant attention which is proving more difficult and costly to insure. The Reservoir covers 30 acres and are the only fishing lakes with shore and boat fishing in the South East and upgrading the hire boats will enhance the experience to visitors.
Theme:	Theme 1 Rural Tourism
Sub-theme:	SA1.1 Activity Tourism
Link to LDS	Supporting activity tourism in the County

Total Project Costs	€15,750		
Eligible Project Costs	€15,750		
Funding sought by promoter:	€11,812.50		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€7,875		
Details of private funding:	€7,875 in house funds		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Funding to replace 5 lake boats on Carrigavantry lake to reduce maintenance costs and rising insurance rates		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 50 %
	5 lake boats	€15,750	€7,875
Total Funding		€15,750	€7,875

Was an assessment completed?: Date: <u>5th July '18</u>	Yes
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, direct tendering used to source suppliers and the most economic advantageous tender process used to select the winning tenderer
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 Reservoir covers 30 acres and are the only fishing lakes with shore and boat fishing in the South East and upgrading the hire boats will enhance the experience to visitors.
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter has confirmed the project would not go ahead without funding as per Q10 in application form as funding is used to enhance facilities first and foremost to make it more attractive for visitors and increase local membership. Weather also forces contingency work to be completed at all three lakes.
Consideration of Displacement:	There are no other similar ventures or businesses providing lake angling with boat hire within the South East
Economic justification for project:	The replacement boats will reduce yearly running costs of the club through reduced maintenance and insurance whilst enhancing the visitor experience and attracting new members to the club. Attracting more visitors has a positive knock on effect on local services in the area where there is very little alternative foot fall.
Average Score for Project:	81/100
50% level of aid & ceiling:	€7,875
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as funding will support rural activity tourism in the county. The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project at the reduced rate of 50% rather than the requested 75% as they considered it a social community enterprise project. A maximum of €7,875.00 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€7,875 in house funds	€4,000 Inland Fisheries - custom built disability

		boat 2016
		€61,812.07 WLP 2013 Development of Knockaderry Reservoir
		€62,000 WLP 2012 Harbour complex at Carrigavantry

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Inland Fisheries Ireland	10th July	Phone conversation with Alan Cullagh & double funding form sent but did not return

- **Detail of Discussion:** Ms Claire Connors briefly outlined the project to the Evaluation Committee noting that the promoters received funding under a previous programme.
- The promoters have a lease from WC&CC to operate on both reservoirs.
- A discussion ensued on if the project could be considered a social enterprise project. Mr Jimmy Taaffe noted that the promoters might argue that they have times with very little revenue citing this summer as an example with very low water levels and would not consider themselves an enterprise project. The Evaluation Committee noted that the promoters have fairly good funds and could afford the difference between the 75% and 50%.

It was agreed as the promoters try to make a profit rather than cover just costs then they are a social community enterprise.

- It was queried as the promoters run competitions would they be eligible for funding under Waterford Sports Partnership. Ms Connors confirmed that this type of project comes under leisure activities and not under Waterford Sports Partnership.
- A discussion ensued on the level of supervision with Ms Connors advising that there are no employees as all involved are on a volunteer basis. It is operated by an online booking system with the user pre paying and collecting a fob in a local shop that allows them to gain access to the boats. The fob is left in a designated area afterwards. Photos of the railed off area were circulated for information purposes.

The Committee expressed concern that there is no record of the actual numbers getting on the boat to the numbers getting off the boat. It was noted that CCTV is in place and can be checked afterwards. On booking a disclaimer is signed by the user and the operation has been run very tightly so far with no incidents.

It was noted that no Insurance or Health and Safety Statement were circulated for review. Ms Connors advised that she had a copy of the current insurance which stipulates that they must adhere to the Small Craft Directive which is the reason why they are looking for new boats. The insurance document was circulated for review and the Chairperson noted that the required Indemnity was included.

- The Committee noted that the accounting procedures could be improved and that the signed accounts should be obtained. Ms Connors clarified that the accounts are prepared by some of the older members and advised

that they are actually signed showing the originals but that it did not appear on the copies.

- The Evaluation Committee were supportive of this project as the promoters are trying to adhere to new safety regulations.
- It was agreed that the promoters have the skills set and experience to deliver the project successfully.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project at the reduced rate of 50% rather than the requested 75% as they considered it a social community enterprise project.

A maximum of €7,875.00 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended: €7,875

50% of Eligible Project Funding: €15,750

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: Claire Connors

Dated: 27th August '18

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

Photos of existing fleet in need of replacement at Carrigavantry Reservoir



Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 13th August 2018

Time: 11am to 3pm

Project Title: Hire Boats for Carrigavanry Reservoir

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Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>9</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>2</u>		19 16.	
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>5</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>5</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>5</u>		25 20,	
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>5</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>5</u> - Financial Plan 6/25 <u>5</u>		25 20	

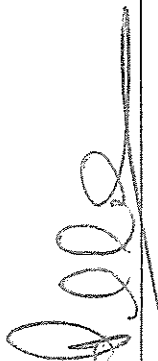
	- Deadweight	6/25			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	10
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	15
Total				100	25

N.B. Project must receive a minimum score of 65% prior to being recommended for approval.

• Has the potential level of deadweight been assessed for this project? YES / NO

• i.e. would the project proceed without LEADER funding? YES / NO

Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee: 50% grant recommended.

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 13/08/2018

Denise Walsh

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 23 August 2018 11:34
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: August Minutes

Denise,

I am in agreement with draft minutes.

Regards

Paul Clerkin.

On 2018-08-22 15:49, Denise Walsh wrote:

Hi Paul,

Attached please find the amended minutes for you to review.

Thanks & Regards,

Denise Walsh

Administrator / Riarthóir

Waterford Leader Partnership CLG

Lismore Business Park,

Mayfield,

Lismore,

Co. Waterford.

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