

Introductions — LCDC / LAG Members and Staff introductions took place.

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Vice Chair, Cllr. T. Cronin declared the meeting could commence.

2. **Apologies**

As per table above. Apologies were noted.

3. **Conflict of Interest**

The Chief Officer D. Tuohy referred to Section 5.4 of the LEADER Operating Rules (v2.0) LAG regarding annual conflict of interest declaration and a register of interest declaration. E. Hickey confirmed the register was up to date.

In relation to items on the agenda of the meeting, relevant documentation had been circulated. C.E.O. of WLP J. Taaffe, declared a COI under Item 8(d) advance administration funding to WLP . This was noted and no abstention to meet balance of representation for quorum was required.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 18th April 2019:**

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: E. Mulligan
Abstentions: N/A	Non-Public : Public revised N/A
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

5. **Matters arising:**

None

6. **Circulars -**

- (a) **Consolidated Updated Version 3.0 of the LEADER 2014 – 2020 Operating Rules**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy, confirmed both documents are on the members extranet (highlighted changes, and clean updated version). The document is a consolidation of the operating rules, not a revision, which directly incorporates the Circulars that have issued since the programme was launched, and relevant Q & A.

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7. **Expressions of Interest** – Jimmy Taaffe stated that of the 20 applications approximately received from the last call, he anticipated 8 projects would come before the July meeting, including projects from the East of the County.

8 Rural Development Programme

J. Taaffe gave a synopsis of each of the projects hereunder for decision, as detailed in the Evaluation Committee decision sheets, which were uploaded in advance to the Members' Extranet for review.

8(a) (i) Camphire Int. Horse Trials and Country Fair 2019 (108592)

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT108592
Project Type:	L.O. 1 Tourism as a key driver of Economic Development
Project Name:	Camphire Int. Horse Trials and Country Fair 2019
Promoters Name:	Camphire Int. Dev. Committee
Address:	Camphire, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford.
Description:	The project is run by a voluntary committee who have created the Camphire Int. Horse Trials 3*. They have attracted the Nations Cup 2019 to Camphire which is another important milestone in the development of the Int. Horse Trials as a National Centre for Eventing. The project involves the development of disused farmyard into an events headquarters with offices, showers, kitchenette, and medical room. It also involves further development of the actual eventing course and obstacles, and the provision of temporary facilities for the Nations Cup.
Theme:	L.O. 1 Tourism as a key driver of Economic Development
Sub-theme:	S.A. 1.1 Activity Tourism
Link to LDS	S.A. 1.1 Activity Tourism – International Equestrian Events

Total Project Costs	The cost of this project is €195,877.84 and the promoter has requested funding of €146,908.38 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.
Eligible Project Costs	The cost of this project is €195,877.84 and the promoter has requested funding of €146,908.38 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser. However the promoter is receiving €5,000 from WCCC, and this must be deducted from the €146,908.38 leaving €141,908.38 or 72.45%
Funding sought by promoter:	The cost of this project is €195,877.84 and the promoter has requested funding of €146,908.38 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.
Funding recommended by	A maximum of €92,196.27 or 75% of eligible expenditure,

Evaluation Committee:	whichever is the lesser with the following condition:- The building restoration element is to be removed from the application.		
Details of private funding:	Cash/Money in account €48,969.46		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	The project involves the development of disused farmyard into an events headquarters with offices, showers, kitchenette, and medical room. It also involves further development of the actual eventing course and obstacles, and the provision of temporary facilities for the Nations Cup.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee
	Radio Hire	2521.50	1,891.125
	Audio Timing	2,400	1,800
	Plumbing	4,588	3,441
	Cross Country Fences	4,250	3,187.50
	Ambulance	3,150	2,362.50
	Chestnut Fencing	2,323	1,742.25
	Roping Posts	3,100.24	2,325.18
	Plant Hire	3,161.10	2,370.825
	Transport Carts	3,930	2,947.50
	Pond Liner	11,886.72	8,915.04
	Live Streaming	16,327	12,245.25
	Show Jumps	9,215	6,911.25
	Groundworks	9,647.50	7,235.625
	Quarry Material	8,991.30	6,743.475
	Temp. Stabling	22,500	16,875
	Disused Yard	72,949.48	0.00
	Electrics	4,937	3,702.75
	Land Use	10,000	7,500
Total Funding		195,877.84	92,196.27
Was an assessment completed?: Date: _31/01/2019_	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 31st Jan 19 and following a review noted the following :- - The project fits the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 Tourism as a key driver of Economic Development Strategic Action 1.1 Activity Tourism. - The promoters have the experience and capability to		

	deliver the project successfully.
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes. As outlined below, the Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed public procurement guidelines Category 1 as the applicant was seeking more than 50%
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed public procurement guidelines Category 1 as the applicant was seeking more than 50%
Innovative Element of the project:	The community run project has evolved to bringing the nations cup to the region.
Consideration of Deadweight:	This project will not proceed on the same scale without funding but the Evaluation Committee agreed not to fund the renovation works to the farmyard buildings as it will benefit the owners rather than the promoters.
Consideration of Displacement:	Displacement is not an issue as this is a unique event.
Economic justification for project:	The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for Rural Tourism.
Average Score for Project:	After achieving an overall score of 72 out of 100, the Evaluation Committee agreed that they are happy to recommend this project for approval to the Board of Waterford LCDC.
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €92,196.27 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. It is a very well run prestigious event of great benefit to the South East in terms of visitors to the area. 2. The project scored 72 out of 100. Recommendation: A maximum of €92,196.27 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser with the following condition:- 3. The building restoration element is to be removed from the application.

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
None	None	€48,969.46	2013 - €38,552.09
			2012 - €115,280.25

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
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Failte Ireland	05/02/2019	Sarah Fitzpatrick
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Detail of Discussion:

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project:-

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised the Evaluation Committee that the promoters were assisted in the earlier years of the event but have not received funding for the past three to four years. They have brought the event from strength to strength and it is now surviving as a three star event. This year it has attracted the Nations Cup which is a huge achievement. This will be the last year the project will be seeking funding as hopefully Eventing Ireland will fund going forward.
- The project involves capital work on the old farmyard building, work on the actual course, providing temporary facilities for the event e.g. radio hire, ambulance, transport cost for buggies, etc.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that it is a good project and that the promoters have the skills and expertise required but queried if this type of event should be getting in more in sponsorship than it seems to be attracting.
- The Committee questioned if the role of the Rural Development Programme includes the restoration of old buildings. It was agreed that unless part of a larger overall project then the restoration of old buildings is more the remit of the Heritage Council.
- A Committee Member noted that this year all the work seem to be funded by grant aid and loans whereas in previous years entries and admission fees were used to offset the grant. Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that two of the promoters made personal loans and that those fees will be repaying the loans.
- It was advised that the facilities including the outhouse are owned by the Wilkes. They are leasing the facility to the promoters until 2025 for a fee of €10,000 per annum. They have availability and access to the site all year but only run the one big event.
- The Evaluation Committee expressed concerns that part of the funding is going towards the renovation of the farmyard buildings which ultimately will be of benefit to the owners.
- It was also noted that the accounts should be audited accounts.
- A discussion ensued on the possibility of reducing the grant and funding it at a lesser % but it was agreed to keep the % at 75% and exclude the building costs.
- Overall the Evaluation Committee is supportive of this project noting that it is a great benefit to the area.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project with the following condition:-
- Funding to be reduced by the capital costs for the restoration of the farmyard buildings.

The members considered the IEC report and agreed with the recommendation to fund the project with conditions:

Amount Recommended: A maximum of €92,196.27 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser Funding to be reduced by the capital costs for the restoration of the farmyard buildings.	% of Eligible Project Funding: 75%
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Proposed: J. Beresford	Seconded by: G. Foley
Abstentions: N/A	Non-Public : Public revised – N/A
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

8(a)(ii) Development of woodland walk and gardens within Carriglea II (108650)

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT108650
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Development of woodland walk and gardens within Carriglea II
Promoters Name:	Carriglea Community Project CLG
Address:	Carriglea, Dungarvan
Description:	Funding sought for phase II of the woodland walk at Carriglea to invest in more materials and services of a structural nature to build on the work completed to date enhancing and developing new attractions
Theme:	LO 1 Rural Tourism
Sub-theme:	Activity Tourism SA 1.1
Link to LDS	Promoting activity tourism in County Waterford

Total Project Costs	€20,700.65
Eligible Project Costs	€20,700.65
Funding sought by promoter:	€15,525.48
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€15,525.48
Details of private funding:	€5,175.17 in house funds
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No

Synopsis of project:	Funding sought for phase II of the woodland walk at Carriglea to invest in more materials and services of a structural nature to build on the work completed to date enhancing and developing new attractions. The promoter is providing training and development opportunities for unemployed through a range of project actions. The work itself will be carried out by CE participants who will benefit from the horticultural and landscaping nature of the work.		
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%
	Durable Timber	4,543.13	3,407.35
	Site clearance/landscaping	4,800	3,600
	Footpath with kerbing	1,700	1,275
	Materials, stone, sand, cement, lime	4,899.82	3,674.86
	Equipment	4,757.70	3,568.27
	Total	€20,700.65	€15,525.48
Total Funding			
Was an assessment completed?: Date: <u>14/01/2019</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 and the most economic advantageous tender process used to select suppliers		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	One quote available only for the supply of durable timber but a rationale provided for same due to the very specialised nature of the product		
Innovative Element of the project:	Project will provide a unique landscape for local families and long term patients that reside at the facility that will be brought to life using the skills and experience of the trainees participating on their training course as well as CE participants who will benefit from the horticultural and landscaping nature of the work.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would only progress on a much reduced basis without grant aid. The attractions would not be developed to the same level of detail and uniqueness and the project would be delayed.		
Consideration of Displacement:	There is no other similar project to Carriglea in East Munster.		

	There are some similar elements of the project within other attractions such as Lismore Castle Gardens of which offers a different experience.
Economic justification for project:	The project will create a wonderful unique visitor attraction for Dungarvan and the surrounding area and provide a wonderful setting for people with special needs and their families to spend time in and enjoy
Average Score for Project:	92/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €15,525.48 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend this project as presented 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 92/100. 4. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it benefits the area by providing a unique attraction while providing a training opportunity for the long term unemployed. Recommendation: A maximum of €15,525.48 or 75 % of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
NA	NA	€5,175.17	€10,117.53

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
LEO	16/01/2019	Brid Kirby
Faite Ireland	11/01/2019	Sarah Fitzpatrick

Detail of Discussion: The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project:- - Ms Claire Connors advised that Phase 1 of the project is now nearly complete and they are currently at the final payment stage. Phase 2 is the addition of extra pathways and features.
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Photos were circulated showing work completed to date. The standard of work to date was noted as being excellent. - The aim of the project is to develop and open the gardens and woodlands in Carriglea as an amenity for parents of the residents and the local community. Because of changing HSE policies, certain grounds, gardens and woodlands have been vested by Carriglea Cairde Service to the project group as a Community Garden/Woodland. - The Committee is providing training and development opportunities for unemployed through a range of projects actions. Currently they are providing facilities for CE participants to engage in horticultural and landscaping activity. They are also providing horticultural training for CE participants in conjunction with WWETB. - The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will provide a recreational amenity for the use of both locals and visitors to the area along with training opportunities for the CE participants. - It was noted that the facility is not yet open to the general public as they need to get the security aspect in order first as the priority is the safety of the residents. A membership is being looked at. - The Evaluation Committee agreed that it is a very good scheme noting that the promoters have been lucky in recruiting the supervisor and tutor. - It was noted that it is also good value for money project as trainees are doing the work. - It was suggested that they should consider some low lying signage explaining the wild flora and fauna. The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project as presented. - A maximum of €15,525.48 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.	
Amount Recommended: €15,525.48	% of Eligible Project Funding: 75%

The members considered the IEC report and agreed with the recommendation to fund the project as presented:

Amount Recommended: €15,525.48	% of Eligible Project Funding: 75%
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Proposed: D. Howley	Seconded by: J. Beresford
Abstentions: N/A	Non-Public : Public revised – N/A
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

8 (a) (iii) WLP Training for voluntary groups (110306)

J. Taaffe confirmed the project is at Article 48 checking stage and not ready for decision. **Deferred**

8(a) (iv) WLP Training –Cluster villages (106394)

J. Taaffe confirmed the project is at Article 48 checking stage and not ready for decision. **Deferred**

8(a)(v) Lismore Music Festival (110303)

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT110303
Project Type:	Local Objective 1, Strategic Action 1.2 Cultural Tourism which relates to cultural activities in the Great Houses of the Blackwater Valley.
Project Name:	Lismore Music Festival
Promoters Name:	Lismore Music Festival Clg
Address:	8, Main Street, Lismore, Co. Waterford
Description:	The project involves the holding of an international standard opera festival in a number of Historic Locations in the Blackwater Valley. The innovation is the use of the great houses for cultural events open to all.
Theme:	Local Objective 1 – Rural Tourism
Sub-theme:	Strategic Action 1.2 Cultural Tourism
Link to LDS	L.O. 1, S.A. 2.1

Total Project Costs	96,704.72		
Eligible Project Costs	96,704.72		
Funding sought by promoter:	72,528		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	51,478		
Details of private funding:	35,226.72 + 10,000 from WCCC & Arts Council.		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No.		
Synopsis of project:	The project involves the holding of an international standard opera festival in a number of Historic Locations in the Blackwater Valley. The innovation is the use of the great houses for cultural events open to all. LEADER will invest in the equipment rental required to provide the sound, lighting and accommodation in the various venues to ensure the smooth running of the various recitals.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 68.0433 %
	Sound	2,500	1,701.08
	First Aid	990	673.64
	Generator	1,184.45	805.94
	Piano	3,198	2,176.02

	Lighting	7,432.77	5,057.50
	Marquee Hire	21,709.50	14,771.86
	Marquee Legs	16,140	10,982.19
	Seating	7,500	5,103.27
	Venue Hire	10,000	6,804.33
	Venue Hire	5,000	3,402.17
	Singer	6,500	0.00
	Singer	4,050	0.00
	Conductor	5,500	0.00
	Director	5,000	0.00
Total Funding		96,704.72	51,478
Was an assessment completed?: Date: __16/04/2019__			
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, in part. Evaluation Committee reduced a number of the costings, as they reviewed the quotations against the previous year's statements.		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	The appropriate quotations were sought.		
Innovative Element of the project:	The project is opening up the Great Houses of the Blackwater Valley to Cultural Events.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would proceed on a lesser scale		
Consideration of Displacement:	The project is unique for the location, and also for the time of year. Wexford is in the Autumn.		
Economic justification for project:	The project will highlight West Waterford as a Tourism destination.		
Average Score for Project:	71/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	68.0433% or €51,478, whichever is the lesser amount.		
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as with the following conditions: - - The accounts must be at a better standard and more transparent going forward. - The number of free tickets should be reviewed. Funding is being reduced to €51,478.00 or 68.0433% whichever is the lesser. - This will be the final year of funding under the Rural Development Programme. A maximum of €51,478.00 or 68.0433% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	1	Yes	No

Confirmation that agencies / communities are supportive of the proposed project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
LEO	16/04/2019	B Kirby
Faite Ireland		

The main points raised in the discussion of this project were: -

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that the promoter was funded 6 years ago. WLP are not really funding festivals but this one is being considered as it is a popular niche event that brings footfall to a rural area.
- It is eligible for funding and one of the main reasons for considering it is that, it's an event that puts the spotlight on County Waterford. It is being funded under cultural tourism.
- The festival costs .5m each year to run and the amount of funding requested is very small for the investment.
- It was agreed that it is a very well-run professional event to a very high standard.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe explained that the festival is now being run by a qualified accountant Ms Breda O'Brien CEO and Michael Alan Buckley is part of the management team. Both are drawing a salary for their work
- The Evaluation Committee discussed the accounts noting that they were not very transparent.
- Another concern raised was the amount of free tickets given to sponsors nearly 1000 and if it would be best to sell some of these to generate income. It was noted that it is not a donation if the sponsors are getting tickets for free in return. While it is normal for them to get some the amount seems excessive.
- There are 14 revenue events and they are losing quite a bit of income with the number of free tickets. The possibility that they are given for fringe events to fill seats was noted.
- The cost of the tickets was discussed with the most expensive being €200 and the cheaper ones costing around €44. One of the events is free for school children.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that this will be the last year of funding as going forward it is envisioned that the Arts Council will start providing funding. Presently they fund Wexford for €1.5m per year. These types of events are not expected to make money but are considered important cultural events that attract visitors to the region.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed the possibility of reducing the grant to indicate their concern at the number of free tickets given to sponsors.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that there is a good local support for this project as many volunteers act as stewards etc.
- It was noted that the venue is rented to the festival and that outside caterers also profit by attending the festival.
- The Evaluation Meeting discussed the project in detail. While the accounts are maintained and

audited, for future applications to bodies such as the Art's Council they would need to be in line with the SORP Code, i.e., very detailed. - The Committee stated that the initiative is well run and highlights the West Waterford area to a group of people who would not normally frequent the area. It also opens the big houses to the concept of tourism as an activity. - They recommended the project at a lower rate of 68.0433% or €51,478, whichever was the lower amount. Recommendation: A maximum of €51,478.00 or 68.0433% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser, with the following conditions: - - The accounts must be at a better standard and more transparent going forward. - The number of free tickets should be reviewed. Funding is being reduced to €51,478.00 or 68.0433% whichever is the lesser. - This will be the final year of funding under the Rural Development Programme.	
Amount Recommended: €51,478	68.0433% of Eligible Project Funding:

The LAG members considered the IEC report and WLP board members' observations. A detailed discussion ensued. The main issues raised and clarifications provided are outlined hereunder:-

Accounting standards: - It was noted that while "accounts are maintained and audited" the SORP accounting code would be required for certain future exchequer funded applications above certain thresholds from 2020. Further the promoters may seek Arts Council funding again in 2020. Members expressed concerns regarding the SORP accounting code setting a precedent and the potential negative effect this could have on small community groups in terms of exclusion and being a disincentive to apply for funding. Rather members commented that the LCDC/LAG, by definition, should act as enablers.

It was clarified that the adoption of the SORP code of practice has regard to the annual income of the organisation, therefore financial thresholds would apply. However, in this context, it was considered timely and appropriate for the members to consider setting thresholds for accounting codes of practice.

Festival event: Members referred to Festival funding provided directly by the Council.

J. Taaffe clarified that the event is not a festival in the conventional meaning of the term and this event falls under Cultural Tourism, for which targets are set out in the L.D.S. He confirmed these targets are difficult to get underway, that this is a quality event and a rare opportunity to give access to historical houses not generally open to the public. He confirmed without funding the event would take place, but on a much smaller scale.

Free ticketing: J. Taaffe confirmed excess tickets are available for rehearsals and given to schools for the pupils.

Members agreed that artistic cultural events must be encouraged particularly in the West.

Moratorium on future funding this event: The members agreed that future funding applications would be given consideration. The overall economic / cultural benefit under the target could be considered as part of future applications.

Having considered the IEC report and recommendations, and the WLP board members' observations included in Item (8)(b) of the Agenda, the LAG members agreed to fund the lesser amount recommended with the following revised conditions:

Amount approved: €51,478 1. Provision of transparent certified accounts - put in Place the SORP Code Accounting Standard for 2019 Accounts 2. Funding would not be approved in 2020 – applicants should apply to Arts Council for funding in 2020 and not LEADER	68.0433% of Eligible Project Funding:
Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: C. Quinlan
Abstentions: N/A	Non-Public : Public revised – N/A
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

8(c) Retrospective approval to three contract extensions.

The members reviewed the report submitted by J. Taaffe. He confirmed that in line with the rules a written request from each promoter for the following three projects was received and the extensions require the retrospective approval of the LAG.

Details as follows:

Tallow Community Centre Phase 111 (10544)

Letter of offer December 2017 – claim amount: €61,962.56; paid to date: €34,027.81; final amount of €35,000 to be claimed by July 2019.

- Extension required until September 2019 for claim submission.

Dunhill Community Hall (103347)

To facilitate the processing of their 4th claim where grant aid is needed to pay all expenditure relating to their 5th and final claim.

- Extension required until July 2019 for claim submission.

Blackwater Distillery at Ballyduff (103411)

a fire door is required as part of their compliance to finalise their 5th claim and a delay on same is preventing submission of their documentation.

- Extension to July 2019 for claim submission.

J. Taaffe stated the matter had been discussed and agreed with the DRCD and confirmed the rationale for approval to the above three extensions is that the projects are basically complete, viable and will draw down their funds. He also confirmed the granting of these retrospective extensions would not set a precedent.

The LAG members approved the three retrospective extensions with the condition that these approvals would not set a precedent for future requests.

Proposed: D. Howley	Seconded by: J. Beresford
Abstentions: N/A	Non-Public : Public revised – N/A
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

9. (D) For approval: Waterford Leader Partnership CLG's quarterly advance administration and animation payment for RDP 2014-2020, for the period 01.05.2019-30.07.2019 €113,980.37

J. Taaffe stepped out. Chief Officer, D. Tuohy recommended approval in accordance with the schedule:

Payment based on 3 months of the budget included in the LDS for 2019 in the sum of €389,798 which amounts to €97,449.50

Plus amendment made to the LDS administration budget in the sum of €18,857 following the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) e-mail dated 03.04.19, which confirms the reversal of previous decision to reduce the admin budget by this amount. Less provision of 2% administration costs claimed separately by the Financial Partners WCCC in accordance with the provisions under Circular 13/2018

Amount for approval	€113,980.37
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Proposed: H. Kiely	Seconded by: D. Howley
Abstentions: One – J. Taaffe CEO of WLP	Revised Non-Public 8: Public 6
Quorum achieved: Yes Revised non-public sector attendees as a % - 53% % of LAG Members for decision making 74%	APPROVED

J. Taaffe returned to the meeting.

10. Report of the Rural Coordination Sub-Group

R. Walsh gave an update on the work of the Rural Coordination LCDC Sub-Group. He suggested a quarterly progress report would be submitted going forward.

- Town and Village Renewal
 - ♦ 2018: 8 projects (An Rinn, Ardmore, Copper Coast area, Kill, Kilmacthomas, Kilmeaden, Lismore and Mahon Bridge) received funding of €756k and all projects are currently being progressed with a view towards completion before year's end.

- ♦ 2019: 12 applications are being developed for submission to Dept of Rural and Community Development seeking funding of €1.3m with total expected expenditure of €1.625m (Probable project locations are Portlaw, Clonea Power, Villierstown, Dungarvan, Newtown, Melleray, Fenor, Dunhill, Mount Congreve, Bunmahon, Tramore and Lemybrien). While proposals have yet to be finalised , it is anticipated that the projects will be a mixture of tourism product, social enterprise, community facilities, public realm improvements and recreational facilities

- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Earlier than anticipated call for Category 1 (i.e. shovel-ready) projects to be submitted before 6th August means that it will be difficult to have proposals in place in time, all with appropriate planning permissions, environmental consents, match funding etc. Preparatory work for projects for Cappoquin and Portlaw will continue but only possible proposals for this call are Blackwater Economic Development area and Mount Congreve.

11. Correspondence – N/A

12. A.O.B.

Chief Officer D. Tuohy suggested that the financial thresholds as discussed during the meeting would be included on the Agenda for discussion at the July meeting.

13. Details of next meeting.

Date and Time: Thursday 11th July 2019, Venue TBC at 11.00a.m.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson:

Chief Officer to the LAG

Date

Date