

LO 1 Rural Tourism	SA 1.2	Board Members Observations
Rebranding Waterford & Suir Valley Railway – 31LDRWAT109880	€23,252.50	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. Proposed by: Frank Nolan Seconded by: Frank Seery
	SA 1.4	
St. Declan's Hostel	€144,884.25	It was queried if the EC had any concerns considering that the trail has yet to be given national trail status? Mr James Coughlan advised that WLP are involved in the St Declan's Way project and updated the Board on what has been achieved to date. Mr Jimmy Taaffe said that he is confident that the trail will achieve the National Trail Status as they issued a report detailing what must be done and all the recommendations have been implemented. Obtaining the status will mean that the walk will be insured by the NTO which cover the land 50 to 60 metres either side of the trail. Currently it is being funded by WC&CC. Mr Jimmy Taaffe also advised that a separate application has been submitted to the Rural Recreation Fund for the maintenance of the walk. If successful, the adjoining landowners will be paid a yearly fee for the upkeep. Mr James Coughlan explained that a system of volunteers is being put in place to report any issues along the route. The amount of funding going into the project for the return was queried. The cost per night was considered very low for investment with it being noted that it would take a long time to make any return. Mr Jimmy Taaffe expressed his confidence in the new Head Abbott saying that he provided a business plan and was setting it up on a professional basis. The guests will also be availing of dining facilities already provided by the Abbey. The Board noted the lack of accommodation options and how the walk runs directly behind the location in Melleray. The potential for three new full-time jobs was noted. Regardless of the Abbey being run by Monks or not the Board agreed that the Monastery is a focal point in West Waterford and well worth preserving.

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LO 7 Rural Environment	SA 7.2	
Supporting the role of pollinators in Biodiversity – 31LDRWAT110729	€10,533.33	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. Proposed by: Frank Nolan Seconded by: Frank Seery
LO 5 Social Inclusion	SA 5.1	
KGK – 31LDRWAT110667	€55,837.73	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. They considered it vital to have a community meeting focal point in the area. Proposed by: Frank Nolan Seconded by: Frank Seery
Internal Upgrade of Community Hall – 31LDRWAT11061	€52,420.83	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. This hall provides a social meeting venue in the Parish not being provided by neighbouring venues. Proposed by: Frank Nolan Seconded by: Frank Seery
Extension & Renovation Works including Wastewater Treatment System to Ballysaggart Community Centre – 31LDRWAT11068	€0	Board Members discussed the EC recommendation not to fund this project and were in total agreement with the points listed. They considered the ongoing demand on a community of that population to support two halls as an onerous task. Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee not to fund the project. Proposed by: Frank Nolan

		Seconded by: Frank Seery
All Weather Sports Facility 31LDRWAT110753	€192,337.50	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. Proposed by: Frank Nolan Seconded by: Frank Seery