



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT110668
Project Type:	Social Inclusion, Local Objective 5
Project Name:	Extension and Renovation Works including Wastewater Treatment System to Ballysaggart Community Centre
Promoters Name:	Ballysaggart Community Centre Ltd
Address:	Feagarriid, Ballysaggart, Lismore, Co. Waterford, P51 VK80
Description:	This project involves an extension to and renovation of an old school house into a meeting centre and venue for social activities.
Theme:	LO5 Basic Service
Sub-theme:	SA 5.1 Community service delivery hubs
Link to LDS	LO 5, S.A. 5.1

Total Project Costs	€290,804.03		
Eligible Project Costs	€290,804.03		
Funding sought by promoter:	The cost of this project is €290,804.03 and the promoter has requested funding of €200,000.00 or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	Previously not recommended		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€0		
Details of private funding:	Cash/Money in account 40,000 12.8% Loan/Bridging Finance 214,000 (50,804.03) 73.6%		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	This project involves an extension to and renovation of an old school house into a meeting centre and venue for social activities.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ %
	Construction	€290,804.02	€0
		€290,804.02	€0

Total Funding			
Was an assessment completed?: Date: _____	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 th Sept 2019		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 th Sept 2019		
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 Procurement Process was properly conducted, and the process was totally in order.		
Innovative Element of the project:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 th Sept 2019		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The Project will not proceed without Grant Aid		
Consideration of Displacement:	The Evaluation Committee considered displacement an issue.		
Economic justification for project:	The Evaluation Committee did not consider this project good value for investment.		
Average Score for Project:	After achieving an overall score of 56 out of 100, the Evaluation Committee agreed that they are not recommending this project for approval to the Board of Waterford LCDC. As it did not receive the minimum score of 65% required it was not ranked.		
% level of aid & ceiling:	0%		
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project as they have the following concerns: - 1. The funding is very tight. 2. To remove the supervision element on a project of that scale is not wise 3. Distance from village with no foot paths or lighting 4. Lack of Parking 5. What you are getting for amount of investment does not seem to represent good value for money. 6. Funding of two halls in a community of that size. 7. The project scored 56 /100 and not the required 65% A maximum of €0 or 0% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
None	None	Cash/Money in account 40,000 12.8% Loan/Bridging Finance	Yes, 2010 Training

		214,000 (50,804.03) 73.6%	
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Confirmation that agencies / communities are not double funding or duplicating on this project.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Waterford LEO	02/10/2019	B Kirby

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

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe said that the promoters have submitted an excellent application and that only reason he is not recommending is due to the fact of two halls in such a small village. Despite several requests they are not going to come together. The other hall is being constructed and is having some difficulties. Everything is in order with the application and if there was no other hall, I would be recommending it.
- The promoters are stressing that this is not a sports hall but a social activity hall. There is only one pub in the village and this hall will be a good meeting space.
- The Evaluation Committee noted that the Cappoquin Centre is only 8km away. Mr Jimmy Taaffe replied that there is no social activity place in the village for older people to meet.
- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that Mr Micheal Walsh CEO WC&CC offered to put a CPO on the car park area of the Sport Hall in order to have the new facility built there.
- Another issue with the Sports Hall becoming a community facility is that the GAA were not going to sign over a lease saying the hall is separate to the pitch.
- The Evaluation Committee expressed the opinion that the ideal solution is for both groups to come together and build a facility suitable for all. The small population base of 300 will not be able to fully support two venues. It is difficult to see even with a population of 1000.
- It was noted that there are lots of community facilities nearby in Lismore and surrounding areas.
- The divide in the Community and the perception of having two halls was discussed.
- The Committee noted that there are plenty of remote villages with no halls at all and if it realistic to have two in such a small village.
- It was noted that the supervision element included in the first application was removed from this one. Mr Jimmy Taaffe said that this was because of finances and that a member of Ballysaggart will now going to be supervising.
- The Evaluation Committee expressed the opinion that it is hard to see a quarter million investment in Ballysaggart.
- The location of the project was discussed being a mile and a quarter from the village centre with no public footpath or lighting. It was also noted that there are limited parking facilities.
- The proposed room hire increase from €10ph to €30ph seemed excessive and it was questioned if people would pay it.
- It was agreed that there is a gap in funding and that the viability of the project is questionable with only €4k in income.
- The Evaluation Committee noted that they agree with their original decision not to recommend funding saying that it is very hard to justify the investment with a population of only 300, most of whom work outside the area.
- The Evaluation Committee expressed the opinion that to be successful there should have been only one hall for both social and sports located in the centre of the Village.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project as they have the following concerns:-

- The funding is very tight.
- To remove the supervision element on a project of that scale is not wise
- Distance from village with no foot paths or lighting
- Lack of Parking
- What you are getting for amount of investment does not seem to represent good value for money.
- Funding of two halls in a community of that size.
- The project scored 56 /100 and not the required 65%

A maximum of €0 or 0% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended:€0

0 % of Eligible Project Funding:

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response
See Above	No progression on a single centre village project

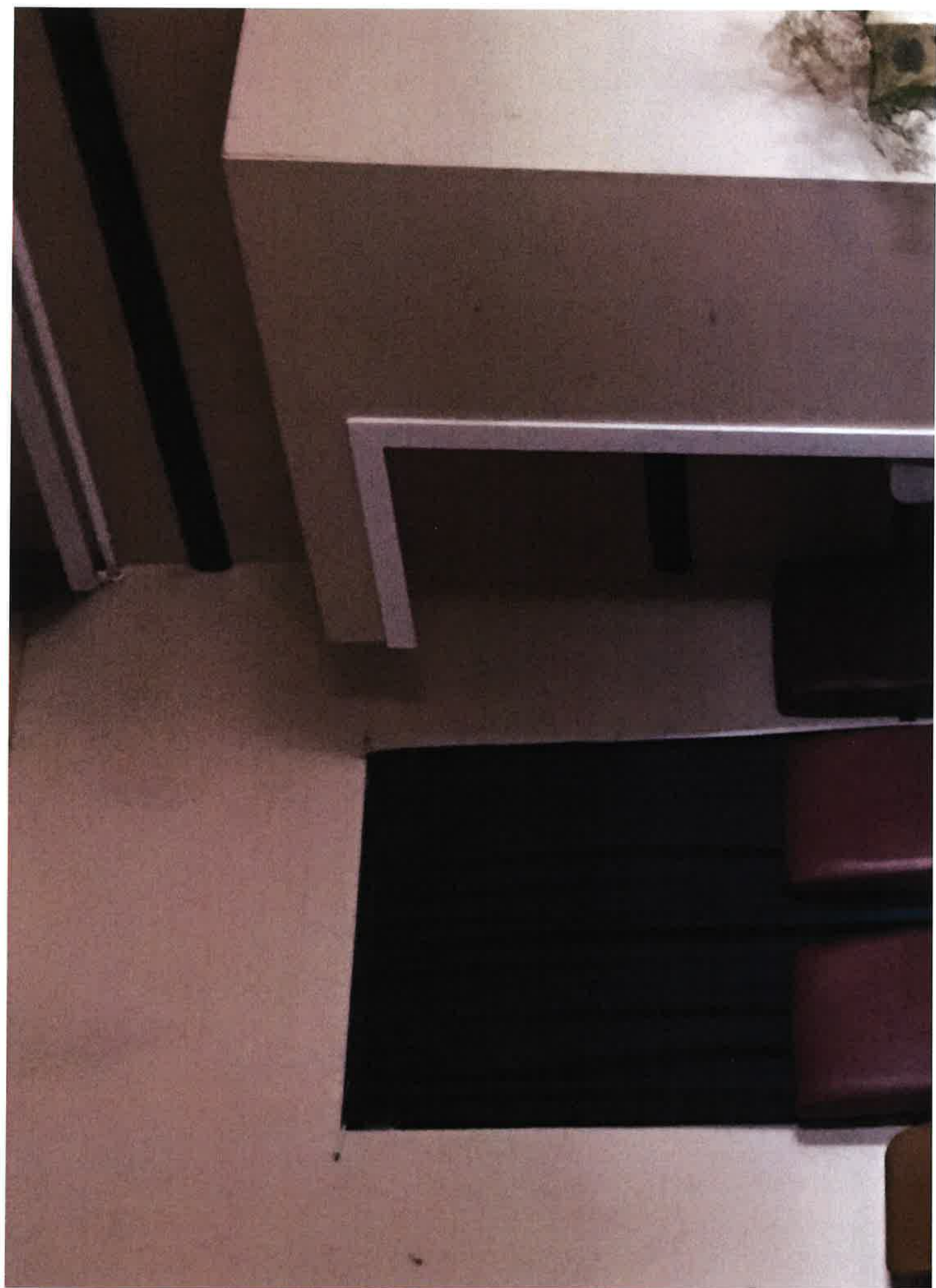
Signed: _____

Dated: _____

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

(for example a photo of the building to be renovated/machinery being purchased, etc)



Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 26th September 2019

Time: 11am – 3pm

Project Title: **Extension and Renovation Works including Wastewater Treatment System to Ballysaggart Community Centre**

Project Reference Number: **31LDRWAT110668**

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 _____ - Displacement 5/19 _____ - Job Creation 5/19 _____		19	10
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>4</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>3</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>6</u>		25	18,
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>3</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>2</u>		25	14,

	Financial Plan	6/25	3			
	Deadweight	6/25	6			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?				13	5
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?				18	P
Total					100	56

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: Refused

Signature: Paul Desjardins

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 26-09-2019

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Thursday 3 October 2019 17:23
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Evaluation Committee Meeting on 26th September 2019

Hi Denise

I confirm that I am in agreement with the draft minutes of the above meeting.

Regards,

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson
Evaluation Committee

