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| 1. Gabriel Foley     | PPN / Environment                            | 1. Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan<br>Vice Chair | Public Representative               |
| 2. Jimmy Taaffe      | CEO – WLP CLG                                | 2. Derval Howley                       | Head of Wellbeing<br>HSE            |
| 3. Richie Grant      | CEO – Waterford<br>Area Partnership          | 3. Michael Walsh                       | CE, WC&CC                           |
| 4. Heather Kiely     | PPN/ Community<br>& Voluntary                | 4. Julie Somers                        | CYPSC Coordinator                   |
| 5. Catherine Quinlan | I.C.M.S.A.                                   | 5. Richie Walsh                        | Head of LEO                         |
| 6. Jenny Beresford   | CEO Dungarvan &<br>West Waterford<br>Chamber | 6. Kevin Lewis                         | CEO WWETB                           |
|                      |                                              | 7. Liam Daly                           | Reg. Mgr. Dept Social<br>Protection |
|                      |                                              | 8. Cllr. Adam Wyse                     | Elected representative              |
| <b>Apologies:</b>    |                                              |                                        |                                     |
| 1. Maggie Flanagan   | PPN / Community<br>& Voluntary               | 1. Cllr. J. Pratt Chair                | Mayor Public Rep                    |
| 2. Richard Awosika   | PPN / Community<br>& Voluntary               |                                        |                                     |
| 3. Senan Cooke       | PPN / Community<br>& Voluntary               |                                        |                                     |
| 4. Gerald Hurley     | CEO Waterford<br>City Chamber                |                                        |                                     |

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| 1.Total current Membership                                                  | 19                                                    |
| 2.Total attendees                                                           | 14                                                    |
| 3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)                                       | Achieved – 74%                                        |
| 4. non-public/public ratio attendees<br>% ratio non-public/public attendees | 6 non-public : 8 public<br>43% non-public: 57% public |

- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 6: Public 8; 14 members in attendance. It was confirmed that in the case of a decision 3 members from the Public sector would stand down in order to meet the representational balance; Michael Walsh, Julie Somers and Derval Howley volunteered.

**Agreed**

The Vice Chair Cllr Lola O’Sullivan opened the meeting.

- 2. Apologies**

As per table above, apologies were noted.

- 3. Conflict of Interest**

- The Chief Officer outlined the provisions of Section 5.4 of the LEADER Operating Rules (v2.0) and reminded members of their obligations therein. He reminded members to consider whether a conflict of interest could arise on receipt of the notice of meeting and Agenda items. He requested members to contact him in advance of the meetings following reviewing the Agenda and associated documentation should a COI arise.
- In relation to items on the meeting agenda, relevant documentation had been circulated. J. Taaffe declared a conflict of interest under Item 8(b). It was confirmed that due to this abstention the required quota to make a decision would not be achieved and the matter would be postponed to the next meeting.

**Noted**

- 4. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

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| <b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>   | <b>Seconded by: Kevin Lewis</b>  |
| <b>Abstentions: Three</b>   | <b>Non-Public -6 : Public -5</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b> | <b>APPROVED</b>                  |

- 5. Matters arising:**

D. Tuohy Chief Officer referred to the Members’ decision on 12<sup>th</sup> September to defer a decision on Project Reference number 31LDRWAT109889, The Warehouse -2B Climbing Limited to enable the Evaluation Committee review the appeal documentation. As the Evaluation Committee meeting to review the appeal was planned to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> October and having regard to the timeframes for appeal decision, D. Tuohy advised that the promoters confirmed that they did not have an objection to the delay to enable the Evaluation Committee review their appeal and following confirmation from the Department that they had no objection to the extension of appeal timeframe,

a decision would be made at the November meeting following review of the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee. A deferment was proposed.

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| <b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>   | <b>Seconded by: R. Walsh</b>     |
| <b>Abstentions: Three</b>   | <b>Non-Public : Public 6 : 5</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b> | <b>Approved</b>                  |

#### 6. Circulars –

Chief Officer D. Tuohy briefed the members on the Circular 14/ 2019 regarding revising funding allocations.

No queries arose. Noted.

#### 7. Expressions of interest:

N/A

#### 8. Rural Development Programme –

Projects for consideration (as previously circulated on the extranet): J. Taaffe synthesised the background of all projects for the members.

#### 8(a) (i) Rebranding Waterford & Suir Valley Railway 31LDRWAT109880 -

J. Taaffe reminded Members that this project was deferred at the September meeting as the procurement process had not concluded. He confirmed the process had since been fully addressed.

##### Decision of Evaluation Committee

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| <b>Project ID</b>      | 31LDRWAT109880                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Project Type:</b>   | Marketing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Project Name:</b>   | Rebranding Waterford & Suir Valley Railway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Promoters Name:</b> | Waterford & Suir Valley Railway Company CLG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Address:</b>        | Kilmeaden Station, Kileaden, Co. Waterford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Description:</b>    | The project was already recommended for funding by the Evaluation Committee on the 27 <sup>th</sup> May however the promoter advised prior to LAG approval that the chosen supplier Totem had provided two options for the design and manufacture of the story board element and they have decided on the cheaper option 2 totaling €6,515 as opposed to the initial agreed option of €19,255. |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | LO 1 Rural Tourism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sub-theme:</b>      | SA1.2 Culture and Heritage Product Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Link to LDS</b>     | Investment in preserving rural heritage and culture                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                                                                                                              | €46,505                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Eligible Project Costs</b>                                                                                                                           | €46,505                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>                                                                                                                      | €23,252.50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:</b>                                                                                                     | €23,252.50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Details of private funding:</b>                                                                                                                      | €23,252.50 Funds in-house                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)</b>                                                                                               | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Synopsis of project:</b>                                                                                                                             | The project is now celebrating 20 years in existence, from its humble beginnings to preserving and promoting Waterford's rich railway heritage to incorporating the Greenway that passes through the station. The Board wants to invest in a completely new brand and image for the project to make it more attractive to an international audience and in line with Ireland's Ancient East's market segmentation |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)</b>                                                              | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b> | <b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 50 %</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Marketing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | €46,505                         | €23,252.50                                                    |
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|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Total Funding</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | €46,505                         | €23,252.50                                                    |
| <b>Was an assessment completed?: Date:</b>                                                                                                              | Yes, 13 <sup>th</sup> May '19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>                  | Yes, direct tendering used and the most economic advantageous tender process used to select the winning supplier                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b> | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>                                                                                                               | A highly professional marketing company will design and build the new brand for the project to bring it in line with current developments with the Greenway and Ireland's Ancients East market segmentation. The results of this will strengthen other tourism products and lengthen the time a visitor will stay in the area                                                                                     |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>                                                                                                                     | The promoter would not be in a position to carry out this project without Leader funding, as confirmed in their application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                 |                                                               |

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| <b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>                | This project is unique in that there is no other similar project of this kind in the South East and supporting this initiative will add value to the existing tourism offering                                                                                                                |
| <b>Economic justification for project:</b>           | The rebranding of the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway will portray the company in a more professional way so that it can attract national and international visitors to Waterford and the wider South East. It will also provide a unique rest point on the Greenway, adding value to same    |
| <b>Average Score for Project:</b>                    | <b>81/100</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>                 | <b>A maximum of €23,252.50 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b> | <p>The Evaluation Committee agreed that they are happy to recommend the requested change, noting that the original rationale for funding and scoring shall remain in place.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: A maximum of €23,252.50 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</b></p> |

| <b>Jobs Created</b> | <b>Jobs Sustained</b> | <b>Match Funding</b>      | <b>Previous Grant Aid Received</b> |
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| <b>1</b>            | <b>6</b>              | €23,252.50 Funds in-house | Not in the last 3 years            |

| <b>Confirmation that agencies / communities have confirmed that there is no double funding or duplication of activity.</b> | <b>Date of Confirmation</b> | <b>Signed By</b> |
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| Failte Ireland                                                                                                             | 8/5/19                      | Emer Whittle     |
| LEO                                                                                                                        | 9/5/19                      | Brid Kirby       |

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| <p>The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Claire Connors advised that there was a slight issue with one of the tenders that came to light at Article 48 check. The quotation provided for two options for the storey boards. Originally the promoter chose Option 1 for €19,255 the more expensive option as opposed to Option 2 for €6,515. They now wish to change to the cheaper option. Going with the more expensive option would require more tenders to be obtained as it exceeds the threshold. This changes the amount of grant aid allocated from €29,622.50 to €23,252.50.</li> <li>- A Committee Member queried if this will have any adverse effect on the marketing strategy? Ms Connors confirmed that it will not as it is only one element across a whole range of elements planned.</li> </ul> <p>The Evaluation Committee agreed that are happy to recommend the requested change. Noting that the original rationale and scoring shall remain in place.</p> |
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The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented.

A maximum of €23,252.50 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

**Amount Recommended: €23,252.50**

**50 % of Eligible Project Funding: €46,505**

The LAG members noted the report and upheld the decision of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. No further questions arose.

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| <b>Proposed: H. Kiely</b>                                 | <b>Seconded by: L. Daly</b>            |
| <b>Abstentions: Three (3)– as detailed in No. 1 above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public 6:5</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>                               | <b>Approved</b>                        |

**8(a)(ii) St. Declans Hostel – Mt. Melleray Abbey 31LDRWAT110671**

**Decision of Evaluation Committee**

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| <b>Project ID</b>      | 31LDRWAT110671                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Project Type:</b>   | Local Objective 1, Tourism and Strategic Action 1.4                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Project Name:</b>   | St. Declan's Hostel                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Promoters Name:</b> | Mount Melleray Abbey, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Address:</b>        | Mount Melleray Abbey, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description:</b>    | The development of a Tourist Hostel right beside the St. Declan's Way Pilgrim Route and located in the heart of the Comeragh Mountains right beside the Historic Mount Melleray Abbey. |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | Local Objective 2 Tourism                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Sub-theme:</b>      | Strategic Action 1.4 R.V. Parks, Glamping and Hostels                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Link to LDS</b>     | Local Objective 1, Tourism and Strategic Action 1.4                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                                                       | The cost of this project is <b>€289,768.50</b> and the promoter has requested funding of <b>€144,884.25</b> or 50% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser. |
| <b>Eligible Project Costs</b>                                                                    | <b>€289,768.50</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>                                                               | <b>€144,884.25</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>State one of the following: -<br/>First Review / Previously<br/>Deferred or Not Recommend</b> | <b>First Review</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Funding recommended by<br/>Evaluation Committee:</b>                                          | <b>€144,884.25 or 50% of the eligible costs whichever is the lesser</b>                                                                                       |

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|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>amount.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Details of private funding:</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>€144,884.25 – Philanthropic Donation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO</b> (If yes provide detail)                                                                                               | <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Synopsis of project:</b>                                                                                                                             | The development of a Tourist Hostel right beside the St. Declan's Way Pilgrim Route and located in the heart of the Comeragh Mountains right beside the Historic Mount Melleray Abbey.                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding</b> (List items from Project Assessment Report)<br><br><b>Total Funding</b>                                  | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b> | <b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ %</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Construction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>€289,768.50</b>              | <b>€144,884.25</b>                                         |
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|                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>€289,768.50</b>              | <b>€144,884.25</b>                                         |
| <b>Was an assessment completed?:</b><br><b>Date:</b> _____                                                                                              | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>                  | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed Category 2 LEADER Specific Procurement Guidelines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b> | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>                                                                                                               | It was agreed that the project is innovative as it will be the first hostel specifically designed for those walking St. Declan's Way in Co. Waterford                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>                                                                                                                     | The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>                                                                                                                   | It was agreed that displacement is not an issue as the proposed hostel will be the first one along the St. Declan's Way pilgrim route in Co. Waterford.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Economic justification for project:</b>                                                                                                              | The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for Rural Tourism. The hostel will be an important addition to the expanding infrastructure in West Waterford for walkers. It is estimated that between 30,000 and 40,000 people will walk the route annually. It will be essential that hostels and other accommodations will be available along the route. |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Average Score for Project:</b>                                                                                                                       | The project scored 84/100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>                                                                                                                    | The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                            |

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|                                                      | A maximum of €144,884.25 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b> | <p><b>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for Rural Tourism.</li> <li>2. The project scored 84/100.</li> <li>3. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will provide accommodation for travelers along the St. Declan Way route.</li> </ol> <p>A maximum of €144,884.25 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</p> |

| <b>Jobs Created</b> | <b>Jobs Sustained</b> | <b>Match Funding</b> | <b>Previous Grant Aid Received</b> |
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| <b>3 FTE</b>        |                       | <b>€144,884.25</b>   | <b>None</b>                        |

| <b>Confirmation that agencies / communities are aware of the proposed project.</b> | <b>Date of Confirmation</b> | <b>Signed By</b>      |
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| <b>The LEO has confirmed that there is no double funding or duplication</b>        | <b>05/09/2019</b>           | <b>B. Kirby</b>       |
| <b>Faite Ireland were contacted on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2019</b>        | <b>12/09/2019</b>           | <b>S. Fitzpatrick</b> |

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| <p>The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that St. Declan's Way passes through the lands of Mount Melleray Abbey. The monks are proposing to adapt the former novices building to provide simple hostel accommodation for those walking the route. The building, which is over 150 years old, when adapted could offer 8 bedrooms sleeping 1-4 people each and separate shower/toilet facilities.</li> <li>- The building has its own entrance which will lead into the reception/welcome area and office space. There will be a chillout area with food/drink vending machines and an eating area, a kitchen and a drying room.</li> <li>- Mt Melleray had no Abbot for several years and was rudderless. The new Abbot is in place now for two years and has a number of plans for the place. Currently there are about 8 monks left but they are getting interest from new members and talking about setting up a novitiate there.</li> <li>- Mr Taaffe advised that the farm is leased out and that all Monasteries stand or fall on their own and are not supported.</li> <li>- This project is an add-on as the Monastery already has a guest house and catering facilities on site.</li> <li>- The matching finance is being provided by Tomar Trust.</li> <li>- With regard to the projections, labour-wise, they not going to need much as they already have</li> </ul> |
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staff for the guesthouse.

- It is hoped that St Declan's Way will obtain National Trail status shortly. This will provide much needed accommodation along the route.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed the Monastery and its other buildings including the one run by Scouting Ireland which is closed currently.
- They noted the Monastery's importance as a major attraction in Co Waterford in whatever form it is being operated.
- The facilities are open to all on a booking basis.
- It was agreed that any funding spent in the restoration is well spent as it is a significant asset to Co Waterford.
- It was agreed that the new Abbot is a very good operator with the skills to successfully implement the project.

The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented

A maximum of €144,884.25 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

**Amount Recommended: €144,884.25**

**50% of Eligible Project Funding:**

The LAG members considered the report of the Evaluation Committee as outlined above. During the discussion, a number of queries arose and Mr. J. Taaffe responded to all queries.

- Given the promoter name is stated as Mt. Melleray Abbot, it was queried as to whether there is a trust or committee in place. It was confirmed the project is a stand alone facility and there are a number of lay people acting as trustees.
- It was confirmed that labour is already in place at the Abbey in the form of paid lay staff.
- It was confirmed that there is a cafe already operating and the proposed facility must run as a hostel for 5 years or the financial penalties under the programme operating rules would apply, i.e. repayment of full monies plus interest due.
- As to whether there would be a Manager or the Monks as a community running the hostel, it was confirmed that the Abbot, who is 41 years old, and in place for 2 years, together with professional staff would run the hostel. In addition they are planning towards and indications are promising towards attracting new recruits.
- It was confirmed that the Pilgrims Rest is open next door and the Scouts hostel is closed.
- It was confirmed that in line with the POR's for E.U. funding no religious, race etc. restrictions in using the facility are allowed, and a record of usage would be audited and benchmarked.
- With regard to Child Protection, safeguarding measures and a policy would be in place.
- It was confirmed that a robust business plan is in place and rates per night would apply.

The members upheld the decision of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project.

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| <b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>                                 | <b>Seconded by: J. Beresford</b>       |
| <b>Abstentions: Three (3)– as detailed in No. 1 above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public 6:5</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>                               | <b>Approved</b>                        |

8(a)(iii) Supporting the role of pollinators in biodiversity 31LDRWAT110729

**Decision of Evaluation Committee**

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| <b>Project ID</b>      | 31LDRWAT110729                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Project Type:</b>   | Training & capital                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Project Name:</b>   | Supporting the role of pollinators in Biodiversity                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Promoters Name:</b> | East Waterford Bee Keepers Association (EWBA)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Address:</b>        | Corluddy, Carrigeen, via Waterford, Co. Kilkenny                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Description:</b>    | Design and deliver comprehensive training in the role of support of pollinators and bio diversity. Enhance individuals' and communities' awareness of approaches and procedures that can be adopted to enhance our population and diversity of pollinators. |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | Theme 3 Rural Environment LO7                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Sub-theme:</b>      | SA 7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Link to LDS</b>     | Investment in local communities to implement practical bio diversity projects in their local area                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                                                         | €14,044.44                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>Eligible Project Costs</b>                                                                      | €14,044.44                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>                                                                 | €10,533.33                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>State one of the following: -<br/>First Review / Previously<br/>Deferred or Not Recommend</b>   | <b>First review</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>Funding recommended by<br/>Evaluation Committee:</b>                                            | A maximum of €10,533.00 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>Details of private funding:</b>                                                                 | €3,511 in-house funds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If<br/>yes provide detail)</b>                                      | <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>Synopsis of project:</b>                                                                        | The project will be delivered through workshops in schools, community centres and other groups by means of lectures, mini talks, tailored training programmes. Outside lecturers from the Federation of Irish Beekeepers and other Associations will be invited to advise and assist at different stages and events where necessary |                                     |                                                                       |
| <b>Detail exactly what WLP will be<br/>funding (List items from Project<br/>Assessment Report)</b> | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Total Cost<br/>(Expenditure)</b> | <b>Grant Aid recommend by<br/>the Evaluation Committee<br/>@ 75 %</b> |
|                                                                                                    | Apiary Equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4,658                               | 3493.50                                                               |
|                                                                                                    | Lecture &<br>Training                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1,746                               | 1309.50                                                               |

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|                                                                                                                                                         | Website Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2,829      | 2121.75   |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Advertising banners                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 526.44     | 394.83    |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Apiary Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3,785      | 2838.75   |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Pollinator Planting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 500        | 375       |
| <b>Total Funding</b>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | €14,044.44 | 10,533.33 |
| <b>Was an assessment completed?:<br/>Date: _____</b>                                                                                                    | Yes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept '19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |           |
| <b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>                  | Yes, direct tendering was used and the MEAT process used to select chosen suppliers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |           |
| <b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b> | Effort was made to secure the correct number of quotes and evidence of same is on file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |            |           |
| <b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>                                                                                                               | A community led approach to the design and delivery of training on raising awareness of the importance of pollinators in bio diversity and providing practical solutions in the school environment and community setting.                                                                                             |            |           |
| <b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>                                                                                                                     | The project would only proceed on a reduced basis with very limited resources and dependence on non reliable equipment/facilities                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |           |
| <b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>                                                                                                                   | No the nearest similar facility is in South Kilkenny and South Tipperary which provides more complimentary working rather than in competition                                                                                                                                                                         |            |           |
| <b>Economic justification for project:</b>                                                                                                              | Practical bee keeping skills will be demonstrated with a view to transferring these skills to the community to increase pollinators and improve bio diversity which is under serious threat                                                                                                                           |            |           |
| <b>Average Score for Project:</b>                                                                                                                       | 80/100                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |            |           |
| <b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>                                                                                                                    | 75% of €14,044.44                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |           |
| <b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b>                                                                                                    | <b>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 7 for Environment Initiatives</li> <li>2. The project scored 80/100.</li> </ol> |            |           |

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|  | <p><b>3.</b> The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it is will raise awareness of a vital issue in the wider public.</p> <p><b>A maximum of €10,533.00 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.</b></p> |
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| Jobs Created | Jobs Sustained | Match Funding | Previous Grant Aid Received |
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| <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | €3,511        | <b>0</b>                    |
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| Confirmation that agencies / communities have confirmed that there is no double funding or duplication of activity. | Date of Confirmation | Signed By         |
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| Failte Ireland                                                                                                      | 11/9/19              | Sarah Fitzpatrick |
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The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Ms Claire Connors briefly outlined the project, advising that the promoters are a phenomenal group; very ambitious and passionate about their project.
- The project will involve experienced beekeepers sharing their skills, knowledge and experience through interaction with community wide groups, schools, environmental organisations and local authorities. The value of beekeeping in ecology and biodiversity and the practical approach of beekeepers will motivate residential associations and tidy towns groups to develop community apiaries, with the aim of combining aesthetic settings with bee friendly schemes.
- Currently the promoters have an Apiary in Ballygunnmore, Co Waterford on the grounds of one of their members. As part of this project they wish to set up a demo Apiary at the Dunhill EcoPark where they will also be able to use the training rooms. Dunhill EcoPark have agreed to host the Apiary free of charge for five years.
- The 85 members are putting up the match funding.
- It was noted that they have not necessarily taken the cheapest quotations. Ms Connors advised that the procurement was done on a criteria basis.
- The Evaluation Committee all agreed that this is an excellent initiative and considered it a good use of Rural Developments funds.

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| The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project as presented.<br>A maximum of €10,533.00 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser. |                                                    |
| <b>Amount Recommended:</b> €10,533.33                                                                                                                               | <b>75% of Eligible Project Funding:</b> €14,044.44 |

The members considered the Evaluation Committee members' report and upheld the decision of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. No further queries arose.

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| <b>Proposed:</b> J. Beresford                             | <b>Seconded by:</b> R. Walsh           |
| <b>Abstentions:</b> Three (3)– as detailed in No. 1 above | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public</b> 6:5 |
| <b>Quorum achieved:</b> Yes                               | <b>Approved</b>                        |

#### **8(a)(iv) KGK Community Sports Clg –31LDRWAT110667**

Decision of Evaluation Committee

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| <b>Project ID</b>      | 31LDRWAT110667                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Project Type:</b>   | Social Inclusion, and the Sub Theme is Community Infrastructure. Local Objective 5, Social Inclusion and Strategic Action 5.1 are the relevant sections of the LDS.                                                                                                       |
| <b>Project Name:</b>   | <b>KGK Community Sports Clg</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Promoters Name:</b> | <b>KGK Community Sports Clg</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Address:</b>        | <b>Knockanore, County Waterford</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Description:</b>    | The project involves the development of a proper meeting facility in the hall with access for all the members of the local community. This facility will be the centre for communal activity in the area, as there is no longer a Public House to act as a meeting place. |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | Local Objective 5, Social Inclusion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sub-theme:</b>      | Strategic Action 5.1, Community Hubs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Link to LDS</b>     | Local Objective 5, Social Inclusion and Strategic Action 5.1 are the relevant sections of the LDS.                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                                                       | The cost of this project is <b>€74,450.30</b>                                                             |
| <b>Eligible Project Costs</b>                                                                    | The eligible cost of this project is <b>€74,450.30</b>                                                    |
| <b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>                                                               | The promoter has requested funding of <b>€55,837.73</b> or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser. |
| <b>State one of the following: -<br/>First Review / Previously<br/>Deferred or Not Recommend</b> | <b>First Review</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>Funding recommended by<br/>Evaluation Committee:</b>                                          | The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the                                            |

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|                                                                                                                                                         | Waterford LCDC as presented.<br><br>A maximum of <b>€55,837.73</b> or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.                                               |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Details of private funding:</b>                                                                                                                      | Cash/Money in account 5000 6.72%<br>Loan/Bridging Finance Bridging 69,450.30<br>Loan 13612.57 18.28%                                                                      |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO</b> (If yes provide detail)                                                                                               | <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Synopsis of project:</b>                                                                                                                             | To upgrade and enhance the existing facilities within the hall.                                                                                                           |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding</b> (List items from Project Assessment Report)<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><b>Total Funding</b>          | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b> | <b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75%</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Glazing                                                                                                                                                                   | 10,158.25                       | 7,618.69                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Electric Stairs                                                                                                                                                           | 5,675                           | 4,256.25                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Construction                                                                                                                                                              | 26,672.50                       | 20,004.36                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Mechanical                                                                                                                                                                | 23,241.40                       | 17,431.06                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Electrical                                                                                                                                                                | 3,053.15                        | 2,289.87                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Flooring                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,960                           | 1,470                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Consultancy                                                                                                                                                               | 3,690                           | 2,767.50                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>74,450.30</b>                | <b>55,837.73</b>                                             |
| <b>Was an assessment completed?:</b><br><b>Date:</b> _____                                                                                              | <b>9<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>                  | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed Category 1 national procurement guidelines and therefore deemed the cost reasonable.                          |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b> | N/A Procurement Thresholds were followed                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>                                                                                                               | By enhancing the facilities, it is hoped to stimulate and encourage more activities in the local area including, after study, film club, heritage club, conferences, etc. |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>                                                                                                                     | The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed at the same level.                                       |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>                                                                                                                   | The facility is catering to three Parishes and not competing in its own area.                                                                                             |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Economic justification for project:</b>                                                                                                              | The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for community hubs.                                                                                                   |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Average Score for Project:</b>                                                                                                                       | 80/100 (1 ranking)                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                              |
| <b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>                                                                                                                    | The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented.<br>A maximum of <b>€55,837.73</b> or 75% of eligible expenditure,             |                                 |                                                              |

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|                                                      | whichever is the lesser.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b> | <p><b>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 5 for providing Basic Services.</li> <li>2. The project scored 80/100.</li> <li>3. The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it provides a social amenity in a rural area.</li> </ol> <p><b>A maximum of €55,837.73 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.</b></p> |

| Jobs Created | Jobs Sustained | Match Funding                                                                                                   | Previous Grant Aid Received |
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| None         | None           | Cash/Money in account<br>5000   6.72%<br>Loan/Bridging Finance<br>Bridging<br>69,450.30<br>Loan 13612.57 18.28% | <b>LEADER 2003 - 2007</b>   |

| Confirmation that agencies / communities have confirmed that there is no double funding or duplication of activity. | Date of Confirmation | Signed By       |
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| <b>Waterford L.E.O.</b>                                                                                             | <b>02/10/2019</b>    | <b>B. Kirby</b> |

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| <p>The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that the promoters are proposing to enhance and upgrade the existing facilities within the hall to increase its usage. The heating will be upgraded, removal of shutters in the upstairs area viewing area and replace with toughened glass and the installation of a chair lift. This will turn the upstairs area into a proper meeting room.</li> <li>- It was advised that the promoters received funding ten years ago for the theatre and hall.</li> <li>- The Committee noted that the pub was closed in the village and that the hall is the only social amenity covering three areas.</li> <li>- The Evaluation Committee agreed that this is a good use of Rural Development Funds as it will make the facilities more comfortable and accessible.</li> </ul> <p>The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented.</p> <p>A maximum of <b>€55,837.73</b> or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.</p> |                                                    |
| <b>Amount Recommended:</b> A maximum of <b>€55,837.73</b> or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>75% of Eligible Project Funding: €55,837.73</b> |

The LAG members considered the above report and upheld the decision of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project. No further queries arose.

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| <b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>                                 | <b>Seconded by: Cllr A. Wyse</b>       |
| <b>Abstentions: Three (3)– as detailed in No. 1 above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public 6:5</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>                               | <b>Approved</b>                        |

#### 8(a) (v) Upgrade of St Mary's Community Hall 31LDRWAT110651

##### Decision of Evaluation Committee

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| <b>Project ID</b>      | <b>31LDRWAT110651</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Project Type:</b>   | LO5 Basic Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Project Name:</b>   | <b>Internal Upgrade of Community Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Promoters Name:</b> | <b>St. Mary's Community Centre</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Address:</b>        | <b>Mt. Melleray, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, P51 N8CO</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Description:</b>    | The group carried out phase 1 of the development of the old hall under RDP 2007 – 2013. The second phase to complete the works entails the reflooring of the main centre of the hall, the replacement of rotten doors, and the re-plastering of damp laden walls. |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | LO5 Basic Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sub-theme:</b>      | SA 5.1 Community service delivery hubs                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Link to LDS</b>     | LO5 Basic services, SA 5.1 Community service delivery hubs                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                                                       | <b>€74,076.44</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Eligible Project Costs</b>                                                                    | <b>€69,894.44</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>                                                               | The cost of this project is <b>€74,076.44</b> and the promoter has requested funding of <b>€55,557.33</b> or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.<br><br><b>The Consultancy element was deemed ineligible and removed.</b> |
| <b>State one of the following: -<br/>First Review / Previously<br/>Deferred or Not Recommend</b> | <b>First Review</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Funding recommended by<br/>Evaluation Committee:</b>                                          | <b>A maximum of €52,420.83 or 75% of eligible expenditure,</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>Details of private funding:</b>                                                                                                                      | Loan / bridging finance 18,519.11      25%                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO</b> (If yes provide detail)                                                                                               | <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Synopsis of project:</b>                                                                                                                             | The group carried out phase 1 of the development of the old hall under RDP 2007 – 2013. The second phase to complete the works entails the reflooring of the main centre of the hall, the replacement of rotten doors, and the re-plastering of damp laden walls. |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding</b> (List items from Project Assessment Report)<br><br><b>Total Funding</b>                                  | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b> | <b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75 %</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Construction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>€69,894.44</b>               | <b>€52,420.83</b>                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Consultancy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>€ 0</b>                      | <b>€ 0</b>                                                    |
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|                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>€69,894.44</b>               | <b>€52,420.83</b>                                             |
| <b>Was an assessment completed?:</b><br><b>Date:</b> _____                                                                                              | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019.                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>                  | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed national procurement guidelines.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b> | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed national procurement guidelines.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>                                                                                                               | Sports and recreational facilities are a vital community resource and enhance the well-being and quality of life and funding this project will bring a valuable amenity to the area benefiting both locals and visitors to the area.                              |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>                                                                                                                     | The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>                                                                                                                   | Funding this project will not cause displacement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Economic justification for project:</b>                                                                                                              | The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan under the Basic Services activity.                                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Average Score for Project:</b>                                                                                                                       | 78/100 (2 ranking)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>                                                                                                                    | A maximum of <b>€52,420.83</b> or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser                                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |                                                               |
| <b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b>                                                                                                    | <b>The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented for the following reasons: -</b><br><br>1) The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community                                                                    |                                 |                                                               |

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|  | <p>Development Plan Local Objective 1 for Basic Services.</p> <p>2) The project scored 78/100.</p> <p>3) The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will provides a vital community resource that enhances the well-being and quality of life of the residents in a rural area.</p> <p><b>A maximum of €52,420.83 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser including the following condition: -</b></p> |
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| Jobs Created | Jobs Sustained | Match Funding                                 | Previous Grant Aid Received |
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| None         | None           | Loan / bridging finance<br>18,519.11      25% | No                          |

| Confirmation that agencies / communities confirm that there is no double funding and no duplication. | Date of Confirmation | Signed By |
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| Waterford LEO                                                                                        | 02/10/2019           | B.Kirby   |

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| <p><b>Detail of Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that the hall was funded several years ago and that the promoters did an excellent job. This is Phase 11 of the project and they are looking to replace the internal floor, the doors and some re-plastering. This will fully complete the project.</li> <li>- The project was put on e-tenders and the quotations were chosen based on the most economically advantageous tender.</li> <li>- The Evaluation Committee discussed displacement and agreed that this facility is more used for social interactions for the locality including dancing, GAA, Vintage Club, Gun Club, Rosary, birthday parties and Macra, etc, and does not compete with Cappoquin.</li> <li>- The Evaluation Committee noted the younger age profile of the volunteer committee noting that they have a good track record.</li> </ul> <p>The Evaluation Committee considered this a good use of Rural Development Funds as funding will benefit the many local users in a rural area.</p> |                                         |
| <b>Amount Recommended: A maximum of €52,420.83 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>75% of Eligible Project Funding:</b> |

The members considered the above report and upheld the decision of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project.

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| <b>Proposed: H. Kiely</b>                                 | <b>Seconded by: L. Daly</b>            |
| <b>Abstentions: Three (3)– as detailed in No. 1 above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public 6:5</b> |

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| Quorum achieved: Yes | Approved |
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**8(a)(vi) All weather sports facility St Declan's Ardmore 31LDRWAT110753**

Decision of Evaluation Committee

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| <b>Project ID</b>      | <b>31LDRWAT110753</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Project Type:</b>   | SA 5.1 Community service delivery hubs                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Project Name:</b>   | <b>All Weather Sports Facility</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Promoters Name:</b> | <b>St Declan's Community Development</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Address:</b>        | <b>Duffcarrick, Ardmore, Co. Waterford</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Description:</b>    | To develop an all-weather sports facility for both young and old people in Ardmore to have access to an exercise facility, walking facility and sporting facility to be used by all clubs and visitors. |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | LO5 Basic Services                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sub-theme:</b>      | SA 5.1 Community service delivery hubs                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Link to LDS</b>     | LO5 Basic Services, SA 5.1 Community service delivery hubs                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                                                       | €256,450.98                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Eligible Project Costs</b>                                                                    | €256,450.98                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>                                                               | The cost of this project is <b>€256,450.98</b> , and the promoter has requested funding of <b>€192,337.50</b> or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser.                                         |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>State one of the following: -<br/>First Review / Previously Deferred<br/>or Not Recommend</b> | <b>First Review</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Funding recommended by<br/>Evaluation Committee:</b>                                          | A maximum of <b>€192,337.50</b> or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser including the following condition: -                                                                            |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Details of private funding:</b>                                                               | Cash/Money in account 20,600 8%<br>Loan/Bridging Finance 38,790.88<br>11,209.12(+5,886.50) 19.5%(2.5% ++)                                                                                               |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes<br/>provide detail)</b>                                    | <b>No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Synopsis of project:</b>                                                                      | To develop an all-weather sports facility for both young and old people in Ardmore to have access to an exercise facility, walking facility and sporting facility to be used by all clubs and visitors. |                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Detail exactly what WLP will be<br/>funding (List items from Project</b>                      | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Total Cost<br/>(Expenditure)</b> | <b>Grant Aid recommend by<br/>the Evaluation Committee</b> |

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| Assessment Report)                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    | <b>@ 75%</b>      |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Astro Turf Pitch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>256,451</b>     | <b>192,337.50</b> |
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| <b>Total Funding</b>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    |                   |
| <b>Was an assessment completed?:</b><br><b>Date: _____</b>                                                                                              | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                    |                   |
| <b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>                  | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters followed Category 1 national procurement guidelines, therefore deem the cost reasonable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |                   |
| <b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b> | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |                   |
| <b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>                                                                                                               | Sports and recreational facilities are a vital community resource and enhance the well-being and quality of life and funding this project will bring a valuable amenity to the area benefiting both locals and visitors to the area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                   |
| <b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>                                                                                                                     | The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed in a timely fashion. The promoter is predicting up to ten years for completing without funding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |                   |
| <b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>                                                                                                                   | Funding this project will not cause displacement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                   |
| <b>Economic justification for project:</b>                                                                                                              | The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan under the Basic Services activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |                   |
| <b>Average Score for Project:</b>                                                                                                                       | 77/100 (3 ranking)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                    |                   |
| <b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>                                                                                                                    | A maximum of <b>€192,337.50</b> or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser including the following condition: -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                    |                   |
| <b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b>                                                                                                    | <p><b>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</b></p> <p><b>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC for the following reasons: -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for Basic Services.</li> <li>2) The project scored 77/100.</li> <li>3) The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds as it will provide an additional amenity in an expanding village.</li> </ol> <p><b>A maximum of €192,337.50 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser including the following condition: -</b></p> |                    |                   |

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|  | 1) The facility must be open for rent by all comers.<br>2) Signage must be displayed to indicate that the facility can be rented to the general public, detailing how to do so. |
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| Jobs Created | Jobs Sustained | Match Funding                                                                                                          | Previous Grant Aid Received |
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| None         | None           | Cash/Money in account<br>20,600 8%<br>Loan/Bridging Finance<br>38,790.88<br>11,209.12(+5,886.50)<br>19.5%(2.5% ++)<br> | No                          |

| Confirmation that agencies / communities have confirmed that there is no double or duplication. | Date of Confirmation | Signed By |
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| Waterford LEO                                                                                   | 02/10/2019           | B Kirby   |

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| <b>Detail of Discussion:</b> The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that the GAA are giving a 15-year lease to the promoters and confirmed that the facility will be open to all.</li> <li>- The project is like the one funded in Rathgormack but without the running/walking track around it.</li> <li>- The facility will cater to the growing residents' population and visitors to Ardmore.</li> <li>- A discussion ensued on the growth of Ardmore and the rising cost of property on the Coast.</li> <li>- It will be the largest facility in West Waterford and will be used to attract Rugby, GAA, Soccer, Hockey, groups to stay in Ardmore for the weekends.</li> <li>- It was noted that there is a similar smaller facility in Old Parish but that they will not be competing.</li> <li>- Mr Jimmy Taaffe confirmed that the facility will be open to all and will not just be used by the GAA. It will be a booking process that anyone can rent including the GAA.</li> <li>- There are changing rooms already there that can be used by groups that book the facility. Parking is also available.</li> <li>- The Evaluation Committee noted that clear signage should explain that it is open for booking by the general public.</li> <li>- The promoters have the matching and bridging finance in place.</li> </ul> |                                         |
| <b>Amount Recommended: €192,337.50</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>75% of Eligible Project Funding:</b> |

The Members considered the above report. During the discussion, members raised the following points and Mr. J. Taaffe addressed the queries:

-It was suggested that the time left on the lease should be looked at when making a decision. It was confirmed in order to come before the Committee the lease must have at least 5 years remaining.

- Members felt there should be a proofing process in place to measure how a variety of groups get access over a period of time and to ensure all groups have equal access. It was confirmed that the Department Inspector will pick projects and audit the record of signage in place and as part of the audit, will consider whether there is equal access for all.

-Members also queried as to whether disability access was considered. It was confirmed that this is considered as part of the planning process

Members upheld the decision of the Evaluation Committee to fund the project.

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| <b>Proposed: H. Kiely</b>                                 | <b>Seconded by: G. Foley</b>           |
| <b>Abstentions: Three (3)– as detailed in No. 1 above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public 6:5</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>                               | <b>Approved</b>                        |

#### **8(a)(vii) Redevelopment and improvement works to Ballysaggart Community Hall 31LDRWAT110668**

##### Decision of Evaluation Committee

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

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| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                         | <b>€290,804.03</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Eligible Project Costs</b>                                      | <b>€290,804.03</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>                                 | The cost of this project is <b>€290,804.03</b> and the promoter has requested funding of <b>€200,000.00</b> or 75% of eligible costs whichever is the lesser. |
| <b>State one of the following: -<br/>First Review / Previously</b> | Previous application not recommend by Project Officer as insufficient number of quotations received therefore not evaluated                                   |

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| <b>Deferred or Not Recommend</b>                                                                                                                        | by IEC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:</b>                                                                                                     | €0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Details of private funding:</b>                                                                                                                      | Cash/Money in account 40,000 12.8%<br>Loan/Bridging Finance 214,000<br>(50,804.03) 73.6%                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)</b>                                                                                               | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Synopsis of project:</b>                                                                                                                             | This project involves an extension to and renovation of an old school house into a meeting centre and venue for social activities.                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)</b>                                                              | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b> | <b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ %</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Construction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>€290,804.02</b>              | <b>€0</b>                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>€290,804.02</b>              | <b>€0</b>                                                  |
| <b>Total Funding</b>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Was an assessment completed?: Date: _____</b>                                                                                                        | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019                                                                                                                                            |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>                  | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019                                                                                                                                            |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b> | The Procurement Process was properly conducted, and the process was totally in order.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>                                                                                                               | The Evaluation Committee agreed that the project assessment was completed on the 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019                                                                                                                                            |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>                                                                                                                     | The Project will not proceed without Grant Aid                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>                                                                                                                   | The Evaluation Committee considered displacement an issue.                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Economic justification for project:</b>                                                                                                              | The Evaluation Committee did not consider this project good value for investment.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>Average Score for Project:</b>                                                                                                                       | 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. |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>                                                                                                                    | 0%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                                            |
| <b>E. C. Executive</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>The Evaluation Committee agreed not to recommend funding this</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                 |                                                            |

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| <b>Summary/Rationale for Funding</b> | <p><b>project for the following reasons:-</b><br/> The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend not funding this project as they have the following concerns: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The funding is very tight.</li> <li>2. To remove the supervision element on a project of that scale is not wise</li> <li>3. Distance from village with no foot paths or lighting</li> <li>4. Lack of Parking</li> <li>5. What you are getting for amount of investment does not seem to represent good value for money.</li> <li>6. Funding of two halls in a community of that size.</li> <li>7. The project scored 56 /100 and not the required 65%</li> </ol> <p>A maximum of €0 or 0% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.</p> |
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| <b>Jobs Created</b> | <b>Jobs Sustained</b> | <b>Match Funding</b>                                                                           | <b>Previous Grant Aid Received</b> |
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| <b>None</b>         | <b>None</b>           | Cash/Money in account<br>40,000 12.8%<br>Loan/Bridging Finance<br>214,000<br>(50,804.03) 73.6% | <b>Yes, 2010 Training</b>          |

| <b>Confirmation that agencies / communities are not double funding or duplicating on this project.</b> | <b>Date of Confirmation</b> | <b>Signed By</b> |
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| <b>Waterford LEO</b>                                                                                   | <b>02/10/2019</b>           | <b>B Kirby</b>   |

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| <p>The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Jimmy Taaffe said that the promoters have submitted an excellent application and that the only reason he is not recommending approval 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, he would be recommending it.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that Mr Micheal Walsh CEO WC&amp;CC offered to put a CPO on the car park area of the Sport Hall in order to have the new facility built there.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul> |
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- 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 that happening 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 questioned if it was 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 the Ballysaggart group will now be supervising.
- The Evaluation Committee expressed the opinion that it is hard to see a quarter million euro 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 agreed 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:**

Mr. J. Taaffe synthesised the main points above. The main points noted and agreed by the LAG were as follows:

- One community project currently underway is unfinished and proving very costly to complete
- Two halls is unjustified in terms of cost and considered unsustainable having regard to population of approximately 300 people.
- It was agreed that community consensus is required.

The members upheld the decision of the Evaluation Committee not to fund the project.

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| <b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>                                 | <b>Seconded by: L. Daly</b>                 |
| <b>Abstentions: Three (3)– as detailed in No. 1 above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public 6:5</b>      |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>                               | <b>Project was not approved for funding</b> |

**8(a)(vii) Update on Appeal: LAG decision of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and deferral on 12 September.** The Warehouse-2B Climbing Limited 31LDRWAT109989

This matter was dealt with under Item 5 – Matters arising – detailed above.

**8(b) Approval of advance administration funding to WLP – 01.11.19 – 31.12.19**

Mr. J. Taaffe, CEO of Waterford Leader Partnership stepped out of the meeting having earlier declared a C.O.I., (No. 1 above refers)

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| <b>Proposed: N/A</b>                                                   | <b>Seconded by: N/A</b>                                                               |
| <b>Abstentions: Four (4)– as detailed in No. 1 and No 3.(ii) above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public 5 : Public 5</b><br><i>(inadequate for voting requirements)</i> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: No</b>                                             | <b>Deferred</b>                                                                       |

Mr. Taaffe returned to the meeting.

**8(c) Project extension request: Blackwater Distillery at Ballyduff 31LDRWAT103411**

The project, having received a two month extension at the July LCDC meeting, is currently delayed with a snagging issue and excavation was deemed necessary to identify a damp problem. A further three month extension was requested by the promoter to enable them to fully complete the project and facilitate submission of their final claim and extend their contract to the 14<sup>th</sup> December '19.

Arising from the above, the promoters had run out of time to draw down the funding. It was noted that The Project Contract is at the end of its second year, and under the Leader Rules it is not possible to facilitate a further extension.

Having considered the matter, the LAG determined that a further extension was not possible and did not approve the project extension request.

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| <b>Proposed: A. Wyse</b> | <b>Seconded by: L. Daly</b> |
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| <b>Abstentions: Three – as detailed at No. 1 above</b> | <b>Revised Non-Public : Public 6 : 5</b> |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>                            | <b>Extension not approved</b>            |

**8(d) Department approval to Local Development Strategy Review**

D. Tuohy confirmed that the Department approval to the LDS review had been received.  
No questions arose. Noted.

10 **Reports from sub-committees:** - Rural coordination sub-group: Report to be brought to future meeting

11 **Correspondence –**

No further correspondence. All items of correspondence were dealt with as part of Agenda items above.

12 **A.O.B.** - None

13 **Date and venue of next meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 11.00a.m. Council Chamber, Dungarvan.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON                      DATE