



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Extract of Board Minutes

DATE: Monday 24th Feb 2020
TIME: 6.30 pm
VENUE: Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

LEADER

LO 5 Basic Services	SA 5.1	Board Members Observations
Clonea Power Community Hall Restoration	€200,000	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee
LEADER Food Budget		
Waterford Festival of Foods	€64,555.50	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee
LO 1 Economic Development	SA 1.2	
Lismore Music Festival	€50,000	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee
	SA 1.1	
Camphire International Horse Trials & Country Fair 2020	€56,626.20	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee
LO 7 Rural Environment	SA 7.2	
Ardmore National School	€8,342.25	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee
Biodiversity Audit Cheekpoint	€1,500.00	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee

Villierstown Tree Planting	€2,745.28	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee
Clashmore Community Biodiversity Action Plan	€2,687.97	Board Members agreed with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee

A discussion took place in relation to the funding of the three festivals above. Board Members expressed concerns that there is not a clear policy on the funding of festivals and queried why these three were being funded over other festivals in the County. Mr Jimmy Taaffe clarified that the Waterford Festival of Food project is being funded from a separate budget allocated by the Department for Food and that no other festival is eligible to apply. He advised that this will be the final year of funding for both Camphire and the Lismore Opera Festival as both these will move towards other sourcing of funding going forward i.e. Eventing Ireland and the Arts Festival.

The Camphire Horse Trials and the Lismore Opera Festival are being funded based on meeting the criteria in the Local Development Strategy (LDS) of the opening of the Great Houses along the River Blackwater, most other festivals will not meet this criteria.

Board Members noted that both festivals appear quite elitist and queried the benefit. Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that they are an enormous benefit to the area for bed nights and bringing footfall to the region. Board Members agreed that this should be the final year of funding and that this should be clearly documented to the promoters.

Jimmy Taaffe
26/02/2020.