



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 11th June 2020, teleconference Conference Room, Dungarvan at 11.00 a.m.

***Physically Present**

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley *	PPN / Environment	1. Cllr. J. Pratt Chair *	Mayor, Elected Rep
Phone attendees		2. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan Vice Chair	Elected Representative
2. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	3. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
3. Richie Grant	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	4. Michael O'Brien	Manager, WWETB
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/Social Inclusion	5. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
5. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	6. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
6. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
7. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary		
8. Gerald Hurley	C.E.O. Waterford Chamber		
Apologies:			
1. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	1. Cllr. Adam Wyse	Elected Representative
2. Richard Awosika	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Liam Daly	Rgr. Mgr. Dept social protection

Staff Physically Present: D. Tuohy Chief Officer, E. Hickey S.O. K. Moynihan S.O.

Phone attendee: I. Grimes Director of Services

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	15
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 79%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	8 non-public : 7 public 53% non-public: 47% public

- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8; Public 7; 15 members in attendance.
The Chair Mayor John Pratt opened the meeting.

2. Apologies

As per table above, apologies were noted.

3. Resignation of Liam Daly, DSP and nomination of replacement to the LAG

D. Tuohy confirmed he had received the resignation of Liam Daly D.S.P. arising from his reassignment to another position within his Department. The Chair, Chief Officer and members of the LAG thanked Mr. Daly for his excellent service and input to the LCDC.

Brendan Lawton D.S.P. has been recommended as replacement and the matter will be placed before the Plenary Council for ratification at the upcoming June meeting.

4. Conflict of Interest

- (i) Chief Officer, D. Tuohy confirmed that the 2020 COI declaration and register of interest forms for all members were completed and returned.
- (ii) D. Tuohy 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.

Agreed

5. Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on March 12th 2020.

Proposed: L. O'Sullivan	Seconded by: J. Somers
Abstentions: N/A	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

6. Matters arising: No matters arising – Noted

7. (a) Decision relating to attendance at future meetings (via telephone/videoconferencing facility) –

D. Tuohy referred to the arrangement available to the LAG regarding holding LAG meetings via telephone or other video conferencing facility owing to the difficulties posed by the COVID 19 virus. The provisions of Circular 5 2020 requires the approval of the LAG to permit its members attend future LAG meetings and make decisions at those meetings via telephone or other video conferencing facility.

A discussion ensued and members felt that telephone communication is not a good system and a preference for visual communication was expressed. It was suggested that two venues could be

considered for holding the meetings, with members physically attending City Hall Waterford and Civic Offices Dungarvan using video communication platforms, for example Microsoft Teams.

It was proposed that in the context of the COVID 19 virus and for the duration considered appropriate that future meetings would be held by telephone or videoconference. Standing Orders would be amended accordingly.

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: G. Hurley
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

7 (b) Approval to permit Evaluation Committee members to attend future EC meetings via telephone/video conference facility until further notice by the Department.

Having regard to the Provisions of Circular 5 2020, D. Tuohy stated that the approval of the LAG was sought to permit Evaluation Committee members attend future EC meetings via telephone or other video conferencing facility until further notice by the Department.

Proposed: J. Beresford	Seconded by: H. Kiely
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

8. Circulars: D. Tuohy, Chief Officer gave an overview of Circulars 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08. Noted.

9. Rural Development Programme.

(a) Project Extension requests (Extranet)

J. Taaffe briefed the members as per documentation before the meeting for approval.

31LDRWAT111848: Camphire International Horse Trails and Country Fair 2020. Approval to a project extension was sought to October 1st 2021 as the event, due to take place from 29th July – 2nd August, has to be cancelled due to restrictions arising from the Covid 19 virus. J. Taaffe confirmed the funding would be drawn down next year.

31LDRWAT106839: Fisherman's Hall development project. Approval to contract extension was sought. The contract expiry date was 20th July 2019 and was extended to the 20th November 2019. The works are fully complete and an extension to February 2021 was sought to enable snagging to be completed which will form the final claim due in February 2021.

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: J. Beresford
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Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

(b) Expressions of Interest: J. Taaffe referred to the list of projects circulated. He confirmed that progress was positive and approximately €1.45m in project funding was expected arising from the January and February calls. Despite COVID 19, projects were progressing, including in the tourism sector.

(c) Funding reallocations – update for noting:

J. Taaffe confirmed that he had been in contact with the Department regarding reallocations of RDP funding and a response was awaited from them.

(d) Glasha Hydro project update: J. Taaffe reported that as full planning permission was required, it was agreed with the applicants that the project would be better suited to the next LEADER programme

(e) Transnational projects – for noting. J. Taaffe updated the members on the audio visual display for the Portlaw project and confirmed the Dunmore East Sea Scouts project was out to tender.

D. Tuohy queried if the three major festivals discussed at the March meeting have been informed re LAG decision not to fund in 2021. J. Taaffe confirmed that following final allocations made, they will not be able to reapply, money allocated is ringfenced and allocations transferred to 2021.

10. Report of the Rural Coordination sub-committee:

R. Walsh reported as follows:

- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – The Mount Congreve project has commenced and an announcement on the next round of funding, which will include an application for Cappoquin, is due to be announced either in late June or early July.
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVR); Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS); CLÁR – These schemes have been opened for applications for 2020 with an overall national budget of €30 million. Based on previous public calls for expressions of interest, applications will be submitted under TVR for Aglish; Clashmore; Comeragh Uplands, Stradbally, Portlaw and Local Link. Equally the standard elements of ORIS and CLÁR are primarily dictated by existing priorities. However, both TVR and CLÁR have Covid response elements in 2020 and these require further consultation before final determination of projects to be submitted

10. **Correspondence:** None

11. **A.O.B.**

- Covid-19 Restart Grants – R. Walsh confirmed an SLA has been signed between the local authority and Enterprise Ireland and funds are now in place to commence the process for approvals and payment of grants. First payments should issue to businesses in the next few days.
- S. Cooke requested that Rural Development report be circulated by email.

12. **Date and venue of next meeting:** Thursday 9th July 2020 at 11.00 a.m.

Meeting Closed

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CHAIRPERSON DATE