



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT113902
Project Type:	Economic Development - L.O. 1 – Rural Tourism; S.A. 1.4 Hostels
Project Name:	St Declan's Hostel
Promoters Name:	Mount Melleray Abbey
Address:	Mount Melleray Abbey, Mount Melleray, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford.
Description:	The project is the second and final phase in the completion of a Hostel Facility for walkers and travellers in the former noviciate building in the Historic Mt. Melleray Abbey located right on the pathway of the famous St. Declan's Pilgrim walk from Cashel in Co. Tipperary to Ardmore in Co. Waterford. This part of the project involves equipping the newly refurbished building with a commercial kitchen, ware and appropriate bedding for visiting guests.
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub-theme:	L.O. 1 , S.A. 1.4
Link to LDS	L.O.1, S.A. 1.4

Total Project Costs	45,831.97
Eligible Project Costs	45,831.97
Funding sought by promoter:	22,915.99
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	22,915.99
Details of private funding:	Own Funds and Philanthropic Funds
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No
Synopsis of project:	This part of the project involves equipping the newly refurbished building with a commercial kitchen, ware and appropriate bedding for visiting guests.

Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost 45,831.97(Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 50%
	Food Equip	Kitchen	25,602
	Nisbets	Ware	1,891.17
	Sleeptite	Beds	18,338.80
Total Funding			45,831.97
Was an assessment completed?: Date: _____	12/10/2020		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	N/A		
Innovative Element of the project:	St Declan's Hostel is the first hostel specifically designed for those walking St Declan's Way.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The Evaluation Committee agreed that deadweight is not an issue as without funding this project will not proceed.		
Consideration of Displacement:	Displacement is not an issue as there is lack of accommodation on the Waterford section of the St Declan's Walk		
Economic justification for project:	The project fits the Local Development Strategy plan for Rural Tourism.		
Average Score for Project:	86/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	50%		
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project links to the Co Waterford Local Community Development Plan Local Objective 1 for Rural Tourism. 2. The project scored 86/100. 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.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
	2	Yes	E144,000

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minibus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
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B Kirby – LEO – No issue with Double Funding	13/10/2020	B Kirby
Ivona Carr – FI – No issue with double funding	14/10/2020	I Carr

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

- Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that Phase 1 has been finished to a very high standard. Phase 2 is about equipping the renovated building with a commercial kitchen, bunk beds, kitchen equipment and ware.
- A Committee Member queried the status of St. Declan's Way Walk. Mr Jimmy Taaffe confirmed that it is completed and advised that they are going for approval with the National Trails Office (NTO). This will provide full insurance cover. WLP, WC&CC and the St Declan's Way Committee are responsible for the walk until it is approved by the NTO.
- WLP has applied for a walks scheme to cover both St Declan's Way and the Anne Valley Walk and if successful each of the landowners will be paid between €800 to €2000 to maintain their section of the walk depending on length.
- St Declan's Way is becoming increasingly popular with walkers and has received much publicity. Mount Mellerary has begun to organise walks which are proving very popular.
- The Committee noted the capability of the Abbott who has the skills to successfully see the project to completion. Mr Jimmy Taaffe advised that another member in his 40's will be joining the monastery shortly which will be a great help to the Abbott.
- The lack of accommodation options along St Declan's Way on the Waterford side was discussed.
- The Evaluation Committee noted the Monasteries importance as a major attraction in Co Waterford with year-round visitors.

A maximum of **€22,915.99** or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended:22,915.99	50% of Eligible Project Funding:22,915.99
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Signed: _____ **Signed:** _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee **Committee Member**

Date: _____ **Date:** _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response
None	

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

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



Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 28/10/2020

Project Title: St. Declan's Hostel

Time: 11am - 12-30pm.

Project Reference Number: 3140RWAT113902.

Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>6</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>5</u>		19	16
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>5</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>5</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>6</u>		25	21
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>7</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>5</u>		25	22

	Financial Plan	6/25	\$			
	Deadweight	6/25	\$			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?				13	11
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?				18	16
Total					100	86

N.B. Project must receive a minimum score of 65% prior to being recommended for approval.

- Has the potential level of deadweight been assessed for this project? YES / ~~NO~~
- i.e. would the project proceed without LEADER funding? ~~YES~~ / NO

Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee: Recommend funding as presented

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 28/10/2020

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Thursday 29 October 2020 12:43
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Evaluation Committee meeting on 28th October 2020

Dear Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the Evaluation Committee Meeting held on 28th October 2020 and I am in agreement with them.

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson
WLP Evaluation Committee

