



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 8th April 2021, teleconference via Zoom at 11.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan	Elected representative
2. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	2. Brendan Lawton	Reg. Mgr. Dept Social Protection
3. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	3. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
4. Michael Bowe	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	4. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
5. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
6. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
7. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
8. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Cllr. D Geoghegan	Mayor Public Rep
9. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	8. Cllr. Adam Wyse	Elected representative
10. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	9. Michael O'Brien	WWETB

Staff Present: I. Grimes D.o.S., D. Tuohy Chief Officer, J. Codd A/S.O, Emma Smyth A.S.O. Susan Whelan A/S.S.O,

Observer: Angeline Drennan, WLP

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees	7 non-public : 6 public

% ratio non-public/public attendees	54% non-public: 46% public
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1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 7: Public 6; 13 members in attendance.
Deputy Chair Lola O’Sullivan opened the meeting.

2. **Apologies:** As per table above, apologies were noted.

3. **Conflict of Interest:**

- (i) No declarations submitted for this meeting
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Quorum achieved 7:6 in favour of non-public sector. Derval Howley agreed to step down from voting if required.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on March 25th 2021.**

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by S. Cooke
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

5. **Matters arising:** None.

6. **Circulars:**

- i) Circular 03-2021
- ii) Update to circular 02-2021

Chief Officer D Tuohy outlined the provisions of Circular 03 2021 and the update to Circular 02-2021, both are administration themed circulars.

7. **Rural Development Programme.**

(a) **Project approvals:** None

(b) Extensions

One extension requests has been submitted for consideration:

- i) 31LDRWAT109880 Waterford Suir Valley Railway

Chief Officer D Tuohy informed the committee that a second six month extension was required for this project due to delays caused by Covid_19.

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: J. Beresford
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

(c). Transitional Leader Programme

Chief Officer D. Tuohy noted that since the Press Release announcement of additional funding from the Department, no further communication has been received. €2 million is expected with €1.5m available for projects. The matter will be discussed at the May LAG meeting at which point further information should have been received.

8. Social Inclusion Sub Group.

This group was established to explore social inclusion in the context of the Rural Development Programme and how best to ensure that social inclusion measures are integrated into the RDP but without duplicating other programmes and in particular SICAP. The group will meet on 12th April to consider how best to identify and address any gaps in social inclusion in Waterford. The LECP is due for renewal and the group aim to have a report with a gap analysis ready for submission to assist in structuring the forthcoming LECP accordingly. H. Kiely commented that the RDP always had an element of Social inclusion and it is important to maximize its potential impact. D Tuohy noted that the LCDC has the appropriate membership representatives for this purpose.

9. Correspondence: None

10. A.O.B.

G Foley noted the upcoming launch of the Migrant Integration Strategy. D Tuohy encouraged members to attend this event as the Migrant Integration Strategy is an LCDC-led initiative.

In relation to Leader projects, D. Tuohy reminded members that project details are available on the Extranet a week in advance of LAG meetings and encouraged all to review same and to ask as many

questions as necessary on each project by way of phone or email in advance of the LAG meetings and again on the day of the meetings.

10. **Date and venue of next meeting:** 11.00am Thursday 13th May 2021, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed _____
CHAIRPERSON DATE