

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday April 8th 2021 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

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

Staff Present: D. Tuohy Chief Officer, Ivan Grimes DoS, J. Codd A/S.O., Susan Whelan S.O., Emma Smyth A.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 % ratio non-public/public attendees	7 non-public : 6 public 54% non-public: 46% public

Confirmation of Quorum:

1. Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 7 & Public 6, total 13 members attending. In the absence of Mayor Damien Geoghegan Cllr Lola O'Sullivan took the chair and opened the meeting

2. **Apologies:**

Apologies, as detailed in the table above, were noted. In the absence of Jimmy Taaffe, Angeline Drennan attended the meeting to address any queries that may arise in relation to Waterford Leader Partnership.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 18th March 2021**

Proposed: C. Quinlan	Seconded by: S. Cooke
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. **Matters arising: None**

5. **a. Report from SICAP Sub Committee**

D. Tuohy confirmed that the sub-committee had not met in advance of LCDC meeting after it was agreed at the last LCDC meeting to continue to fund SICAP until the end of June 2021 to allow WAP to address outstanding historical issues and complete their 2019 Company Audited Accounts.

M. Bowe thanked the LCDC for approving the extension which will allow WAP the time to address any outstanding issues and confirmed that good progress is being made in that regard. After discussions with the Charities Regulator's Office they are now back on the Charities Register. Work is continuing on Themes 1 and 2. The SICAP Plan 2021 has been submitted to the Department. Once the financial issues have been addressed the next piece of work that the Board is going to undertake will be around restructuring within the organization. The members of the LCDC thanked M. Bowe for the progress update.

6. **Reports from subcommittees:**

- a. Skills/Training:**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy gave an update on the work of the Skills Sub-committee which met on the 23rd March. WSTCYS have applied for funding to allow them to assist 90 youths from disadvantaged backgrounds. Engagement with Waterford Leader Partnership re funding to lessen the digital divide, long term funding for youth training and particularly disadvantaged hard to reach youth is ongoing. Waterford Leader Partnership and WWETB are continuing to try to establish possible funding streams for a fabrication laboratory for Waterford - it is hoped to have an update for the next LCDC meeting. WWETB are running many initiatives around youth skills and development.

S. Cooke asked if there were any updates re support and employment schemes (Community Employment Scheme, etc). B. Lawton mentioned that 3000 places available under employment

supports as part of last July's Stimulus Package but these positions are difficult to fill at the moment because of the current restrictions but once people start to come off the Pandemic Unemployment Payment scheme the Department of Social Protection have a plan in place to address it. M. Bowe stated that WAP would hope to be involved in the new TUS Programme.

b. Healthy Waterford:

D. Tuohy issued the update and mentioned that work with the "Keep Well Campaign" and the Resilience Fund is ongoing and an invitation will issue to the Healthy Waterford Coordinator to address the LCDC at a later date.

D. Howley mentioned that a Positive Ageing Event is taking place on the 20th April 2021. Work on a proposal for disadvantaged areas in Waterford ongoing and further details to issue when available.

D. Howley left the meeting.

7. Correspondence

Six items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the committee, all were circulated previously

- a. Reminder Invitation to Register: SICAP Support Workshops 25th March, 30th March and 31st March 2021 circulated on the 23th March 2021.
- b. Health and Wellbeing Webinar on "Positive Psychology & Happiness" circulated on the 23th March 2021.
- c. Launch of Our Rural Future, Ireland's new Rural Development Policy circulated on the 25th March 2021.
- d. Message from Covid-19 Stakeholder Communications Support circulated on the 25th March 2021.
- e. Climate Action Plan 2021 Consultation Process circulated on the 29th March 2021.
- f. Review of National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability circulated on the 7th April 2021.

8. AOB

In relation to the Rural Development Policy which was raised by J. Somers, D. Tuohy confirmed that it would be discussed further at the next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting:

LAG/LCDC meeting: 11.00am 13th May 2021, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____

