

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday November 11th 2021 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

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

Staff Present: D. Tuohy Chief Officer, K. Moynihan S.O., J. Codd S.O.

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 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 7 & Public 6, total 13 members attending. Cllr. Quinlan took the chair and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Apologies, as detailed in the table above, were noted by the committee.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 14th October 2021

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: D. Howley
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. Matters arising:

None

5. SICAP

a. Annual Plan 2022 & Statement of Priorities 2022

A detailed presentation was made by MI. Bowe (WAP) and staff.

Following the presentation, Chief Officer D. Tuohy stated that the 2022 programme has been reviewed in detail. The draft plan was to be on IRIS by November 12th, however, Pobal have extended this date nationally with the exact extension date to be decided. Nationally, the SICAP budget has been increased by 10% and the Minister is currently deciding how the increased funding should be allocated, hence the extension to the deadline.

The members commended the work completed to date by WAP, given the difficult circumstances. They also highlighted the role of the LCDC in avoiding duplication of activities/delivery of services. D. Tuohy referenced the upcoming drafting of a new LECP with coordination of activities being an important element of the plan.

b. Update on the SICAP Case Study – MI. Bowe

It was agreed that this presentation was to be postponed until the December meeting.

(MI Bowe and staff left the meeting). M. Walsh agreed to abstain from decisions for the remainder of the meeting to balance the quorum in favour of the non public side.

c. Report from SICAP subcommittee

Chief Officer reported that the 2022 Annual Plan and Statement of Priorities had been addressed through the SICAP subcommittee and their engagement with WAP. These were reviewed in detail with WAP with the members satisfied with the planning and key issue identification. The three priorities identified are: 1) New Communities, 2) Older People and 3) Long Term Unemployed. The subcommittee were keen to stress that the needs of other groups that had been identified in previous years will not be left unaddressed e.g. disability and substance misuse. The adoption of the Statement of Priorities as proposed by the SICAP subcommittee was proposed:

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: D Howley
Abstentions: M. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

d. Approval of SICAP December payment

Chief Officer stated that there had been tangible improvements made by WAP and that the SICAP subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the December payment.

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: D. Howley
Abstentions: M. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

6. Reports from subcommittees:

a. Skills/Training:

Chief Officer D. Tuohy stated that the Skills Sub-committee visited the Fablab in Enniscorthy on November 8th which proved to be very interesting. Wexford Co. Co gave a grant of €60/80k for the development. The facility is run and managed by WWETB and addresses issues of employment/unemployment and upskilling. The feasibility of a similar facility for West Waterford is being considered by WCCC, WWETB and WLP with progress being made.

b. Healthy Waterford:

Chief Officer D. Tuohy extended an invitation to members to an Active City/County event on November 12th. In addition, members were informed that the Healthy Ireland Fund has been extended to the end of March 2022 with the coordinator post funded to this time also. This post is being mainstreamed into the LA sector by April nationally. With regard to the Healthy Communities position, this will be filled shortly and the person appointed by December.

c. Social Inclusion:

Chief Officer D. Tuohy informed the members that the consultant will make a presentation on the final report in December. When adopted, it will be a key strategic document for the LCDC and its constituent agencies. Work is being completed currently with ongoing engagement with the LCDC subcommittee.

7. 2021 Dormant Accounts Funding for LGBTI organizations: €10,800 approved for ChillOUT LGBTI+ Youth Group and The Rogue Gallery and Studios

This item was noted by the members.

8. Proposed change to schedule of LCDC/LAG meetings

It was agreed that the next LCDC meeting will take place on December 16th 2021.

9. Correspondence

Ten items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the committee; all were circulated previously.

- a. Our Rural Future – Presentation circulated by email on the 14th October 2021
- b. Invitation: Implementation Network Meeting 11th November circulated by email on the 14th October 2021
- c. Budget 2022: Ministers Humphreys and O’Brien deliver €376 million for Rural and Community Development circulated by email on the 14th October 2021
- d. Invitation: Sláintecare Healthy Communities Launch Webinar circulated by email on the 15th October 2021
- e. Rethink Ireland: Rural Recovery Fund circulated by email on the 26th October 2021
- f. Children First Awareness Week 1-7 November circulated by email on the 26th October 2021
- g. Covid-19 – Partner Pack Update circulated by email on the 29th October 2021
- h. Save the date- Information session on Active Waterford taking place on 12th November – Healthy Waterford
- i. Covid 19 Partner pack circulated on November 10th 2021
- j. Registration link for "An Opportunity for a More Active Waterford" Information session circulated on November 10th 2021

10. AOB:

1. Chief Officer, D. Tuohy informed the members that the new Community Enhancement Programme – termed the Communities Activities Fund - has just been announced with Waterford LCDC receiving €289k. The aim of the fund is to assist communities – particularly those that are disadvantaged - recover from the effects of Covid 19. It is proposed to launch in the media during the first week of December with a closing date of January 14th 2022. Max allocation per group recommended as being €8/10k.

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: Cllr P. Nugent
Abstentions: M. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

2. Members were informed that the Migrant Support Worker, who had been on a 12 month contract with WIS, has obtained a full time post with WWETB and has resigned. A new worker will now be recruited. LCDC Member organisations were reminded that contributions were still being sought for this post which was essential to enable the actions set out in the LCDC Migrant Integration Strategy to be implemented.

11. Date of next meeting:

LAG/LCDC meeting: 11.00am 16th December 2021, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____