

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday April 14th 2022 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

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

Staff Present: I. Grimes, Acting Chief Officer, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O.

1. Total current Membership	19
2. Total attendees	14
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 74%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	8 non-public: 6 public 57% non-public: 43% public

1. Confirmation of Quorum:

Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer S. Breathnach confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8 & Public 6, total 14 members attending. Mayor Kelly 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

- LCDC Meeting held on 10th February 2022 (on extranet)

Proposed: Cllr. P. Nugent	Seconded by: J. Taaffe
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. Matters arising

B. Fell asked for the minutes of the February 2022 meeting to be amended This reflects the query made re SICAP target group that was previously recorded as youth unemployment but should have read substance misuse.

5. Reports from Sub-committees:

- A. Skills: J. Codd confirmed that The Skills Enhancement Sub-Group is due to meet on 27th April and an update will be available at the May LCDC meeting'
- B. Healthy Waterford: J. Codd informed the members that the closing date for application for the new Coordinator position is April 28th. Appointment should be in place May/June timeframe. Round 4 should begin approximately around that time. Round 3 is being closed out by WCCC and WAP staff currently.
- C. Social Inclusion: The sub-committee is meeting on April 25th for a one item agenda to discuss the implementation of the Social Inclusion report recently approved by the LCDC members.

6. The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme

Derval Howley informed the members that the local coordinator is now in place with WCCC also hosting the national lead. Local Implementation Groups covering the three areas within Waterford are being established currently.

7. Approval of SICAP Q2 2022 Funding

As discussed at the March LCDC meeting. WAP, having met all requirements, funds in the sum of €320,242.50 are to be paid.

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: S. Cooke
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

8. Update on Ukrainian Refugee Response

Chief Officer S. Breathnach updated the members. 260-300 Ukrainians are currently in hotels in Waterford as organized by IPAS. Three centers (Dungarvan Sports Centre, Crystal Sports Centre and Carrichpherrish Sports Hall) plus a Guest House have been set up by WCCC and WAP covering 208 beds. There is a requirement for 75 extra beds per week going forward.

Very good cooperation between WCCC, WAP, Red Cross, Dungarvan West Waterford Chamber and many other partners. 5 families have left the Dungarvan Centre to go to more permanent accommodation with another to go this weekend. Key challenges are the number of staff available to provide supports and identifying and securing more accommodation. The review of pledges for accommodation has moved from the Red Cross to WCCC. A request for members to review their own organizations to identify any staff that could be utilized as volunteers was made. Staff are primarily being used to complete assessment of needs of Ukrainian arrivals.

Following queries from S. Cooke, S. Breathnach clarified (1) that potentially 3-5k Ukrainians could arrive in Waterford. (2) WCCC would be issuing requests to the broader community to secure holiday homes/second homes to be used as housing. (3) An offer to utilize office accommodation in Dunhill for Ukrainians to remote work was warmly received.

9. LECP

K. Moynihan informed the members that an internal meeting within WCCC had taken place on April 14th to discuss beginning the process. The department are running webinars periodically to assist with the development of the new plans. For the Community portion of the plan, LCDC members J. Somers and M. Flannigan have volunteered to become members of the advisory group. The Economic SPC are meeting towards the end of April to nominate their members with Community and Economic staff meeting on April 26th for discussions.

10. Period Poverty Project

J. Codd informed the members that this was originally a Dublin based initiative that's being rolled out across the country. Waterford has been allocated €15k to distribute free sanitary products from Public Buildings.

11. Correspondence:

- a. Details of the 2022 Clar scheme announced by The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD
- b. €1.25 million Equity in Education Fund applications deadline extended

- c. Launch of nomination portal for recognition of volunteers who made a contribution during the pandemic
- d. Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys launches new “Pubs as Community Hubs” Pilot Programme
- e. WWETB: Further Education and Training Fair
- f. 2022 Community Safety Innovation Fund
- g. Two Streams of E.U. Funding has become available involving communities in collaboration to enhance wellbeing, sustainability, and the local environment.
- h. Funding call for public engagement to enhance communities

12. AOB:

- 1. S. Cooke asked if a list of funding opportunities could be created to circulated to members that come from the various correspondence issued during each month. This will be looked into by K. Moynihan
- 2. D. Howley informed the members that she is taking extended leave for three months and whether a temporary replacement could be nominated. This will be addressed outside the meeting with LCDC Chief Officer.

13. Date of next meeting:

LAG/LCDC meeting: **Thursday May 12th at 10am**, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____