Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday June 9th 2022 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Non Public Sector: Public Sector

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

Staff Present: I. Grimes D.O.S. S Breathnach A/Chief Officer, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O. O Matiut S.S.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	15
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 79%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	8 non-public : 7 public 53% non-public: 47% public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record Acting Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach informed the attendees that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8: Public 7.

   In the absence of Chair Joe Kelly, Deputy Chair Eamonn Quinlan opened the meeting.

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

3. Confirmation of Minutes

   - LCDC Meeting held on 12th May 2022 (on extranet)

Proposed: J Taaffe	**Seconded by: Cllr. P. Nugent**
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	**Approved**

4. **Matters arising**

   J Codd confirmed, following correspondence with HSE, that Derval Howley will return to the LCDC committee on return from extended leave.

5. **Reports from Sub-committees:**

   A. **Skills:** J. Codd informed the committee that the skills subgroup has not met since the last LCDC meeting. Sinead Doody will be invited to present her findings from a recent research project examining the area of NEETs.
   B. **Healthy Waterford:** J Codd informed the committee The HW committee met on 27th May to prepare for the rollout of R4. The agreed actions and next steps are as follows. A request for new rep from SETU is to issue as Mairead Barry has stood down. Kevin Moynihan and Ovi Matiut to be invited to the committee as perspectives from 'Slaintecare', 'Care of the Aged', 'Comhairle na nÓg' and 'Connecting for Life' are required for shaping and developing round 4 actions. Catherine Power is to remain as Chair for the foreseeable future. The next meeting is to be a mapping exercise to examine the relationship and streamlining of Healthy Waterford, Healthy Cities, Active Cities and Slaintecare this needs to be undertaken to avoid duplications and to create synergies or economies of scale and to maximise the impact and value for money achievable on each initiative. Final R3 reports still await upload Pobal have been contacted to address portal access issues. Recruitment of R4 Coordinator is ongoing, job spec to be circulated to the committee. The position will be filled by July. An initial tranche of €40k is available for the R4 planning phase and guidance or criteria on this phase has been requested and circulated. R4 Grant agreement form has been received, signed copy will be retuned forthwith.

C. **Social Inclusion:** I Grimes updated the committee on Social inclusion issues and advised that a KPI reduction on Goal One will be sought due to the redeployment of SICAP resources to the Ukrainian response.

D. **Review of subcommittees:** H Kiely requested that each subcommittee hold a review of their membership and remit to optimize productivity. TIG is a standalone committee and does not fall under the auspices of the LCDC. The community call has been re-launched to assist in the Ukrainian response and S Breathnach will provide updates to the LCDC on this work.

6. For approval LCDC Annual Report.

As per the document on Extranet. The annual report is a high level summary of the activities of the LCDC during for the previous year and must be approved by the members. Details and statistics relating to attendance, targets achieved in SICAP and RDP are included for members approval.

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

7. Approval of SICAP Q3 Fund to Waterford Area Partnership €320,242.50

Proposed: M. Flannagan	**Seconded by: J. Taaffe**
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	**Approved**

8. Ukrainian Response

S Breathnach updated the committee regarding the Ukrainian relief effort. There are four rest centres in operation. Two will revert to community use in the near future namely Dungarvan Sports Centre and Carrickphierish. Two replacement centres will be launched to cater for demand. There are approx 1000 refugees in Waterford at present, initial estimations were pitched at 3000. Many Ukrainians have good English and good qualifications and are keen to work. WWETB training classes are working well.

9. Slaintecare update – Ovi Matiut

Slaintecare staff continue to engage and meet with community representatives. A recent conference took place which focused on pre launch preparation.

10. LECP

The Advisory Group met on May 27th and a further meeting is planned for July 11th with membership almost finalised. The tender for the Community element of the plan has been issued with a closing date of June 13th

11. Correspondence

a. Children First and Responses to Ukraine Crisis' – DCEDIY
b. Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys announces €700,000 to support the return of Agricultural Shows in 2022
c. Our Rural Future:: Minister Humphreys launches new funding stream to support Local Authorities to purchase vacant & derelict buildings for conversion to community use
d. National Hairdressing Apprenticeship briefings
e. National Stakeholder Forum for final consultation on the draft of the Second SDG National Implementation Plan 2022-2024

12. AOB

a) Reversion to meetings in person. A hybrid of physical meetings and videoconferencing is being explored by I.S. The committee can also consider the continuation of videoconferencing and meeting in person once per quarter.
b) Under CEP 2021 Top of the City Gardens wish to request change of use of the €4,500 they were awarded under CEP 2021. Originally they were awarded the grant for a water connection to the site but due to construction work behind the garden walls, on the grounds of the old St Joseph's House, they now find out that it may take another year or two for them to be in the position of having a permanent connection to water. Therefore they wish to request change of use to purchase a greenhouse as their greenhouse was destroyed during the winter. They have submitted the three quotations required.

Proposed: G. Foley	**Seconded by: J. Taaffe**
Abstentions: E Quinlan	
Quorum achieved: Yes	**Approved**

c) Heather Kiely observed that PPN representatives tended to the most proactive on the committee in terms of driving proposals and asked all members to contribute as much as possible in future.

13. Date of next meeting: 14th July 2022 via videoconference.

<u>Meeting Closed</u>

Signed:

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Chairperson Waterford LCDC