

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday September 8th 2022 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Mayor John O'Leary (Chair)	Elected representative
2. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Cllr. Pat Nugent	Elected representative
3. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	3. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
4. Heather Kiely	PPN / Community & Voluntary	4. Alec Kirby	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. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	8. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
9. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber		
10. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
		9. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE

Staff Present: I. Grimes D.O.S., S. Breathnach, K. Moynihan, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O.

1. Total current Membership	19
2. Total attendees	18
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 94%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	10 non-public : 8 public 50% non-public: 40% public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record S. Breathnach informed the attendees that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 10: Public 8.
2. **Apologies.**
As per table above apologies were noted.
3. Resignation of Brendan Lawton (DSP) with Alec Kirby as replacement – for approval

Proposed: H. Kiely	Seconded by: S. Cooke
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

(Alec Kirby joined the meeting)

4. Confirmation of Minutes

- LCDC Meeting held on 14th July 2022 (on extranet)

Proposed: L. Quinn	Seconded by: P. Nugent
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

5. **Matters arising**

None

6. **LECP – Presentation by Ian Dempsey, Prescience (Consultant retained to assist in preparation of Community element of Plan)**

Presentation circulated to members via extranet

Following the presentation, K. Moynihan requested that the members give approval to the advisory steering group (which includes three members of the LCDC) to make decisions on the appropriate way forward in terms of the development of the new LECP and to give guidance and direction to the consultant Working on the community element of the plan

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

7. Update on SICAP Case Study 2022 (submission date to Pobal Oct 7th 2022) – L.Quinn (WAP)

Liam Quinn inform the members that the case study will be ready for submission prior to the deadline date. A SICAP subcommittee will take place prior to submission of this case study to review and report to the LCDC. The case study will examine how SICAP can work more collaboratively with the Traveller CDP with a focus on SICAP supports

8. Reports from Sub-committees:

- a. **Skills:** The Skills Enhancement Subgroup met on 28th July and 24th August. Representatives from SETU and DSP are being sought while a replacement for the departing Tusla rep will also be required. An updated terms of reference and a committee charter are being drafted. YEI and Skillnet courses are running well and a full suite of ETB offerings are available on Fetchcourses.ie. The West Waterford Fab Lab could be operational by Q4 this year. The committee is aiming to improve PR on the availability of courses and a video promotion specific to opportunities in Waterford will be produced. Full Minutes will be circulated and the committee meets again on 19th October.
- b. **Healthy Waterford:** The Healthy Waterford Coordinator, Eoin Morrissey, was appointed on the 8th of August. The Healthy Waterford Committee met on the 18th of August and again on 5th September to conduct an initial mapping exercises to examine the relationship between Sláintecare, Healthy Ireland & Active Cities . Devising the terms of reference and the design of Round 4 is ongoing. It is envisaged that the Healthy Waterford committee will also act as the Local Implementation Team for Sláintecare. The next meeting is scheduled for the 16th September.
S. Breathnach Further added that the subcommittee would likely have strategic oversight of all programmes. For this to happen permission of the LCDC is required. A lot of programmes are coming from the Healthy Ireland initiative and the subcommittee will be the link between the work taking place on the ground and the LCDC . However, it is important for the LCDC to have overall oversight to remove duplication and identify gaps. Programmes will be delivered in partnership with state agencies including Tusla, HSE, the Community and voluntary sector and Waterford sports partnership among others. The ask from the LCDC is to support the review of membership of the subcommittee and the re branding of same, as well as giving authority to the subcommittee on prioritising projects and funding spend. With Healthy Communities having a budget of €75k and Healthy Waterford with a budget of €45K, prioritisation of how funding will be spent is essential. The coordination of work in priority areas is paramount.

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

c. SICAP/Social Inclusion:

I. Grimes informed members that no meeting has taken place since the last LCDC. The next meeting of this subcommittee will take place shortly to review the SICAP case study prior to submission to Pavel. Liam Quinn updated the members informing them that support workers for the Ukrainian community have been appointed and have begun work. A key part of their initial task will be to identify supports required for the Ukrainian community.

The members were also informed that the department of higher education have agreed to write off legacy debt of Watford Area Partnership and this has been confirmed. Ivan Grimes on behalf of the LCDC wish to acknowledge the efforts of all board members of Waterford Area Partnership.

9. Approval for payment of Q4 SICAP funds to Waterford Area Partnership

(L. Quinn temporarily left the meeting)

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: M. Flanagan
Abstentions: R. Walsh/L. Quinn	For decision approval balance
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

(L. Quinn returned to the meeting)

10. Ukrainian Response update

S. Breathnach informed the members that Waterford continues to operate four rest centres, three in the city and one in Dungarvan. To date approx. 800 refugees have arrived into the rest centres with 461 matched to pledge accommodation. Recruitment is currently underway for relationship managers and a pledge inspector. The numbers arriving are growing weekly with key agencies being met within the next week for a progress update. There will be a new national pledge for accommodation over the next few weeks to meet growing demand.

11. Correspondence

- Minister Humphreys welcomes the announcement of the new Croí Cónaithe Fund to refurbish vacant properties
- Survey of LCDC needs for capacity building on community engagement and consultation
- Social Economy Enterprise Development Programme
- International Protection Integration Fund 2022
- DRCD: Quick Survey - Improvement of digital public services - Have your say!
- Waterford Family Resource Network Launch Day

12. AOB

None

13. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: **Thursday October 13th at 10am**

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____