

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday October 18th 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. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	3. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	4. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
5. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	5. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
6. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership		
7. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary		
8. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
9. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	9. Kate Cassidy	HSE
10. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	4. Alec Kirby	Reg. Mgr. Dept. Social Protection
		5. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
		6. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator

Staff Present: 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	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees	8 non-public : 5 public

% ratio non-public/public attendees	62% non-public: 38% public
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- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record S. Breathnach informed the attendees that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8: Public 5.

- 2. Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

- 3.** Resignation of Derval Howley (HSE) with Kate Cassidy as replacement – for approval

Proposed: M. O'Brien	Seconded by: J Taaffe
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

- 4.** Confirmation of Minutes

- LCDC Meeting held on 8th September 2022 (on extranet)

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

- 5. Matters arising**

M. O'Brien informed the members that leading on from update relating to Skills subcommittee at the previous meeting, the FabLab will be examining priorities in the next week/two with the target opening remaining at Q4 2022

- 6. Presentation on SICAP Case Study 2022**

C. Power and P. Wallace gave the presentation on behalf of WAP. This presentation will be circulated to the members shortly.

S. Cooke commented that there is great potential in the traveller community and wish to compliment the work being undertaken

M. O'Brien also wished to thank WAP for their efforts. He wished to point out that WWETB currently do a lot of work with the travelling community including the following a) a 10-week construction

course in the training centres in Waterford and Wexford. b) Pre-apprenticeship courses are also available c) Math support is also available in the various training centres.

He also indicated that he was opening to examining if any roadblocks existed and to work with WAP to resolve these.

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

Ian Dempsey Presented details of the socio-economic statement section of the LECP. A PDF of this document will be circulated to the members shortly. The high-level goals identified will be discussed by the advisory steering group next Thursday with an update being given at the next LCDC meeting

8. Reports from Sub-committees:

- a. **Skills:** There has been no meeting of the subcommittee since the last LCDC.
- b. **Healthy Waterford:** Pobal have issued the Healthy Ireland Round 4 guidelines. The coordinator has commenced engagement with community groups a huge volume of feedback has been received. The Healthy Waterford committee continues to meet to design Round 4 and that process is accelerating now with the guidelines in place. Our application for Healthy Ireland funding is due to be submitted on 9th December. Prior to this submission a presentation on the proposed round four actions will be made to the LCDC for consideration and adoption.

- c. **SICAP/Social Inclusion:**

This subcommittee last met on October 6th with a single item agenda to discuss the SICAP 2022 case study as previously presented. The members approved the submission of the Case Study to Pobal

9. Annual engagement meeting with A. Gilchrist, Pobal

This meeting is being held on October 25th where A. Gilchrist will meet with the members of the SICAP subcommittee

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. Approximately 200 people per day from Ukraine are coming into Ireland with just over 52,500 having arrived to date, which is expected to rise to approximately 69k by the end of the year. Approximately 1500 Ukrainians are registered with the Department of Social protection with a Waterford address. In the four rest centres in Waterford 841 have been taken in with 687 having moved out. 571 have moved to pledged or other accommodation. The rest centres have a bed capacity of 242. 500 other beds, for example, hotels, are being utilised by IPAS. A new national pledge for accommodation is expected in the coming weeks/months.

Waterford Council is currently looking at other properties for example vacant commercial buildings in the city environment similar to the property on #20 the Mall for refurbishment into longer term accommodation. The Department of Housing have been met and wish to proceed with this model.

S. Cooke wanted to draw attention to a garden project operating in Dunhill where a number of Ukrainians are participating

Mayor O'Leary Noted that the pledge for accommodation nationally has levelled off. He queried whether there were other ways to attract additional accommodation. S. Breathnach stated that talks are ongoing at a national level examining the relevant policies. There has been a delay in the next national pledge. One of the options being examined is increasing the monthly payment from €400 to €600/650. The pledge in Waterford remains open and this will be readvertised shortly on both social media and other media platforms

M. O'Brien Stated that WWETB are running courses across the city and county covering a number of areas but more specifically literacy.

11. Correspondence

- a. Webinar invite for LCDC members-VOICE project for disabled people October 27th

12. AOB

Pobal have issued guidelines and recommended timelines for the preparation of the SICAP 2023 annual plan. As per previous years a request is being made to the members to delegate authority for approval of the annual plan to the SICAP subcommittee due to the fact that the recommended time frames do not correlate directly to the dates and times of the November and December LCDC meetings

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

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

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____