

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Wednesday 14th December 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 Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
3. Maggie Flannagan	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	3. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
4. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	4. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
5. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	5. Kate Cassidy	HSE
6. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Cllr Pat Nugent	Elected Representative
7. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	7. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
Apologies:		Apologies:	
8. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	8. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
9. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	9. K Kiely	SETU
10. Heather Kiely	PPN Community/Voluntary		

Staff Present: J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., C. O'Brien S.O., S. Breathnach Chief Officer, E Morrissey, O Matiut.

1. Total current Membership	19
2. Total attendees	14
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 74%
4. non-public/public ratio	7 non-public: 7 public

- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record S. Breathnach informed the committee that a public representative would need to stand down to balance the quorum. J O’Leary agreed to abstain from voting, Revised Quorum Non-public 7: Public 6.
Chair J O’Leary opened the meeting.

2. Apologies.

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. Review of Membership

Chief Officer S Breathnach asked the committee to consider a SETU representative in lieu of a representative from the Dept of Social Protection. SETU nominated Kathryn Kiely to sit on the LCDC.

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by: G. Foley
Abstentions: John O’Leary	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. Confirmation of Minutes

- LCDC meeting held on the 17th November 2022 (on extranet)

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: L Quinn
Abstentions: John O’Leary	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

5. Matters arising

No matters arising

6. Approval of Community Support Fund Grant Scheme – Colette O’Brien

Colette O’Brien outlined the criteria pertaining to the Community Support Fund Grant Scheme.

The aim of the **Community Support Fund (CSF)** will be to support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, with their running costs such as utility or insurance bills, as well as with minor improvements to their facilities. This fund will be allocated under the Department’s Community Enhancement Programme (CEP), it will be administered locally by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) as in previous years. Waterford LCDC has been allocated €320,195 for 2022.

This total amount comprises:

- €156,896 Current funding (Non-Pay) for use towards energy running/operating costs
- €160,098 Capital funding for use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc.
- €3,202 ring-fenced for Women's sheds.
- €16,010 administration fee (5%) based on total allocation, in recognition of the additional associated clerical and assessment work involved in administering the fund on behalf of the Department.

The Department is allowing each LCDC to set the closing date for applications, as long closing date for payments made under the fund should be no later than **31st March 2023**. I would propose the following;

5th December - Advertise the Scheme on Council website, social media, radio, distribution via PPN and email 'grant notification list' (818 groups)

20th January 2023 - closing date for groups to submit applications

30th January (TBC) - Assessment Group meet to access valid applications

9th February - Assessment Group recommendations to be on LCDC agenda for approval

10th February – Letters of offer sent out to successful groups

24th February – Successful groups return their signed acceptance form

31st March – all groups have received their grant allocation into their accounts

31st August 2023 - groups to submit their proof of expenditure and photographs.

Set the maximum allocation per applicant to €5,000

Only one application allowed per group / organisation

A board will be required to assess applications and to decide on allocations.

Proposed: Gabriel Foley	Seconded by: Senan Cooke
Abstentions: John O'Leary	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

7. LECP Update

The survey that was issued to approx. 77 agencies and relevant organisations by the consultant had a response rate of approx. 50% which Ian was satisfied with. Face to face engagement is ongoing with those organisations that had requested a meeting. To continue the data gathering phase, broader public engagement will take place during January and February across City and County.

8. Reports from Sub-committees:

- a. **Skills:** The Skills committee has not met since the last LCDC meeting. They are due to meet next in January 2023.
- b. **Healthy Waterford:** 21 groups allocated €21,000 to Health and Wellbeing projects throughout the county. All these projects are ongoing and due to be completed by the end of December with a report due back in mid-January. Feedback for this funding has been very positive with groups asking about further opportunities. However, the new funding model by Pobal and the Department is steering us away from a grants type funding mechanism

Consultation Day on the 2nd of December in Greenway Manor – Very well attended with 39 attendees. The day was facilitated by Mairead Barry SETU and attendees were invited to participate in an online survey prior to the consultation. A report of the day is being finalised by Eoin Morrissey and will be circulated to the LCDC members.

Key Outcome Indicators were selected to develop outcomes. The 1st one was in Wellbeing and Perceived Health. Our aim to devise and collaborate to have 2 outcome deliverables. The 2nd Outcome Indicator was Educational Disadvantage. Again, the aim here is to identify 2 outcome deliverables that will fit within this area.

For both outcomes we are seeking to identify partners to either lead or collaborate with on the delivery of new or supporting existing programs with the Healthy Ireland funding. The overall budget allocated for 2023 is €75,000 which will be split into 4 outcomes / actions.

The deadline for submission to Pobal is on the 27th of January 2023. This is to include a Local Strategy that should align with the LECP plan.

Lastly the subgroup of the LCDC is currently known as Healthy Waterford. However, over the last number of months since the introduction of a number of new Wellbeing programs within the local authority and to recognise the greater impact of all in Waterford who are contributing to Wellbeing we are proposing a change of name and structure to the Health and Wellbeing Committee of the LCDC. The HSE will be a key partner in this and act as joint chair of the committee with the Chief Officer of the LCDC also the other chair. This will be formally known as Well Waterford. The overview of the structure of the committee will be sent to the LCDC

- c. **SICAP/Social Inclusion:** The submission date for the annual plan has been extended to January 13th 2023. This was due to a delay in the National Ukrainian Budget being finalised. Waterford has been allocated a specific budget for Ukrainian response of

€232,758 which will result in specific actions being included by WAP in their 2023 annual plan.

9. Ukrainian Response update – I. Grimes

To date Waterford Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 920 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centres and have matched 717 of those with longer term accommodation via pledged accommodation and longer term accommodation units being provided by the Council.

There is a new 'Offer a Home' pledge call in effect since 24th November seeking offers of vacant properties for a minimum of 6 months and to date Waterford have received 31 offers which are being followed up on.

10. AOB

Payment of January & February 2023 SICAP Funds to WAP

Proposed: Gabriel Foley	Seconded by: Jimmy Taaffe
Abstentions: Liam Quinn, John O'Leary, Michael O'Brien	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

11. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 12th January at 10.a.m.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____