

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Wednesday 12th January 2023 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. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
4. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	4. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
5. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	5. Cllr Pat Nugent	Elected Representative
6. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	6. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
7. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber		
8. Heather Kiley	PPN Community /Voluntary		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
9. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A. CE, WC&CC	7. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
10. Breda Fell	PPN Community/Voluntary	8. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
		9. Kate Cassidy	HSE

Staff Present: J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., C. O'Brien S.O., S. Breathnach Chief Officer, E Morrissey, O Matiut, Emma Smyth A.S.O., K. Moynihan S.O., Kieron Fitzpatrick Community Graduate, Ivan Grimes, Director of Services

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

1. Confirmation of Quorum: Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer, Sinéad Breathnach, confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8 & Public 6, total 14 members attending. Cllr. O’Leary took the chair and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies.

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

- LCDC meeting held on the 14th December 2022 (on extranet)

Proposed: Cllr. Pat Nugent	Seconded by: Senan Cooke
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. Matters arising

No matters arising

5. Community Support Fund Allocations – Colette O’Brien

Colette O’Brien requested 3 volunteers from the members to sit on a Fund Assessment Group consisting of 1 Councillor and 1 PPN representative to go through applications and make recommendations to LCDC for the grant applications. Heather Kiely (PPN Representative), Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan and Gabriel Foley are to be on the Assessment Group.

6. SICAP – Liam Quinn

Catherine Power and Liz Riches, WAP, gave a presentation in relation to the SICAP Annual Plan for 2023 and also a Review of 2022 plan. There is a copy of both presentations on the extranet for viewing.

7. LECP Update: Kevin Moynihan gave an update on the LECP as follows:

- 1) First phase of information gathering consisted of a questionnaire being issued to approx. 77 organisations with approx. 40 responses
- 2) 13 of these organisations requested one to one meeting with Ian Dempsey which duly took place during December.
- 3) The high level Community objectives were refined following these consultations and meetings with the Advisory Steering Group
- 4) Within the next week, dates for the Town Hall style public consultations will be clarified with this phase of consultation taking place during the first 2 weeks of February
- 5) Ian Dempsey will present a full progress update to the LCDC at the February meeting

8. Reports from Sub-committees:

- a. **Skills:** Johnny Codd remarked that the Skills Committee are meeting next week and will have an update for the February meeting.
- b. **Healthy Waterford:** A report was issued by Eoin Morrissey, Healthy City & County Coordinator, as follows:

'Well Waterford were delighted with the response to our survey and the input we had on our consultation day in December with local agencies & stakeholders. 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. Below is an outline of the process

1. Well Waterford Committee (Subcommittee of the LCDC)

During this planning stage, several consultation meetings were held with the Well Waterford Committee that helped evolve our data gathering and outcome identification process. Significant data research was undertaken via various stakeholder meetings (Local Knowledge) as well as extensive desk research (Health Atlas, Health Profile of Local Authorities of Ireland, Census data). As a result, two key outcome areas were identified and selected for inclusion in the plan. To have a wider reach of outcomes, other considerations such as alignment with other local development officers under Sláintecare Healthy Communities, HSE healthy Ireland programmes and Waterford Active Cities, were considered to avoid duplication and enhance overall project goals.

2. Local survey to voluntary, community and government organisations.

To extend the reach of our research, we developed a comprehensive online survey. The survey linked with the high-level goals of the Healthy Ireland outcomes led approach for 2023 and linked directly into the consultation day. As part of our research the Well Waterford Committee identified key organisations to distribute the survey to within Waterford city and county. The final version of the survey was sent to 80 relevant organisations. We received 39 comprehensive responses from local agencies. Analysis of the feedback from the survey found an inclusive spread of respondents thus allowing us to conclude that the survey was both comprehensive and inclusive in relation to identifying outcomes based on the indicators selected for the future health needs in County Waterford.

3. Key Agencies Consultation Day

Groups who completed the survey were then invited to take part in a face-to-face Consultation Day held at the beginning of December 2022. We engaged the support of an experienced facilitator and designed an approach to the Focus Group day that would provide the groups attending with a major opportunity to input into the selection of the key project indicators as well as an opportunity to design several actions to be considered by the Well Waterford committee. This process aimed to have an inclusive approach to the selection of indicators but just as importantly to share the goals of Well Waterford to key local agencies and garner support for the three-year strategy.

Current / Next Steps

- Local Implantation Strategy is currently being drafted based on our local consultation and local health data.

- Online application is also being drafted along with an activity work plan.
- Meeting with potential partners to scope different projects based on the indicators which were selected.
- Our current deadline is 27th of January.

As per the new Well Waterford framework we will be having a four meetings per year. Additional meetings will be arranged if necessary. The first committee meeting will take place on Tuesday the 7th of February this will be preceded by a Well Waterford Strategic Committee meeting. Furthermore, we are beginning the reporting and returns of our actions from June 2022 – December 2022. This was an interim funding opportunity and the deadline is 17th February.'

c. SICAP/Social Inclusion: There is no update for SICAP/Social Inclusion.

9. Ukrainian Response update – S. Breathnach

To date Waterford Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 1,111 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centers and have matched 834 of those with longer term accommodation via pledged accommodation and longer term accommodation units being provided by the Council. The long term accommodation units being provided by the Council are regenerated vacant/empty commercial units.

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 50 offers which are being followed up on.

Coming up to the 1st anniversary of the War in Ukraine on 24th February, events are being arranged to mark the occasion with the Ukrainian community in Waterford.

Numbers entering the country have increase since before the Christmas period and we will continue to provide accommodation and supports to those being placed here in Waterford.

Cllr. Pat Nugent questioned where in West Waterford were Ukrainians accommodated. Sinéad Breathnach replied that the 360 Cookhouse at Davitt's Quay was the rest centre for the west and that Ukrainians were matched with various pledged accommodations throughtout West Waterford. IPAS have a contract with the Gold Coast where Ukrainians are also being accommodated, with a list being sent to the Council as numbers are being updated.

There was a question from Cllr. John O'Leary does WCCC have a control in perspective of the numbers that are coming in. Ivan Grimes said that in relation to the numbers there will be a few factors that determine the numbers coming such as weather and conditions in the Ukraine at the moment, with no way of controlling the numbers entering the country.

10. Ukrainian Educational Update – Michael O'Brien, WWETB

Schools

Currently, there are 380 Ukrainian students engaged in primary and post primary education across Waterford.

- 244 are enrolled in primary schools.
- 136 are engaged in post primary schools

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Across the WWETB region, 1300 individuals are engaging with our services. 943 are female and 357 are male. This does not include the figures for those who have been educationally assessed or those who have engaged with our Adult Guidance service.

Across Waterford City and County, there have been 1800 recorded enrolments in classes with some learners availing of a number of educational opportunities. These enrolments would primarily be ESOL but would also include courses across our range of courses depending on language proficiency.

Please note, the figures provided are totals for the year to date.

11. Correspondence

Three items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the committee; all were circulated previously.

- EU Communication Guidelines
- Growing Communities
- Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme

12. AOB

Heather Kiely requested an acknowledgement of the work of John Hawkes who is retiring at the end of the month, Mr. Hawkes has supported the PPN reps through out the years. Gabriel Foley seconded that and remarked that Johns great work thought out the years should be recognised. There is a letter to be issued by the LCDC accordingly.

13. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 9th February at 10.a.m.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____