



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 9th March 2023, teleconference via Zoom at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	1. Mayor John O'Leary (Chair)	Elected representative
2. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	2. Cllr Pat Nugent	Elected Representative
3. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	3. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
4. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	4. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
5. Heather Kiely	PPN Community/Voluntary	5. Kate Cassidy	HSE
6. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
Apologies:		Apologies:	
7. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	7. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
8. Maggie Flannagan	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	8. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
9. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	9. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
10. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary		

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

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	12
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 63%
4. non-public/public ratio	6 non-public: 6 public 50% non public: 40% public

- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record S. Breathnach informed the committee that a quorum was in place: Non-public 6: Public 6.

In order to balance the quorum in favour of the non-public sector Mayor John O’Leary agrees to abstain from voting.

Mayor John O’Leary took the Chair and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies.

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. Conflict of Interest:

- (i) C.o.I. declarations: None
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Quorum 6:5 in favour of non-public sector.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 9th February 2023

Proposed: L. Quinn	Seconded by J. Beresford
Abstentions: J O’Leary	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

5. Matters arising:

None.

6. Rural Development Programme.

i) LDS Guidelines Issued

WLP S.E.O. Mr. Jimmy Taaffe informed the committee that guidelines for LDS development have been issued and the WLP are following due process. Consultations with the community and business sectors are underway. Surveys have been issued and media outreach has been initiated. There is a good geographic spread across the county for consultation venues and areas where uptake of LEADER funds is weak have been specifically targeted. Consultations and presentations generally take 1.5 hours and one on one meetings are available also. A draft LDS will be submitted to POBAL on 20th April 2023.

- ii) **3rd Contract Extension 113885 Installation of Maturation storage, bottling and blending equipment in existing unit**

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by L. Quinn
Abstentions: J O'Leary	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- iii) **3rd Contract Extension 114829 Conservation of our living River Clodiagh**

Proposed: L. Quinn	Seconded by P. Nugent
Abstentions: J O'Leary	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

7. Correspondence

- Our Rural Future: Ministers Humphreys and Martin officially open 'Ireland's Global Garden' – Mount Congreve Estate in Waterford.
- Minister Heather Humphreys announces over €12.5 million for upgrade works on rural roads and laneways. Waterford has been allocated €269,062.00

8. A.O.B. None

9. **Date and venue of next LCDC meeting:** 10.00am Thursday 13th April 2023, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed _____

CHAIRPERSON

DATE