

Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:

Thursday 11th May 2023 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

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

Staff Present: J. Codd SO, S. Whelan SO , Ivan Grimes, DOS, Emma Smyth ASO, Sinead Breathnach, Chief Officer.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%
4. non-public/public ratio	7 non-public: 6 public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Sinéad Breathnach, confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 7 & Public 6, total 13 members attending. Cllr. O’Leary took the chair and opened the meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted, together with apologies from Eoin Morrissey, Kevin Moynihan and Ovi Matiut.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC meeting held on the 13th April, 2023 (on extranet)

Proposed: Gabriel Foley	Seconded by: Liam Quinn
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. **Matters arising**

No matters arising

5. **Migrant Integration Strategy – Sinéad Breathnach**

A meeting of the MIS group is scheduled for 24th May where the terms of reference will be reviewed. Feedback from recent consultations with Migrants on the LECP and a migrant health and wellbeing workshop would indicate that there may be a need to review the Migrant Forum, which will also be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the MIS Group.

The meeting scheduled for the 24th May had to be postponed and a new date is yet to be confirmed.

6. **SICAP Update – Sinéad Breathnach**

All payments to WAP are up to date currently. Pobal are to issue guidance shortly on the mid-year review process. Community staff are undertaking their first file audit at WAP on May 24th which will be the first of three taking place this year to review samples of 2022 Individual Beneficiary files.

7. **LECP update – Sinéad Breathnach**

On April 21st an LECP coordination meeting was held between Community and Economic Development Dept. in the presence of Ian Dempsey, Consultant. The purpose was to begin the alignment process between both elements of the LECP with a view to moving the process forward. A further meeting is

taking place on May 12th including WAP and WLP focusing on the specific elements of the plan that will fall under SICAP supports and Leader Rural Development funding.

8. Reports from Sub-committees:

Skills Committee – Johnny Codd

The Skills Committee has not met since their last meeting, however, there was a FET Fair held in the city on the 11th May, 2023.

Healthy Waterford LCDC Update – Susie Whelan

A grant award of €198,122.42 was received to deliver the Healthy Ireland program within local government over a three-year period up to December 2025. For year one (2023) the allocation is €78,122 with committed funding for 2024 & 2025 currently set at €40,000 per year. However, the expectation is this will be increased in quarter four of each year after the budget announcement. The remaining funding is made up of spend within 2022 for the design and planning of the Healthy Ireland strategy for 2023 – 2025. The SLA is due to be agreed with Pobal and the Department of Health prior to the 31st of May. The next Well Waterford meeting is scheduled for the 23rd of May where it is hoped to finalise the Well Waterford Structures and Terms of Reference.

While several projects and initiatives have been identified, there is a potential surplus in our budget for 2023 due the increased funding received along with the shorter timeframe to deliver. Therefore, the Well Waterford committee will be engaging with communities in identifying projects that fit within the guidelines of the Healthy Ireland and the local strategy.

Since the previous LCDC meeting some of the following initiatives took part that were funded and supported under the Healthy Ireland program.

- Launch of Autism Friendly Cities
- Playful Street Project. Pilot event starting on the 1st of June in Grange Heights
- Place Standard Tool available to consult within communities.
- An information event to be held on the 19th of May in City Square as part of volunteer week which is themed “connecting communities”
- Healthy Waterford were invited to be a representative at the Young Social Innovator event in Croke Park
- Application for funding submitted to the ALL Strategy
- Move Well Be Well Project is being suspended till September 2023. More engagement by the Move Well Be Well committee with the Local Community Safety partnership was recommended.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities: - Susie Whelan

- Work on Seed funded projects from 2022 is ongoing - the Women’s Health initiative was completed.
- Following consultations with community groups 3 projects are identified for the 2023 Seed Fund with more coming up soon.
- Working with Playful Street, Active Cities and Healthy Ireland in organising events in the city
- Working with Waterford Integration Service in organising Africa Day

SICAP/Social Inclusion – Ivan Grimes

There hasn't been a meeting since the last LCDC meeting, however, there is a meeting scheduled for June which will be focusing on the recommendations of the L.G. Audit.

9. Ukrainian Response update – Sinéad Breathnach

To date over 81,000 temporary protections have been granted to Ukrainians arriving to Ireland, with over 2,200 of those registered here in Waterford.

Waterford Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 1,620 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centers and have matched over 1,144 of those with pledged and Council sourced accommodation.

Waterford have received 96 offers under the 'Offer a Home' pledge call which is currently being promoted on WLR and social media seeking offers of vacant accommodation. There are 175 Ukrainians currently housed under the OAH call.

WAP continue to provide supports to all Ukrainians on community integration. Liam may want to comment on same.

10. Ukrainian Educational Update – M. O'Brien

From a schools point of view Waterford had 276 Primary School enrolments and 160 Post Primary enrolments. Wexford had more than double that with 511 Primary School enrolments, 237 Post Primary enrolments. Michael will come back to Sinéad with the numbers for further education and she can circulate those to the members of the LCDC. There is an increase in the numbers coming through, and there is some movement from people moving from Ireland to either Europe or back to Ukraine, there is also movement in people moving into employment. There is still a problem in relation to recruiting a sufficient number of tutors to teach English.

11. Correspondence

- a. SICAP Support Workshops - Invitation to Register
- b. COVID-19 Partner Pack Update

12. AOB – There was no other business at the meeting.

13. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 8th June at 10.a.m.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____