



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 27th July 2023, teleconference via Zoom at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

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

Staff Present: I. Grimes D.o.S, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E Smyth A.S.O.

Apologies S Breathnach Community SEO & Chief Officer, K Moynihan 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	7 non-public: 5 public 58% non public: 42% public

- 1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record A/Chief Officer informed the committee that a quorum was in place: Non-public 7: Public 5.

Chair Joe Conway opened the meeting.

2. Apologies.

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. Conflict of Interest:

- (i) C.o.I. declarations: No declarations
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Quorum 7:5 in favour of non-public sector.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 13th July 2023

Proposed: P Nugent	Seconded by G. Foley
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

5. Matters arising:

None.

6. Rural Development Programme.

- i) For Noting: WLP RDP Admin Returns April May June

The committee noted the income and expenditure records filed by Waterford LEADER Partnership for Q2 2023.

ii) 31LDRWAT118466 EURI Lismore Music Festival Enhancement

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the merits of the project. P Nugent queried whether the festival was past or future and how much LEADER funds have been afforded to the promoters in the past. J Taaffe advised that festival hasn't taken place yet and the previous grant aid was in the region of €78,000.00

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by G Hurley
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

iii) 31LDRWAT118475 EURI Equipment Upgrade

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the merits of the project and noted that Clonea Power is an unemployment black spot. P Nugent asked if location was the main rationale, J Taffee advised that 40% of project rationale is job creation, the area is generally underfunded and there is little risk of failure. Chair J Conway queried the how long the promoter had been in business, J Taaffe advised the promoter has been well established for a number of years.

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by S Cooke
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

iv) 31LDRWAT118467 GDFB Equipment Investment

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the merits of the project and advised that this is the same promoter as project 31LDRWAT118475 (EURI Equipment Upgrade).

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by P. Nugent
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- v) Reallocation of Funds 31LDRWAT117011 Ballyduff Upper Storehouse: The applicants need to re-allocate monies from the Engineers Allocation of €39,360 to the Construction element of €295,313.89. The maximum that can be reallocated is €10,000 plus VAT which is €11,350. P Nugent requested the promoters identity and project location J Taffe advised that Ballyduff GAA are the promoters and the location is McCarthy's old Grain Store.

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by G. Hurley
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

7. Correspondence

- Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys launches 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme

8. A.O.B. None

9. Date and venue of next LAG meeting: TBC, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

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CHAIRPERSON DATE