



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 13th September 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. Heather Kiely	PPN Community/Voluntary	2. Cllr Pat Nugent	Elected Representative
3. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	3. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
4. Ger Hurley	Waterford Chamber of Commerce	4. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
5. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	5. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
6. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG		
7. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	Apologies:	
Apologies:		6. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
8. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	7. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
9. Maggie Flannagan	Retired	8. Kate Cassidy	HSE
10. Breda Fell	Retired	9. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO

Staff Present: S Breathnach Community SEO & Chief Officer, I. Grimes D.o.S, J. Codd S.O., E Morrissey S.S.O., O Matiut, S.S.O.

Apologies: K Moynihan S.O. S. Whelan S.O., E Smyth A.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 Chief Officer S Breathnach 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. J Codd informed the committee that Breda Fell had retired and Maggie Flannagan had begun a new role and therefore resigned her seat. PPN elections are underway and new representatives will be in place for the October meeting.

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 27th July 2023

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

5. Matters arising:

None.

6. Climate Action Briefing Session: Grainne Kennedy

Waterford City & County Council Climate Action Coordinator, Grainne Kennedy, introduced herself and presented her work programme to the committee. The presentation will be circulated to all committee members.

7. Rural Development Programme.

- i) For Approval: WLP RDP 2023 H2 Admin Funds €84,815.43

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by P. Nugent
Abstentions: J Taaffe	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- ii) Extension: Ballysaggart Community Centre 117015

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the extension request. Mr. Taaffe also mentioned that time was of the essence with the current programme drawing to a close.

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by J. Beresford
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- iii) Extension: Conservation of Our Living River Clodiagh 114829

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the extension request.

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

- iv) Extension: Construction of a Two Storey Office Block Lismore Business Pk 113649.

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the extension request.

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by: J. Beresford
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- v) Extension: Villierstown Enterprise Centre 113677

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the extension request.

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by J. Beresford
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- vi) Extension: Lismore Biodiversity Action Plan 117478

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the extension request.

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by M. O'Brien
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- vii) Extension: O'Connell Whisky 113885

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the extension request.

Proposed: P. Nugent	Seconded by E. Quinlan
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

- viii) Reallocation: O'Connell Whisky 113885

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the reallocation request and advised that DRCD approval was given subject to a further Articles 48 check which has since been completed..

Proposed: J. Beresford	Seconded by P. Nugent
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

ix) Extension: Renovation of Meeting Room Barron Hall Stradbally 116428

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the rationale behind the extension request.

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

x) For Noting: Circular 03 2023

J Codd informed the committee that Circular 03 2023 contained an extension of the LEADER Food Initiative. WLP S.E.O. Timeframes are tight, projects need to be completed by 31st March with final drawdown of funds before 30th June next.

8. Correspondence

- Minister Humphreys announces further €16 million for upgrade works on rural roads and laneways. €817,570.00 has been allocated to Waterford. Pat Nugent and Senan Cooke commended the impact of this scheme.

9. A.O.B. None

10. Date and venue of next LAG meeting: 10.00am Thursday 12th Oct 2023, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

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CHAIRPERSON DATE