



Minutes of the Waterford LCDC 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. Sinead Kilcawley	PPN/ Social Inclusion	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. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
5. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	5. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
6. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	6. Kate Cassidy	HSE
7. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	7. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
8. Czilla Czelvikker	PPN/Community & Voluntary		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
9. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	8. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
10. Heather Kiely	PPN Community/Voluntary	9. Kathryn Kiely	SETU

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., S Whelan S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O.

Apologies: K Moynihan S.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	15
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 79%
4. non-public/public ratio	8 non-public: 7 public 53% non public: 47% public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer S Breathnach confirmed that the quorum was achieved. 8 Non-public & 7 Public, total 15 members attending. Cllr. Conway 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 12th September 2023 (on extranet)

Proposed: Senan Cooke	Seconded by: Pat Nugent
Abstentions: Michael Walsh, Richie Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

4. **Matters arising**

No matters arising

5. **SICAP**

- (a) Updated sub-contractor (SICAP) list 2023 for approval

Proposed: Margaret Collins	Seconded by: Gabriel Foley
Abstentions: Michael Walsh, Richie Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

6. **LECP**

The final draft of the LECP is before the LCDC for adoption of the Community element today.

The actions before you were prioritised, following extensive engagement with the public and with those agencies who have been and will continue to be responsible, alongside the Council, for supporting change and growth in Waterford.

The final Plan includes a 2 year implementation plan in Appendix 4 which will be updated every 2 years to ensure it remains relevant and responsive to the changing circumstances, opportunities and challenges.

The nature of the LECP means that it will be possible to identify additional actions where necessary to respond to changing circumstances and funding opportunities, or are identified as important by stakeholders, businesses, and citizens. These can identify actions through our process of annual monitoring over the full six- year duration of the Plan.

The monitoring of progress of individual actions will be critical in ensuring that the LECP and the Implementation Plans are responsive to change and in holding those tasked with delivering to account.

The monitoring of the community High-Level Goals and actions is the responsibility of the Waterford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). This will include liaising with implementing partners who are responsible for community actions.

The LECP Advisory Group will have the responsibility for co-ordinating the monitoring process and preparing associated reporting outputs. This Group will draw upon support from the LCDC and SPC as required to prepare the annual monitoring reporting outputs.

Information gathered will be collated and presented to the LCDC at their meetings throughout the year as a means of feedback and monitoring progress.

It will be very much a live Agenda Item for the duration of the Plan with quarterly reports to the LCDC.

Proposed: Liam Quinn	Seconded by: J Beresford
Abstentions: Michael Walsh, Richie Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

7. Reports from Sub-committees:

(a) Skills Committee – J Codd

The skills committee met on 13th September last. The West Waterford Fab Lab will be operational before Christmas. Engineering cluster manager Stephen Rooney gave a presentation which will be circulated, it is noted that there is a shortage of engineers in the south east at present. Minister Ryan has established an expert advisory group on wind energy and a task force for has been suggested for the south east, we will soon have feedback on the matter from a recent meeting in the Tower Hotel. SETU are providing courses on wind farm technology. Youth employment initiatives will return under the new LEADER programme in 2024. An Information page on skills and training programmes will be hosted on the new Council website which will launch soon, this facility will aim to collate all available courses and links to agencies that provide them.

The committee meets again in November, minutes and presentations will be circulated to you. Happy to take any questions.

(b) Healthy Waterford LCDC Update – E Morrissey

- Healthy City Conference will be held in Utrecht in the Netherlands in November, at which Waterford are aiming to be approved as a WHO Healthy City.
- All projects and spend on Pobal funding projects are on time and progressing.
- Eoin complemented the work of WCYPSY on the delivery of a conference that Healthy Waterford are playing a part of on the 19th of November.
- Planning has begun on organisation of MD Wellbeing meetings and the introduction of Place Making exercises.
- There was a very successful launch of Breastfeeding friendly Waterford in which Healthy Waterford and Waterford City Council had a significant input.
- There are plans for an Implementing partners conference aimed for February / March next year.
- INTEREG funding application on policy innovation in sports and exercise for community wellbeing is in development and waiting final approval. Update at the next LCDC meeting.

(c) Sláintecare Healthy Communities – O Matiu

- Training for Life and Work in Ireland started with 15 people from the migrant communities
- Work is ongoing with recipients of the seed fund regarding the progression and reporting on the projects
- Work continues with community groups and other partners in identifying their needs and possible collaboration on projects
- Sláintecare supported and worked with Waterford Breastfeeding Friendly City launch and Playful street events

8. Ukrainian Response update – S Breathnach

To date over 95,300 temporary protections have been granted to Ukrainians arriving to Ireland, with in excess of 2,600 of those registered here in Waterford.

Waterford City & County Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 1,891 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centres and have matched over 1,391 of those with pledged and Council sourced accommodation.

Waterford have received 138 offers under the 'Offer a Home' pledge call and there are 243 Ukrainians currently housed under the OAH call.

WAP continue to provide supports to all Ukrainians on community integration. Language classes for adults commenced in September with many reaching capacity immediately. School places have been provided for all arrivals who wish to take up education and REALT continues to work on sourcing school transport for rural accommodation areas.

9. Ukrainian Educational Update – M. O'Brien

National Update

Ukrainians in Ireland = 93,151

School going age = 24,346

Rolling average down from 117 to 87

Schools:

Children 5 – 7 Years: 13,705 which is 90.4% enrolment rate.

Children 8-16 Years: 7,241 which is 93.5% enrolment rate.

Children 17-18 Years: 3,399 which is 80.6% enrolment rate which is a drop off in line with Ukrainian tradition as at this age range they would seek employment.

10. Correspondence

- a. Invitation to Register for a Research Launch
- b. Children First Awareness Week
- c. Restorative Practice Training.

11. AOB –

No matters for any other business.

12. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 9th November, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____