



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

Staff Present: S Breathnach Community SEO & Chief Officer, J. Codd S.O., E Morrissey S.S.O., S. Whelan S.O., K Moynihan S.O

Apologies: I. Grimes D.o.S, O Matiut S.S.O., E Smyth A.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 informed the committee that a quorum was achieved: Non-public 8: Public 7.

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 8:7 in favour of non-public sector.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 12th October 2023

Proposed: S Cooke	Seconded by G Foley
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

5. Matters arising:

None.

6. Rural Development Programme.

- i) WLP S.E.O. Mr. Jimmy Taaffe gave an update on the current LEADER programme

The current LEADER programme is at an end. The LAG has allocated €7,917,335 to 171 projects since 2017. Three decommitments totaling just over €15,000 will occur. Two projects will run into 2024; St. Declan's Way Facilitator and Ballysaggart Community Centre, the former is on target to be completed by the programme deadline however the latter may require departmental approval if not completed on time. The budget for the new LEADER Programme 2023 to 2029 is €6.1m with €4.5m allocated to projects. Supplementary funds may be allocated over the course of the programme which would be most welcome given the emerging challenges in rural areas.

- ii) The Local Development strategy.

The LDS prepared by WLP and submitted by Waterford LCDC has been approved by the department and contract signing is imminent. A press release is likely to issue soon from the department to announce the launch of LEADER 2023 – 2029.

7. Correspondence

- Budget 2024_ Ministers Humphreys and Joe O'Brien deliver €431 million for Rural and Community Development
- Minister Heather Humphreys confirms details of €1_5 million in support of SuperValu TidyTowns Groups

8. A.O.B.

9. **Date and venue of next LAG meeting:** 10.00am Thursday 14th Dec 2023, City Hall, Waterford City.

Meeting Closed

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CHAIRPERSON DATE