



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 14th March 2024, 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 Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative
3. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	3. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
4. Sinead Kilcawley	PPN / Community & Voluntary	4. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
5. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	5. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
6. Heather Kiely	Social Inclusion	6. Cllr Pat Nugent (Deputy Chair)	Elected Representative
7. Ger Hurley	Waterford Chamber of Commerce		
8. Christine Rossi	CEO – WLP CLG	Apologies:	
9. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	7. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
10. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	8. Kate Cassidy	HSE
Apologies:	None	9. Michael O'Brien	WWETB

Staff Present:, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., I Grimes D.o.S., S Breathnach Community S.E.O. & Chief Officer, Dylan White S.O.

Apologies: E Morrissey S.S.O, O Matiut S.S.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	16
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 84%
4. non-public/public ratio	10 non-public: 6 public 63% non public: 37% public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record Chief Officer S Breathnach informed the committee that a quorum was achieved 10 non-public : 6 public.

Chair J. 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 10:6 in favour of non-public.
- (iii) J Codd requested of all members to please complete and return their 2024 Conflict of Interest Forms.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 22nd February 2024**

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: M Walsh
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

5. **Matters arising:**

None.

6. **Rural Development Programme.**

- i) For Noting: Q4 2023 RDP Administration Returns: The 2023 income and expenditure records were noted by the committee, the document is available on extranet.
- ii) Update on rollout of LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027: WLP S.E.O. Christine Rossi gave an update on the progress of the 2023 -2027 LEADER Programme.

LEADER 2023-2027

Applications for the first targeted call is due at 12 noon on Thursday, 14 March 2024 (a 4 week deadline for non-works projects).

Based on engagements the current estimate is 7 projects.

1. Blackwater Valley Opera Festival
2. Billy Moore Metalworks

3. Tim King Carpentry
4. Waterford Festival of Food
5. Charlie Crowley Furniture
6. Dungarvan Brewing Company
7. Dungarvan Agricultural Show

The Evaluation Committee will convene on 27 March 2024 and the recommended projects will be submitted to the LAG Meeting of 11 April 2024.

The second deadline is:

- 10 May 2024 (12 weeks for works projects)

Of the 63 EOIs received, 12 were found to be ineligible. The list of ineligible EOIs was submitted and will be reviewed at the next LCDC/LAG meeting.

LEADER 2014-2022

Inputs were submitted for the Annual LEADER Programme Report.

There are currently five projects of which two are about to closed out:

- 31LDRWAT114834 Freezin Friesian Capital Expansion – expenditure is made for the installation of the three phase connection
- 31LDRWAT117891 St Declan's Way Facilitator – final claim submitted for review.
- 31LDRWAT118340 EURI Low Loader Production & Agricultural Trailer Manufacturing – on the system already
- 31LDRWAT118270 Bottle Production & Branding Revision – awaiting a final claim – PO to follow up
- 31LDRWAT117015 Ballysaggart Community Centre Remote Working & Studying Hub – First claim submitted for processing but challenges with 3rd extension.

Ballysaggart Community Centre, Remote Working and Study Hub: O

n 14 December 2023 the LCDC/LAG approved a project extension until the end of May 2024. In light of DRCD Circular no 1 of 2024, indicating the closing date for projects as 31 March 2024, an appeal was lodged with DRCD regarding the extension. A written response has not yet been received.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Circulars:

- i) Circular No 03 2024 - Updated arrangements regarding closure of the 2014-2022 LEADER Programme.

9. A.O.B.

None

10. Date and venue of next LAG meeting: 10.00am Thursday 11th April 2024, Videoconference.

Meeting Closed

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CHAIRPERSON DATE