



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	IE31WAT100009
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Billy Moore Metal Works Equipment
Promoters Name:	Billy Moore Metal Works
Address:	Ballysaggart, Lismore, Co Waterford
Description:	The promoter wishes to improve the efficiency of his business and increase his production by purchasing: • A new metal cutting bandsaw. • A new MIG welding plant • A new TIG welding plant
Theme:	Theme 1: Economic Development & Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Sub-theme 1a: The Green Economy
Link to LDS	Local objective 1: Investment in indigenous rural enterprises to maximise efficiencies and competitiveness, increase the offering for visitors whilst supporting a greener sustainable environment. Strategic Action 1.1 1a: Green Economy: Capital investment in existing and start up technology that embraces greater efficiency and supports the environment.

Total Project Costs	€20,191.48 (incl VAT); €16,415.84 (excl VAT)
Eligible Project Costs	€16,415.84
Funding sought by promoter:	€12,311.88
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	Previously deferred
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	A maximum of €12,311.88 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.
Details of private funding:	€4,103.96 (approved for a Credit Union Business Loan Facility)
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No
Synopsis of project:	By upgrading the business with new equipment, the promoter will be able to provide a more efficient service to both customers in the locality and further afield. Therefore, keeping business in Waterford with the possibility of creating employment going forward. The proposed equipment is powered by inverter technology which operates on a much lower electrical requirement than older technology, thus

	lowering the carbon footprint.		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure excluding VAT)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75 %
	Metal Bandsaw	€5,400.00	€4,050.00
	MIG Welder	€6,904.95	€5,178.71
	TIG Welder	€4,110.89	€3,083.17
		€16,415.84	€12,311.88
Total Funding			
Was an assessment completed?: Date: <u>21 March 2024</u>	Yes. 21 March 2024.		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, direct tendering was used and the MEAT process to score the quotes.		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	In all instances three quotes were requested but not all were received within the RFT timeline. All quotes were requested from suppliers in Ireland. Considering the importance of the functionality of the equipment the preferred quotes are considered reasonable.		
Innovative Element of the project:	The proposed equipment is powered by inverter technology which operates on a much lower electrical requirement than older technology, this lowering the carbon footprint.		
Added Value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project will ensure that Billy Moore Metal Works can increase his production of bespoke items resulting in increased sale and the possibility of creating additional employment.		
Consideration of Deadweight:	Yes. This project will not go ahead without LEADER funding as the promoter can only proceed with borrowed capital.		
Consideration of Displacement:	The project is not likely to compete with other local businesses. There are engineering businesses in the area, but they all focus on structural steel engineering. These include Kenneally Steel and others. Billy Moore Metal Works manufactures lighting, furniture and sculptural metal work and will not cause displacement.		
Economic justification for project:	A local rural business will be able to expand, increase production and create employment through the increased efficiency of new equipment.		
Average Score for Project:	80/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €12,311.88 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons: - 1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan to support County Waterford's rural enterprises under the Green Economy. 2. Funding will enable the promoter to increase efficiencies and lower his carbon footprint. 3. The project scored 80/100.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
Could create 1 full-time and 2 part-time jobs	1	€4,103.96	No aid from LEADER
			Received a grant from the Local Enterprise Office in 2023 = €18,500

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimis and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Local Enterprise Office	22 March 2024	Brid Kirby

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project : -

-Ms Rossi advised that this project was deferred due to issues with the procurement process. The promoter re-did the procurement as per requirements and re-submitted his application, and the costs have remained the same.

-The promoter is purchasing two welding machines and a metal cutting bandsaw.

-The Evaluation Committee agreed that overall, they are very supportive of the project proposal as upgrading the equipment will allow the promoter increase production and potentially create employment going forward.

Amount Recommended: €12,311.88

75% of Eligible Project Funding: €12,311.88

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee

Committee Member

Date: _____

Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response
None	

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

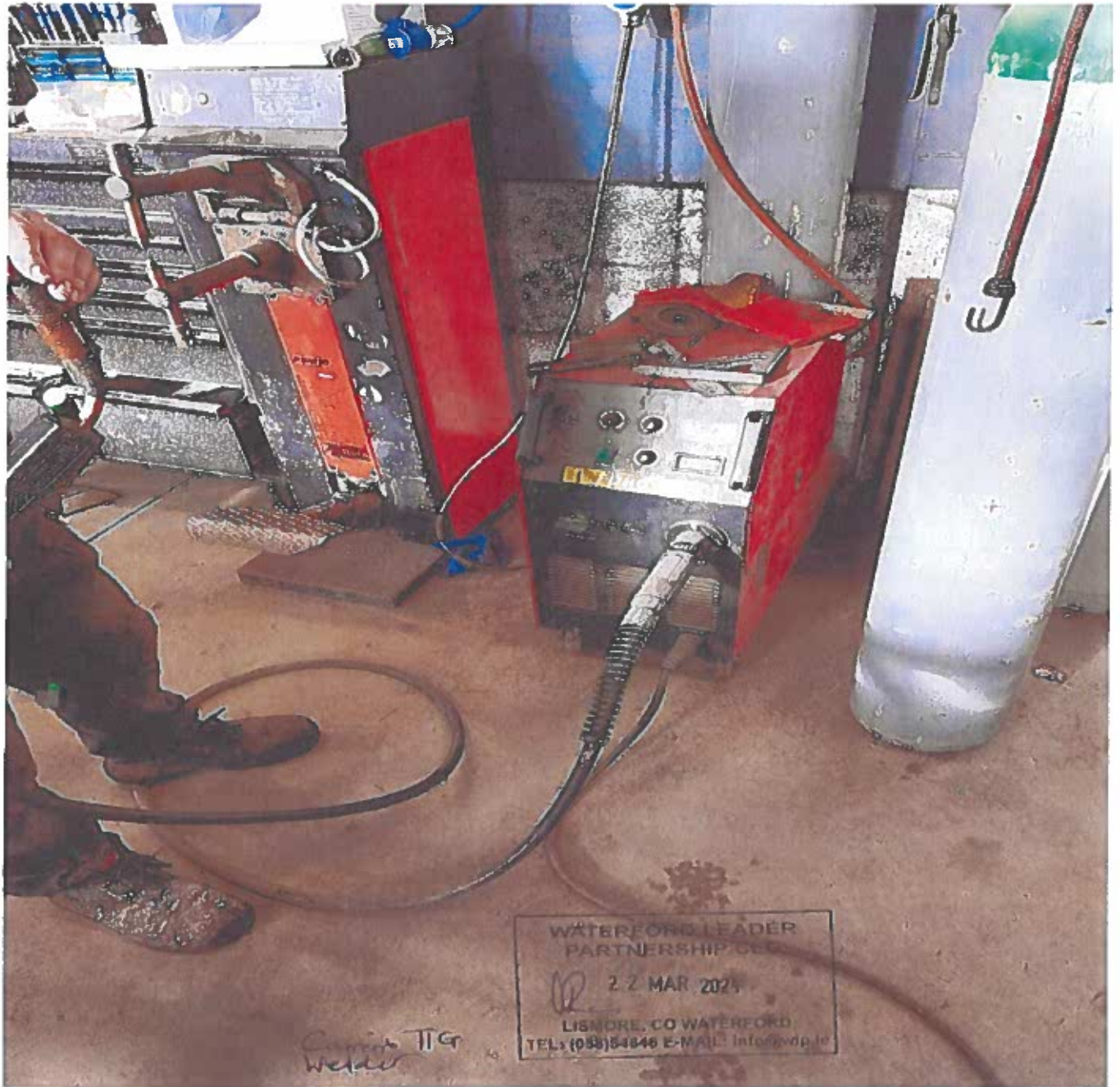
WLP Project Officer

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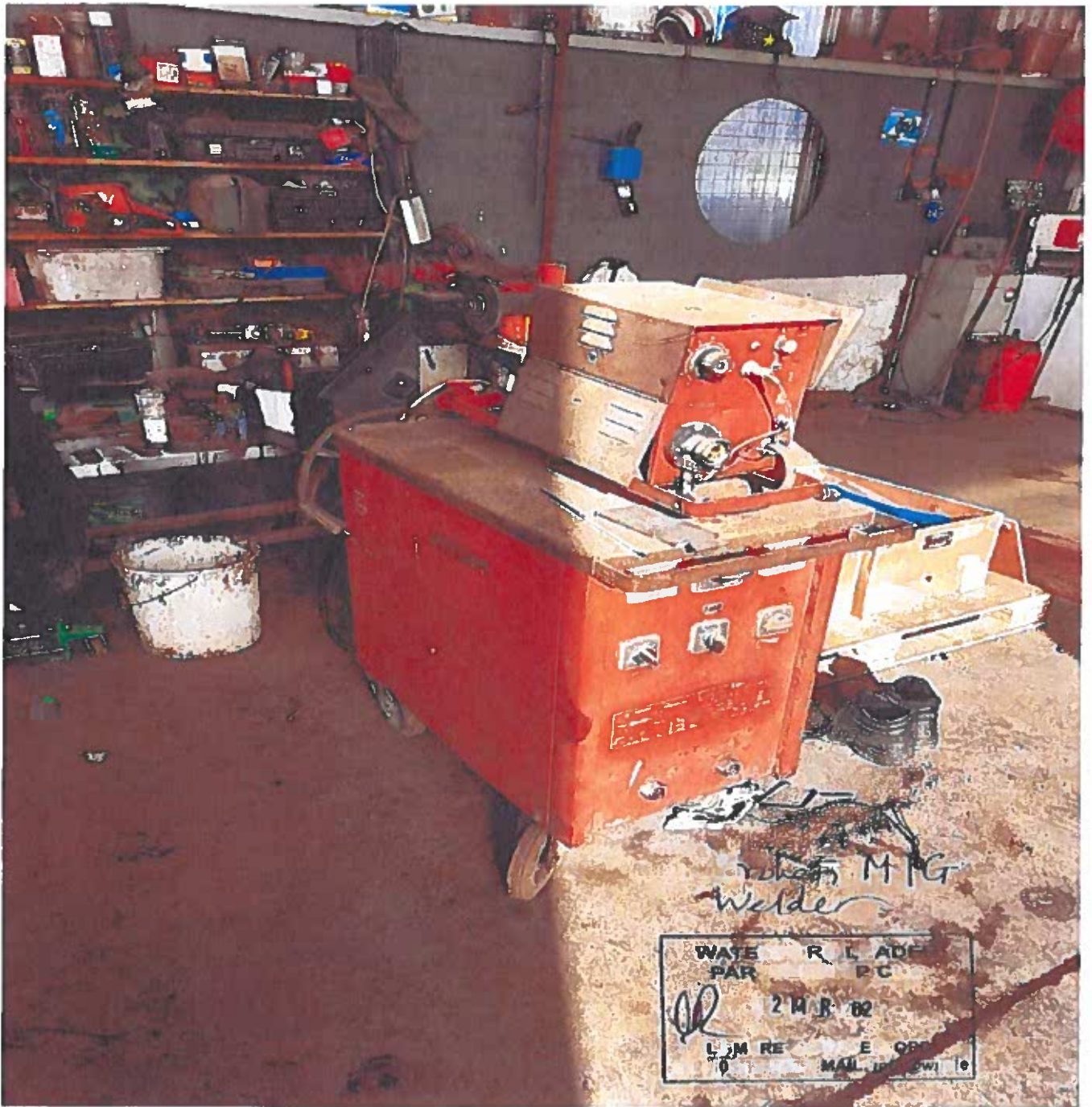
(for example, a photo of the building to be renovated/machinery being purchased, etc.)



Bandsaw that will be replaced



TIG Welder that will be replaced.



Broken MIG Welder that will be replaced.

Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Project Title: Billy Moore Metal Works Equipment	Project Reference no: 1E31WAT100005	Date: 22/4/2024	Time: 11am
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Q	Assessment Criteria	Objective	Evaluation Committee comments	Weighting	Score	
1	Has project development officer report indicated that any documentation / information requested has not been provided by the project promoter(s)	Ensure that the project promoter has provided all the required information / documentation requested by project development officer to progress this project.		N/A	Pass	✓
2	Displacement	Does the project comply with displacement requirements?		N/A	Pass	✓
3	Compatibility with Local Development Strategy (LDS)	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG's LDS for the relevant measure?	Yes	12	12	
4	Innovation	Is the project innovative in its nature?	Yes	12	12	
5	Project Promoter experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver?	Yes	14	14	
6	Financial Viability	Do the proposed actions and associated costs appear reasonable and represent value for money, and is adequate funding available to co-fund the project?	Yes	12	12	
7	Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?	Yes	15	15	
8	Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?	Yes	15	15	
9	Deadweight	Would the project proceed without LEADER funding?	NO	N/A	N/A	
				Total:	80	

N.B. Prior to being recommended for approval, projects must: - pass question 1 and 2 - answer no to question 9 - receive a minimum score of 65%.

Recommendation of the Evaluation Committee:

Approved

Signature of Committee Chair: _____

Date: 22/0

Denise Walsh

From: John Harnedy <johnjharnedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday 22 April 2024 21:48
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: WLP draft evaluation minutes 22 4 2024
Attachments: image001.gif

Hi Denise.

I have reviewed the minutes of our meeting today and all appear in order.

Regards

John

On Mon 22 Apr 2024, 15:59 Denise Walsh, <Denise.Walsh@wlp.ie> wrote:

Hi John,

Attached please find the minutes for you to review.

Kind Regards,

Denise Walsh

Riarthóir / Administrator

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