

**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting
 Thursday 18th July 2024, Via Videoconference @ 10 a.m.**

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN/Environment	1. Damien Geoghegan (Vice Chair)	Elected representative
2. Heather Kiely	PPN/Social Inclusion	2. Liam Brazil	Elected Representative
3. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	3. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
4. Sinéad Kilcawley	PPN/Social Inclusion	4. Ivan Grimes	Interim CE, WC&CC
5. Senan Cooke	PPN/Community & Voluntary	5. Mayor Jason Murphy (Chair)	Elected representative
6. Csilla Czelvikker	PPN/Community & Voluntary	6. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
7. Christine Rossi	CEO – WLP CLG		
8. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	Apologies:	
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9. Gerald Hurley	Waterford Chamber of Commerce	8. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
10. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	9. Kate Cassidy	HSE

Supporting Staff Present: Johnny Codd SO, Susie Whelan SO, Sinéad Breathnach SEO & Chief Officer, Ovi Matiut Sláintecare LDO, Emma Smyth ASO, Orla Kelly AO, Noeleen Osborne, LAIT Coordinator.

Apologies: Claire Hartley, A/DOS, Eoin Morrissey HI Coordinator.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	14
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 73%
4. non-public/public ratio	8 non-public: 6 public 57% non public: 43% public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record Chief Officer S Breathnach informed the meeting that a quorum had been reached. The quorum was Non Public 8, Public: 6.

2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Cllr Liam Brazil proposed Cllr Jason Murphy as Chair of the LCDC meetings and Cllr. Damien Geoghegan as Vice Chair.

Proposed: Liam Brazil	Seconded by: Jenny Beresford
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

3. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC Meeting held on 9th May 2024 (on extranet)

Proposed: Senan Cooke	Seconded by: Gabriel Foley
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

5. **Matters arising**

No matters arising.

6. **Membership of the LCDC**

There are 3 new elected members, Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cllr. Liam Brazil. Michael O'Brien has stood down as WWETB representative and Ciara Daly is his replacement. Michael Walsh has retired as CEO and Ivan Grimes is the Interim Chief Executive Officer. The PPN reps will be finalised by the September meeting.

7. **SICAP Payments for approval:**

- (a) SICAP Q3 €282,918.59.00 for approval – J. Codd
(b) SICAP Q3 New Arrivals €58,014.10 – J. Codd
(c) SICAP Q3 Additional Funds New Arrivals €70,000.00 – J. Codd

Proposed: Senan Cooke	Seconded by: Heather Kiely
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

8. Local Economic and Community Plan – Orla Kelly

We are still in the early stages of the implementation of the LECP and are currently reviewing the monitoring and reporting process, in line with our initial 2 Year Implementation plan. Discussions have taken place regionally in relation to developing reporting templates, which we will be sending out to our LCDC Members and the LECP Advisory Group for comment. After which we will be issuing the final template to the implementing partners for reporting purposes. We are also currently exploring the possibility of developing an online platform, which would streamline the monitoring and reporting process.

Lastly, we are also looking at putting in place a formal Memoranda of Understanding with the various Implementing partners, who are responsible for the implementation and reporting on their respective objectives, actions & KPIs. We hope to have all templates finalised for September.

9. Local Enhancement Programme 2024 – Orla Kelly

The **Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)** is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and is administered by Waterford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) / WCCC. On March 14th, the Waterford LCDC approved 164 allocations under the **LEP 2024 General Fund**, totaling €153,405.12 and a further 26 allocations, totaling €31,824.28, were ringfenced under the **Women's Fund**. Letters of Offer have issued to all successful applicants. Once projects are completed, receipts and photographs must be provided by the groups to receive their respective allocations. Projects must be complete by 20th September 2024.

The **Community Recognition Fund 2024** was launched by Minister Heather Humphreys on 15th March. Waterford City & County Council received eighteen (18) applications under window 1, Seven (7) applications were put forward for consideration to the Department of Rural and Community Development, totaling €491,392. Once finalised, details of the fund will be included on the Council's website and communicated via the PPN and the Council's social media platforms.

10. SICAP – Johnny Codd

The mid-year review is underway and subject to committee approval will be submitted to POBAL for their high-level review and feedback.

Under Goal One 35 LCGs are now registered with annual support plans. SICAP events included International Women's Day, a family fun day and discussions on a proposed community center in Dungarvan. Strategic committees addressed local actions, including a new family hub in Cappoquin and ongoing integration strategies for migrants and Roma. Marginalized communities and skills shortages are also being prioritised.

Under Goal two a wide range of workshops, courses and programmes are underway covering areas such as woodwork, sewing, horticulture, photography, crafting, furniture, business mentoring and personal development.

All KPIs are on target despite a slow start to the year which was caused by the roll out of a new programme, new IRIS system and a new registration process. All finance metrics are on target and under constant review. Support from Pobal, particularly with IRIS is ongoing, useful, and welcome. Mid-Year progress report and the mid-year finance report have been circulated and committee approval is now required to proceed with submission to Pobal.

a. Mid Year Review report

Proposed: Gabriel Foley	Seconded by: Senan Cooke
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

11. Reports from Sub-committees:

a. **Skills / training – Johnny Codd:** The skills committee met on May 29th last. The West Waterford Fab Lab is running smoothly and the official launch will take place soon. Numbers of Ukrainian new arrivals are falling sharply, there are currently 1700 in WWETB courses and English language courses are most in demand. Breakfast briefings linking employers with trainers are ongoing in the southeast. Engineering, construction, retrofit and hospitality sectors continue to experience labour shortages and some hospitality outlets cannot open for a full week in peak summer season. The committee continues to monitor developments in the offshore wind sector where a range of employment opportunities will arise in the coming years, a southeast wind energy task force has been established to coordinate efforts and drive the agenda in the southeast. Full Minutes and supporting documents will be circulated to LAG.

b. **Healthy Waterford – Eoin Morrissey:** Over the course of the last 6 months Healthy Waterford has been implementing its local strategy and engaging the public in Health and Wellbeing Interventions. Below is a list of initiatives and activities we have supported and are leading out on

- Connecting Community Roadshows between January – May
- Playful Streets Program between May – September
- Planned Community Wellbeing tour October – November
- Treo Port Láirge and Renew Enterprises
- Waterford Leader Social Farming Project
- Aiséirí /Céim Eile Progression Program
- Lismore Social Economic Community Wellbeing Plan
- Clashmore – Kinsalebeg Community Wellbeing Plan

Review of Connecting Community Roadshows - A review meeting took place on the 28th of May to gain feedback from partners, review effectiveness and build on lessons learned. All feedback received was extremely positive, as was a willingness by all parties to continue into 2025. Attendees at the meeting agreed that Five roadshows should take place from February to May 2025 in each Municipal District. A full meeting will take place on the 19th of September to initiate planning for 2025.

Playful Streets - This summer, there are over 28 events scheduled to take place within Waterford between the months of May to September, many of which have already taken place. Playful Street events provide a great opportunity for communities to work together and training and supports are available to Residents' Associations / Community Groups who wish to take part

Community Wellbeing Tour - A tour of communities will be taking place in October – November with interventions from a health and wellbeing perspective. We are currently designing the initiative and open to suggestions and working with local health and wellbeing practitioners.

c. **Sláintecare Healthy Communities – Ovi Matiut:** The following projects were approved funding by the Well Waterford committee under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Seed Funding for 2024.

School community garden and outdoor classroom (Waterford ETNS – applicant) - € 19,000

Community garden and outdoor classroom (including ground works, poly tunnel, storage container, polytunnel, raised beds, rainwater harvesting etc.), used by both schools ETNS & Gaeilscoil na Déise. Grow it Yourself workshops for parents and members of the school community.

Neighbourwood (Comhairle na nÓg) - € 17,500

8 Benches to be installed at three sites with Native Irish Trees: Cherrymount Estate, the start of the Greenway at Carriganore and Carriganore – SETU sport campus.

Comhairle wants to create access to the Native Irish Trees for all sorts of groups (from schools, youth groups, and community groups) by developing information points, areas to sit and connect, and put in walking trails.

Come and Try it Out (Waterford Community Safety Partnership) - € 13,500

Two youth focused 'Come Try It' days with a diversity of physical and mental health wellbeing recreational activities supported by inspirational health focused guest speaker, tackling health inequality in Waterford.

Priorsknock green area refurbishment (Waterford Sports Partnership) - € 25,000

The refurbishment and redevelopment of current basketball court in Priorsknock, Waterford City will focus on the engaging with the community looking to utilise the area for suitable physical activity pursuits e.g. multi-sport area, basketball, cycling depending on the outcomes of the public consultation.

12. Adoption of the Ukrainian Integration Strategy as an addendum to Migrant Integration Strategy

Proposed: Margaret Collins	Seconded by: Jenny Beresford
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

13. Community Integration Forum & LA Integration Team update – Noeleen Osborne

DAC – 360 Dungarvan: Integration Support Workers (ISWs) presented to 360 Dungarvan to the new 90 policy arrivals to provide support and information – intake to date 54 with 41 now in accommodation (WCCC & self-sourced) Beds stood up for next week so new arrivals due

Information Clinics: A WWETB Apprenticeship information session took place in partnership with WWETB. A Childcare information session also provided in partnership with Waterford Childcare committee. Further clinics are in development.

LAIT information days: ISWs presented to Avondale guesthouse & Travelodge Hotel with further visits to Viking House and Shalom.

Hotels: Drop-in days to meet residents and introduce the LAIT have been completed. Second visits now being organized to all BOTP contracted residences.

Summer camps: LAIT are continuing to support WAP to identify participants and summer camp places for children living in shared accommodation spaces, advertising and collecting information.

Crinniú: Funding allocated through Crinniú for projects for the Dungarvan DAC as a multi-generational art piece facilitated by a trained facilitator with Ukrainian language skills

CIF & CIF Working Groups: The meeting for the Single males IAWG subgroup was held on 9th July. This meeting identified needs/barriers of the single males living in IP accommodation in Waterford. This covers three centres

with an approx. total of 245 residents. Template of services provided by agencies due for return on 26th July and we will collate information for August meeting of group. A meeting of the CIF is scheduled for September.

Facebook: The Facebook page is being regularly updated. content includes upcoming events, courses, employment opportunities and LAIT clinics. Post reach to date is growing.

Newsletter: A LAIT newsletter has been developed this includes upcoming events, courses, and employment opportunities. These are sent regularly with information to those the information applies to.

14. Correspondence

- (a) Minister Humphries announces €20 million Community Centre Investment Fund.
- (b) Procedures on the use of School Property and facilities outside school hours.

15. AOB

Senan Cooke asked that the LCDC do best to promote and explain the value of social enterprise. He said that in a few weeks time the 2nd National Social Enterprise Policy will be launched. Social Enterprise is being driven by people who know how to do it best. They are currently researching a network from Annestown to Ballymacarbry, and hope that the LCDC will give Social Enterprise the recognition it deserves over the next few years.

16. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 12th September, 2024 at 10 a.m. (videoconference)
Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____