



**Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, teleconference via Zoom at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Non Public Sector:**

**Public Sector**

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

**Staff Present:** J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., O. Kelly A.O., E Smyth A.S.O., O Matiut S.S.O. G. Mulhall S.O., N Osborne S.O.

**Apologies:** E Morrissey S.S.O, C Hartley A/D.O.S. G Power S.O., S Breathnach Community S.E.O. & Chief Officer

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| 1.Total current Membership            | 19                                                   |
| 2.Total attendees                     | 13                                                   |
| 3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above) | Achieved – 68%                                       |
| 4. non-public/public ratio            | 7 non-public: 6 public<br>54% non-public: 46% public |

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record Acting Chief Officer Orla Kelly informed the committee a quorum was achieved: 7 non-public : 6 public.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. **Membership**

PPN representatives are expected to be in place in December.

4. **Conflict of Interest:**

- (i) C.o.I. declarations: None
- (ii) Review of Quorum: 7:6 in favour of non-public.
- (iii) J Codd requested of all members to please complete and return their 2025 Conflict of Interest Forms.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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| <b>Proposed: J Beresford</b> | <b>Seconded by: G Foley</b> |
| <b>Abstentions: None</b>     |                             |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>  | <b>Approved</b>             |

6. **Matters arising:**

None.

7. **Rural Development Programme.**

- i) Update on LEADER 2327: Targeted Calls C Rossi gave the following update.

The second LEADER targeted call under the 2023-2027 programme was launched on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. The total call budget amounts to €2,032,254 and is allocated to all sub-themes and strategic actions, except for strategic action 1.5 (Culture & Heritage Product Development), which was depleted in the first call.

Three Information Workshops were held in Dungarvan (Park Hotel 12<sup>th</sup> Nov), Tramore (Coast Guard Centre 13<sup>th</sup> Nov) and Lismore (Red Hall 14<sup>th</sup> Nov). Expressions of Interest (EOI) deadline is 2pm Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November. Workshops for eligible EOIs commenced on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. The Call Deadline is Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025. EOIs and projects and claims are progressing well.

- ii) For noting Jul-Aug-Sep Q3 2024 RDP Returns, Income & Expenditure.  
Q3 Returns filed by WLP, were noted by the committee.

- iii) Projects for Approval: 31WAT100183 Glamping Pods Bank of Ireland Lismore.  
This project is deferred to December, as the promoter has sought additional funds via the Community Recognition Fund and elements of the original project may be funded from said CRF fund rather than LEADER. Administration checks are required before approval can be sought.

#### 8. Circulars

- Circular 08-2024 - Irish and bi-lingual LEADER identifier.  
One circular was noted by the committee.

#### 9. Correspondence

- Our Rural Future Minister Humphreys announces Ballincollig Co Cork as Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2024.
- Migration Information Campaign Pack.

#### 10. A.O.B.

None

**11. Date and venue of next LAG meeting:** 11.00am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Tower Hotel Waterford City.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

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DATE