



Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting
Thursday 14th November 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. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	2. Liam Brazil	Elected Representative
3. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	3. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
4. Sinéad Kilcawley	PPN/Social Inclusion	4. Sean McKeown	CE, WC&CC
5. Senan Cooke	PPN/Community & Voluntary	5. Mayor Jason Murphy (Chair)	Elected representative
6. Gerald Hurley	Waterford Chamber of Commerce	6. Karina Daly	WWETB
7. Christine Rossi	CEO – WLP CLG		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
8. Csilla Czelvikker	PPN/Community & Voluntary	7. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
9. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	8. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
10. Heather Kiely	PPN/Social Inclusion	9. Kate Cassidy	HSE

Supporting Staff Present: Johnny Codd SO, Susie Whelan SO, Ovi Matiut Sláintecare LDO, Orla Kelly AO, Ger Mulhall SO, Emma Smyth C.O., Noleen Osbourne LAIT Coordinator and Eoin Morrissey HI Waterford Co-ordinator.

Apologies: Sinéad Breathnach SEO & Chief Officer, C Hartley A/D.O.S. and G Power S.O.

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 54% non public: 46% public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Acting Chief Officer Orla Kelly informed the meeting that a quorum had been reached. The quorum was non-Public 7: Public: 6.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC Meeting held on 10th October 2024 (on extranet)

Proposed: Senan Cooke	Seconded by: Damien Geoghegan
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

4. **Matters arising**

No matters arising.

5. **SICAP**

(a) Update on WAP Programme from Liam Quinn

A Neuro Diversity event was held in collaboration with Autism Support Dungarvan, which had over 80 attendees at this event.

A Rural Social Enterprise Seminar was held in collaboration with Comhar Comeragh/Comeragh Social Enterprise Network to launch their needs assessment report, of approximately 30 Social Enterprises based in 22 villages. The event was MCed by SETU, with key speakers from the DRCD, Waterford City & County Council, SERI and Community Hub.

Planning commenced for the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan (which was deferred until the 13th December). WAP Will come back before the LCDC in early December in relation to the Annual Plan for 2025.

The KPI 1 target is to work with 79 groups, currently up to 74 which is 94%. The KPI 2 target is to work with 970 groups, which is currently up to 898 (95%).

The SICAP Case Study was submitted, and the video is available online for review.

Local Priority Groups:

- People living in disadvantaged communities 32% (Target 29%)
- People living in households that are jobless or are in low paid and/or precarious employment 46% (Target 42%)
- Disabled People/People with disabilities 10% (Target 8%)

(b) SICAP Sub Committee Update from Johnny Codd

In relation to membership of the SICAP Sub Committee - Michael O'Brien WWETB was on the subcommittee and he will be replaced with Karina Daly WWETB, Claire Hartley Acting D.O.S. will take up the position left

vacant by Ivan Grimes, D.O.S. Margaret Collins TUSLA will replace Julie Sommers TUSLA. Once the PPN reps have been decided they will also sit on the committee. The subcommittee meets three to four times a year.

6. Local Economic and Community Plan – Orla Kelly

Orla Kelly AO gave an update in relation to the LECP reporting framework. She confirmed that the process of contacting individual partners listed against specific short-term Actions had commenced. Partners are being sent their specific actions / KPIs and are invited to meet to review these actions and get guidance on the reporting process / online system. It is envisaged that partners will commence reporting in the new year for the 2024 period.

In relation to the online reporting platform, Orla has been liaising with the Council's Information Systems staff on the development of the online platform. However, there has been some challenges in terms of trying to set up the system to facilitate the production of reports in the desired format. Due to technical issues, it was not possible to give a demonstration of the platform, but screen shots to show broadly what the system might look like was shared with the Members. Mr. McKeown CEO asked if the online system would be capable of having a dashboard or tracking progress. Orla advised that this functionality was proving challenging, but she would continue to liaise with IS on this.

7. Community Grants Update – Grace Power

2024 Dormant Accounts Fund Action Plan to support LGBTI+ Community Organisations

An amount of €11,636.42 has been allocated to Waterford City & County Council/LCDC for one successful project (to be notified) from the 2024 DAF LGBTI+ funding, the remainder (€8,163.58) will issue in February 2025 from the Department's DAF LGBTI+ 2025 allocation. There will be no new call for applications in 2025.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 – Window 3

Window 3 of the CRF 2024 will open in early December. Further details to follow.

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

A total 2025 Allocation of €219,286 has been given to Waterford for the 2025 LEP. The opening date for application is to be confirmed.

8. Reports from Sub-committees:

a. Skills / training – Johnny Codd:

The Skills Committee will be meeting next Wednesday, there will be an update in the December meeting.

b. Healthy Waterford – Eoin Morrissey

Connecting Communities Roadshows (2025)

- Roadshows to bring public services to communities, with 25+ exhibitors.
- Nomination for the National Chamber Local Government Awards.
- Planning and sign-off meetings scheduled; broader public service participation encouraged.

Community Playful Streets

- Events run from January to December, with rebranding to make it more inclusive (e.g., "Let's Play Waterford" or "Community Well-being Visits").
- 2025 program planning involves multiple agencies; aims to support environmental and social objectives.

Community Well-being Seminars

- Pilot held in Lismore; additional seminars planned in Portlaw (Nov 21) and Passage East (Dec 12).
- Expansion planned for Q3-Q4 2025, targeting wider community health and well-being engagement.

Play Standard Training

- Pilot training conducted in Ballinroad.
- Plans to expand in 2025 for community and agency staff interested in using the Play Standard tool.

Social Enterprise and Community Development Seminar

- Held in Comer, featuring speakers from the Department of Rural Community Development, Connected Hubs, and others.
- Resulted in appointing a funded research student to collaborate with the municipal district.

Healthy City Accreditation

- Involvement in national network for Healthy City accreditation, anticipated in 2025.
- Planning group formation and consultations in progress.

Health and Well-being Practitioners Seminar (Dec 6)

- Event in Kill, Waterford, to involve practitioners and agencies in 2025 planning for Healthy Waterford.

Funded Projects**Community Initiatives**

- SHEP Reflective Practice, TREO Portlairge, GIY Healthy Communities, and the Social Farming Project (ongoing and successful).
- Waterford Autism-Friendly City Initiative (continuing into 2025, aligns with the funding cycle).
- Clashmore and Lismore Community Well-being Plans, Age-Friendly Expo, National Play Day, and Dementia Bus initiatives supported.

Funding Review and Allocation

- Majority of 2024 funding allocated; final expenditure review meeting scheduled.
- 2025 planning includes creating an overview calendar with major events and public activities for clarity.

c. Sláintecare Healthy Communities – Ovi Matiut:

- Working on completion of the seed funded projects with the plan to have them completed by the end of the year and reports to be sent to the Department of Health.
- CRF application for the Carrickphierish Recreation Park was recommended, subject to Part 8 completion.
- An application was made for funding in partnership with Minceiri Port Lairge to address the social determinants of health for Travelers in Waterford.
- Planning for 2025 projects.

9. Community Integration Forum (CI Fo) and LA Integration Team update – Noeleen Osbourne

The Local Authority Integration Team have carried out 72 Engagements and 7 information clinics to date, with 492 attendees.

As of 25th October there are 3,051 BOTPs and 645 IPAs in Waterford. WCCC Ukrainian team continue to work with arrivals to the Designated Accommodation Centre in Dungarvan (DAC) to assist BOTPs under the 90-day protocol to source accommodation and access services. We continue to seek pledge properties (vacant and shared) and can be contacted at 058/22059 or offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie

As previously mentioned, The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth issued 5 closure notices on various accommodation units throughout Waterford, including a council run unit at Barley Field. Our team have successfully sourced accommodation for all residents of Barleyfield in the Waterford area.

We will be hosting our Christmas Networking event for all centre managers/stakeholders and agencies in Carrickphierish Library on December 6th.

10. Correspondence

- Minister Joe O'Brien extends the Community Development Pilot Programme.
- Connecting for Life newsletter | Q3 2024.
- Local Enhancement Programme 2025 announcement.
- Minister Joe O'Brien officially launches new video to support the Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making.
- Taoiseach and Minister Humphreys announce funding to upgrade 399 community centres across the country.

11. AOB

Paula Soraghan from Independent Living Movement Ireland gave a presentation on project VOICE (Virtual Online Inclusive Comments for Empowerment) in relation to people with disabilities.

12. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: **Thursday 12th December 2024 at 11 a.m. at Tower Hotel**

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____