



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 9th January 2024, Tower Hotel at 11.00 a.m.

Present: **Non Public Sector:** **Public Sector**

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

Staff Present: J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O, O. Kelly A.O., E Smyth A.S.O., G. Mulhall S.O., N Osborne S.O., S Breathnach Community S.E.O. & Chief Officer, E Morrissey S.S.O, H Dennehy D.O.S. M McKnight C.O., O Matiut S.S.O.

Apologies: G Power S.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach informed the committee a quorum was achieved.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. **Membership**

PPN representatives are expected to be in place in February.

4. **Conflict of Interest:**

- (i) C.o.I. declarations: None
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Greater than 50% achieved
- (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 12th December 2024**

Proposed: L Brazil	Seconded by: L Quinn
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

6. **Matters arising:**

None.

7. **Rural Development Programme.**

- i) LEADER Programme Update Christine Rossi:

Targeted Call 1:

Of the 15 approved LEADER projects, 2 were declined by the promoter, 5 are completed and 8 are ongoing.

Targeted Call 2:

The deadline for applications is the 4th of February 2025. After this date we will know how many of the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) became actual applications. There were 45 EOIs, of which 22 have advised that they will not proceed. The reasons vary including planning permission, financial reasons, not being ready to proceed, etc.

Following receipt of the applications, they will be reviewed and processed for Evaluation Committee meetings on the 11th and 25th March 2025. The projects will be brought to the LCDC meeting of 10th April 2025.

Targeted Call 3:

Dates have been determined for the next targeted call. As per the LEADER Operating Rules, there must be one targeted call per annum. Advertising will commence on 1st July 2025. Workshops will take place the following week in Dungarvan, Lismore and Tramore. EOIs must be submitted by 11th July 2025.

- ii) WLP Administration Funds for Approval: 2025 Q1 Funds €76,932.45

The breakdown of the LEADER Budget spend was clarified for the committee. 25% of LEADER funds are allocated to administration and animation. The remaining 75% of funding is allocated to projects.

Proposed: M Collins	Seconded by: J Beresford
Abstentions: C Rossi	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

8. Circulars

None

9. Correspondence

None

10. A.O.B.

Eoin Morrissey and Senan Cooke will make a presentation on behalf of Comhar Comaraigh Network at the February meeting.

- 11. Date and venue of next LAG meeting:** 10.00am Thursday 13th February 2025 Videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed _____
CHAIRPERSON DATE