



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 13th March 2025, Videoconference at 10.00 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. Gareth Evans	Head of LEO
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		
8. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	Apologies:	
9. Ian O'Brien	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
Apologies:		8. Kate Cassidy	HSE
10. Mary Ray	Social Inclusion	9. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA

Staff Present: J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O, O. Kelly A.O., E Smyth A.S.O., G. Mulhall S.O., S Breathnach Community S.E.O. & Chief Officer, E Morrissey S.S.O, H Dennehy D.O.S., O Matiut S.S.O. Claire Flavin S.O.

Apologies: N Osborne S.O

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	15
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 79%

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. **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.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 13th February 2025**

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

5. **Matters arising:**

None.

6. **Rural Development Programme.**

- i) For Approval: Formal Support for Proposal to Department Seeking Funding for Comhar Comaraigh Network Project Coordinator

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

J Codd and E Morrissey to draft letter.

ii) **LEADER Targeted Call 2 Eligible Projects:**

Ten projects were submitted by the 4th of February 2025 deadline. One project was not eligible as they did not do the eTender process.

The remaining nine projects will be considered by the Evaluation Committee on the 11th of March 2025. If there are any deferrals that will be considered at a second Evaluation Committee meeting on the 25th of March 2025.

The projects will be presented to the LAG on the 10th of April 2025 for approval.

LEADER Targeted Call 2 Ineligible Expressions of Interest:

As per the LEADER OR: "EOI's that are considered ineligible must be periodically notified to the LAG decision making members. Accordingly, a list of all EOIs received in the relevant period and considered ineligible by a member of staff must be submitted to the LAG meeting at least on a quarterly basis, together with a short description of each EOI and reasons why it is considered to be ineligible."

The details of the EOIs are:

Project Name: An Seabhac Mara Works

Project Description: Restoring Waterford's wooden Long Boat

Project Promoter: Atlantic Challenge Southeast

EOI: IE31WAT101418

Reason: LEADER 2023-2027 culture and heritage tourism budget was fully allocated under the 1st targeted call.

Project name: Bluemind Wellness – Expansion

Promoter Name: Lee Broaders – Bluemind Wellness Ltd

Project Description: Mobile sauna and seaweed baths

Project Promoter: Lee Broaders

EOI: IE31WAT101372

Reason: The promoter did not attend the mandatory application workshop.

iii) For Approval: Annual Progress Report 2024 and Implementation Plan 2025

Proposed: D Geoghegan	Seconded by: J Beresford
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

7. Circulars

None

8. Correspondence

None

9. A.O.B.

10. Date and venue of next LAG meeting: 10.00am Thursday 10th April 2025 Videoconference on M.S Teams.

Meeting Closed

Signed _____
CHAIRPERSON

_____ DATE