

**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting
Thursday 8th May 2025, via Videoconference @ 10 a.m.**

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

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

Supporting Staff Present: Helena Dennehy DOS, Sinéad Breathnach SEO & Chief Officer, Orla Kelly AO, Noeleen Osbourne LAIT Coordinator, Johnny Codd SO, Susie Whelan SO, Emma Smyth CO, and Eoin Morrissey HI Waterford Co-ordinator.

Apologies: Ger Mulhall SO, Ovi Matiut Sláintecare LDO.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	12
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 63%
4. non-public/public ratio	66% non-public: 34% public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach informed the meeting that a quorum had been reached. The quorum was 9 non-Public : 4 Public: .

2. **Apologies**

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC Meeting held on 10th April 2025 (on extranet)

Proposed: Liam Brazil	Seconded by: Gabriel Foley
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

4. **Matters arising**

No matters arising.

5. **For approval – Terms of Reference for the SICAP Sub-Committee:**

This was deferred until the June meeting.

6. **For approval – LCDC Annual Report 2024:**

Proposed: Gabriel Foley	Seconded by: Damien Geoghegan
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

7. **Uploaded Community Progress Report for questions:**

7.1 **Community Integration Forum – Noeleen Osborne:**

Waterford Council's Ukrainian Team working with arrivals to the Designated Accommodation Centre (DAC) has now concluded and the building has been returned to owners. New pledge properties are now offered to the other DACs and the team will work with DAC staff to ensure occupancy of properties and management of the licenses going forward. The team continues to support those in pledged accommodation and are still seeking pledge properties (vacant and shared) and can be contacted at 058/22059 or offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):

For April the Local Authority Integration Team carried out 15 Engagements including 6 information sessions with 45 attendees. There were also 18 non-clinic queries. Main topics covered were Adult Education, CV preparation, Job Searching, Sports Clubs, Potential Workshop Ideas, Needs of those residing in IPAS, Information on Repatriation for a deceased Ukrainian Minor.

As of 11th April, there are 3,154 BOTPs (increase of 10) and as of 6th April there are 636 IPAs in Waterford. Facebook engagement continued and the May newsletter has been sent to all interested parties.

In April the LAIT attended The Connecting Communities Roadshow in Kilmacthomas and also attended the Carlow Council one stop roadshow.

7.2 Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)– Ger Mulhall

Work is ongoing with Waterford Area Partnership (WAP), who continue to implement the SICAP Programme on behalf of the LCDC.

	Actual	Target		Notes
KPI 1 (Groups)	39	79	49%	
KPI 2 (Individuals)	417	949	44%	80 individuals awaiting second intervention which will count towards KPI when second intervention is recorded
% of Supported Individuals who fall into local priority target group(s)	96%	88%	-	

- Social Enterprise Development Worker (part-time) has commenced to support local communities including the development of a Repair Café in Larchville & Lisduggan Communities based on the outcomes of the TASC People's Transition 2024 report.

7.3 Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) Grants 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The final list was sent to the Department for approval on the 3rd of April. All applicants will be advised once final approval is received from the Department, which we anticipate should be in late May / early June.

7.4 Community Grants Update – Claire Flavin

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024:

Window 1 (€491,392): One of the seven projects are now complete.

A further three interim claims were received from projects and were processed.

The remaining projects are proceeding.

Window 2 (€86,557): A Letter of Offer has issued to the project approved under Window 2.

Window 3 (€786,625): Seven applications were recommended for approval to the Department of Rural and Community Development for Window 3. We await approval by the Department.

Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) Grants 2025

Supporting Waterford Communities Grant (non LCDC grant)

Waterford City and Council's Supporting Waterford Fund budget for 2025 is €240,338 was approved by the Plenary Council held on 10th April. Total applications received: 318 applications (98 from Sports Clubs, 94 from Residents Groups and 126 from Community Groups) of which 305 were valid. Allocations were distributed as follows:

Residents Association Fund: Number of Applications – 94 (90 eligible) - Allocation €78,990

Recommend that Applications under Residents Association Fund receive €880 allocation

Community Activity Fund: Number of Applications – 126 (122 eligible) - Allocation €91,249

Recommend that applications to the Community Activity Fund receive €762 allocation

Sport & Recreation Fund: Number of Applications – 98 (93 eligible) - Allocation €70,109

Recommend that applications to the Sport & Recreation Fund receive €762 allocation

7.5. Reports from Sub-committees:

- (i) Skills / training – Johnny Codd
No update until the June meeting.
- (ii) Healthy Waterford – Eoin Morrissey
No update until June meeting
- (iii) Sláintecare Healthy Communities – Ovi Matiut
 - Well Waterford approved 4 projects for the seed fund 2025.
 - The Genio funded 'Enhancing Health Outcomes for the Traveller Community in Waterford City' project with Mincéirí Port Láirge is signed.

8. Proposed Waterford Roma Health & Accommodation:

Proposal: Roma Health & Accommodation Pilot Project - Waterford

We have been approached by the HSE and Waterford Area Partnership with a proposed Roma Health & Accommodation Pilot Project. HSE Social Inclusion Dublin and South East have allocated once-off funding of 60K to Waterford Area Partnership for the Waterford Roma Health & Accommodation Project. This funding has come from a HSE National Social Inclusion Office funding initiative to improve the health outcomes of excluded and vulnerable groups living in insecure and/or unsuitable housing.

The overall aim of the project is to improve health outcomes for the Roma population here in Waterford, of which there are estimated to be 800 (315 in Tipperary). This Roma Project will seek to build on the relationships and collaborative work already taking place in Waterford between key stakeholders. There are various strands of actions with the 3 main actions being to

1. ***Undertake a housing needs assessment and deliver advocacy supports to Roma (to be done by WAP)***
2. ***Use the public sector equality and human rights duty as a lever to address Roma health and accommodation needs,***
3. ***Evaluate outcomes, document issues and disseminate learning,***

As part of the pilot a working group of key stakeholders is required to oversee the Roma Health & Accommodation Project strands with Waterford Council, the HSE and WAP committed and the relevant sections of Waterford Council will sit on the working group.

Given the LCDC brief in Health & Wellbeing, social inclusion and migrant integration, we are looking at the possibility of the working group sitting under the existing LCDC framework to form a sub-group of the LCDC to oversee the project strands, so are looking for the LCDC's members thoughts on same and if anyone has an interest in being a part of the sub-group, to make contact with Sinéad. It is hoped to have the sub-group set up by the end of the summer.

More details on the project will be added to the extranet and any interested parties can make contact with Sinéad directly. The proposal to set up the group as a sub-group of the LCDC was passed.

Proposed: Margaret Collins	Seconded by: Jenny Beresford
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

9. Proposed Family Support Project for Larchville/Lisduggan:

Margaret Collins gave a presentation in relation to establishing a joint subgroup across CYPSC and LCDC to increase Family Support provision to the Larchville / Lisduggan Community. The proposal to set up the group as a sub-group of the LCDC was passed.

Proposed: Mary Ray	Seconded by: Liam Brazil
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Yes

10. Local Economic and Community Plan

The online LECP reporting system has now been finalised and tested and has been piloted with 5 Partners. The LECP team will now be contacting all reporting partners directly in the coming weeks, with a view to getting all partners reporting on their 2024 progress on the online platform. LCDC Members who are also reporting partners, should start collating their data in preparation for reporting. An LCDC Progress report (compiled from the pilot submissions received), was circulated to LCDC Members to show the format of future progress reports and for comment.

11. SICAP Update from WAP – Liam Quinn

No update as Liam was not present for the meeting.

12. Other Stakeholder Updates:

* Update from WWETB – Karina Daly

There was no update as Karina was not present for the meeting.

13. Correspondence

- a. Invitation to Consultation Event on Our Rural Future 2026-2030
- b. LCDC Communications Survey
- c. LCDC Networking Event, 15 October, 2025 - Save the date

14. A.O.B.

15. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 12th June 2025 in person at Waterford City Offices

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____