



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Menapia Building, Waterford at 11 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 Damien Geoghegan (Deputy Chair) | Elected Representative |
| 3. Liam Quinn        | CEO – Waterford Area Partnership       | 3. Karina Daly                          | WWETB                  |
| 4. Christine Rossi   | CEO – WLP CLG                          | 4. Gareth Evans                         | Head of LEO            |
| 5. Mary Ray          | Social Inclusion                       | 5. Cllr Liam Brazil                     | Elected representative |
| 6. Jenny Beresford   | CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber | 6. Kathryn Kiely                        | SETU                   |
| 7. Ian O'Brien       | PPN / Community & Voluntary            | 7. Kate Cassidy                         | HSE                    |
| <b>Apologies:</b>    |                                        | <b>Apologies:</b>                       |                        |
| 8. Catherine Quinlan | I.C.M.S.A.                             |                                         |                        |
| 9. Csilla Czelvikker | PPN / Community & Voluntary            | 8. Margaret Mary Collins                | TUSLA                  |
| 10. Sinead Kilcawley | PPN / Community & Voluntary            | 9. Sean McKeown                         | CE, WC&CC              |

**Staff Present:** H. Dennehy, D.O.S., S. de Faoite, D.O.S., S Breathnach Community S.E.O. & Chief Officer, O. Kelly A.O, J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E Morrissey S.S.O, N Osborne LAIT Coordinator., J Codd. S.O., O. Matiut S.S.O., G Mulhall, S.O.

**Apologies:** C. Flavin S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O., M. McKnight C.O.

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| 1.Total current Membership            | 19             |
| 2.Total attendees                     | 14             |
| 3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above) | Achieved – 74% |

- 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: No declarations.
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Greater than 50% achieved

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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| <b>Proposed: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan</b> | <b>Seconded by: Cllr. Liam Brazil</b> |
| <b>Abstentions: None</b>                |                                       |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>             | <b>Approved</b>                       |

**5. Matters arising:**

None.

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

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| <b>Proposed: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan</b> | <b>Seconded by: Cllr. Liam Brazil</b> |
| <b>Abstentions: None</b>                |                                       |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>             | <b>Approved</b>                       |

**7. SICAP payments - Quarter 3 (July – September) 2025 – Ger Mulhall**

**Liam Quinn excused himself from the meeting for Agenda Item 7.**

Quarter 3 payment is split into two sub-payments:

- An initial one-month payment -if Quarter 1 and 2 payment criteria have been met.
- Remaining two-month payment: made once the mid-year Financial & Monitoring Report is approved by the LCDC.

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| SICAP - July 2025        | €114,236.33 |
| New Arrivals - July 2025 | €20,567.25  |

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| <b>Proposed: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan</b> | <b>Seconded by: Cllr. Liam Brazil</b> |
| <b>Abstentions: Liam Quinn</b>          |                                       |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>             | <b>Approved</b>                       |

**8. WHO Healthy City and County Accreditation Briefing – Eoin Morrissey**

Eoin Morrissey gave a presentation on the WHO Healthy City and County Accreditation.

Accreditation assessment for WHO Healthy City and County status is set to take place on June 17th, 2025, in Bursa, Turkey. In preparation, our coordinator attended the National Network of Healthy Ireland in Local Government meeting on June 6th, 2025, where they delivered a presentation highlighting the pivotal role of Healthy City and County Coordinators, within this

national framework. It has been confirmed that Waterford have received the accreditation. Eoin Morrissey will keep the Members updated on progress. For more information contact Eoin Morrissey: [eoinmorrissey@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:eoinmorrissey@waterfordcouncil.ie)

## 9. Nomination for PPN Representative for Well Waterford Subcommittee

Mary Ray was nominated for the vacant position on the Well Waterford Subcommittee:

|                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Proposed: Ian O'Brien | Seconded by: Gabriel Foley |
| Abstentions: None     |                            |
| Quorum achieved: Yes  | Approved                   |

## 10. Uploaded Community Progress Report for questions-

### 1) Community Integration Forum – Noeleen Osborne:

Waterford Council's Ukrainian Team continue to work with BOTPs residing in Waterford under the OAH/pledge process. New pledge properties are 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. They are still seeking pledge properties (vacant and shared) and can be contacted at 058/22059 or [offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie)

#### Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):

For May the Local Authority Integration Team carried out 17 Engagements, including 4 information sessions with 87 attendees. There were also 10 non-clinic queries. Main topics covered were; The Waterford Welcome Pack, Introduction to LAIT, Deportation, Housing in Ireland, HAP, Managing a Tenancy, Childcare, Focus also Group with Birchwood House Residents.

As of 9<sup>th</sup> May, there are 3,175 BOTPs (increase of 21) and as of 3<sup>rd</sup> June there are 657 IPAs in Waterford.

Facebook engagement continued and the June newsletter has been sent to all interested parties. In May the LAIT attended The Waterford Annual Symposium - The EU Migration Pact – what impacts for Ireland.

A collaboration with LAIT and Waterford Libraries Children's Art Competition for Refugee Week was launched.

The team also attended the Annual National Integration Conference and The WWETB Further Education and Training Fair 2025.

### 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. The SICAP budget allocation for 2025 Waterford City & County (Lot 24-1) is €1,452,756. The budget allocation for 'New Arrivals' for 2025 is €246,807.

The Mid-Year Review Process will commence shortly. The deadline for submission of the 2025 Mid-Year Financial & Monitoring Report by WAP is 17<sup>th</sup> June. A meeting of the SICAP Sub-Committee will take place to review this Report on behalf of the LCDC and provide feedback to Pobal on any issues

identified. The aim is to have the review process completed in advance of the July LCDC Meeting. The LCDCs must formally approve the Mid-Year Review by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

#### 4) Community Grants Update – Claire Flavin

##### Supporting Waterford Community Fund

Since the Supporting Waterford Communities Fund was approved at the Plenary Council meeting held on 10th April, all 305 groups have received their letters of offer and payments have been processed for 82% of these groups. The remaining groups need to be set up as suppliers in the Councils Financial Management System and have been contacted in relation to this.

##### Community Recognition Fund 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, and the remaining projects are proceeding.

**Window 2 (€86,557):** Window 2 approved project is being progressed.

**Window 3 (€786,626):** On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 the Department announced seven applications were successful under Window 3. as follows:

| Local Authority | City/Town/Village Area         | Project Group Name                      | Project Title                                                                      | Grant           |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Waterford       | Clonea Power/Mothel            | Clonea GAA Club                         | Pitch drainage and resurfacing                                                     | €81,720         |
| Waterford       | Dungarvan/Abbeyside/Ballinroad | Waterford City and County Council       | Refurbishment works at Dungarvan Sports Centre.                                    | €50,000         |
| Waterford       | Dungarvan/Abbeyside/Ballinroad | Ballinroad Soccer Club                  | Ballinroad soccer club upgrade project.                                            | €51,477         |
| Waterford       | Dungarvan/Abbeyside/Ballinroad | Dungarvan United Athletic Football Club | Upgrade works in clubhouse, outdoor track.                                         | €50,000         |
| Waterford       | Tallow                         | Tallow GAA & Camogie Club               | Continuation of club walkway with solar lighting.                                  | €50,000         |
| Waterford       | Waterford City                 | Waterford City & County Council         | Phase 1 of Carrickphierish Recreation Park.                                        | €450,000        |
| Waterford       | Waterford City                 | Waterford Disability Network            | Refurbishment and courtyard work in Waterford Disability Network Enterprise House. | €53,429         |
|                 |                                |                                         |                                                                                    | <b>€786,626</b> |

#### 5) Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) Grants 2025

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

#### 6) Reports from Sub-committees:

##### **a. Skills / training – Johnny Codd**

A separate Subgroup Minutes were uploaded to the LCDC Extranet.

**b. Sláintecare Healthy Communities – Ovi Matiut**

**Seed Fund**

- There are 2 funded projects incomplete to date, but work is in progress.
- In 2025, there will be 5 projects up for funding.
- There were 4 Playful Communities events delivered in Waterford City.
- The delivery of Genio funded project: 'Enhancing Health Outcomes for the Traveller Community in Waterford City commenced at the beginning of May.
- Ongoing support for community groups in Waterford City.

**11. LECP reporting and monitoring update – Orla Kelly**

Since the previous LCDC meeting, discussions were had with internal reporting partners at the May Seniors Forum meeting and a follow up workshop was held with WCCC staff on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Feedback from this workshop, resulted in a need to explore the option of assigning reporting leads to each action, who would then be responsible for coordinating a single progress update on their assigned actions. Steps will be taken to explore and proceed with this option, prior to the next LCDC meeting.

**12. Update from Family Support Project for Larchville/Lisduggan – Margaret Collins**

Update deferred until the July meeting.

**13. SICAP:**

**Update from WAP – Liam Quinn**

Liam Quinn gave an update on the SICAP Programme, including KPIs 1 and 2, as per table below.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Actual    | Target    | Comment    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>KPI 1 (Groups)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>60</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>76%</b> |
| Ongoing registration support and interventions with local community organisations to meet KPI                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |           |            |
| Larchville & Lisduggan Repair Café has its first meeting on May 17th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |           |            |
| SICAP attended the Connecting Community Roadshow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |           |            |
| WAP presented at Pobal's Climate Justice seminar on the Larchville & Lisduggan People's Transition Report. As one of 4 local development companies presenting on local climate actions it is hoped that the outcome of the seminars will inform SICAP's programme and Horizontal Theme of Climate justice. |           |           |            |
| Community Connection Project – recruitment and commencement of part time Development Worker                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |           |            |
| Dungarvan Community Centre Feasibility Study is ongoing with final report due in late June.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |           |            |

|                             | Actual     | Target     | Comment              |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| <b>KPI 2 (individual)</b>   | <b>615</b> | <b>949</b> | <b>65% of target</b> |
| Second Intervention Pending | 95         |            |                      |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|
| Participating on a course                                                       | 538 |     |  |
| Soft Skills and Wellbeing Courses                                               | 30% |     |  |
| New Registrations (individuals)                                                 | 67% |     |  |
| % of Supported individuals who fall into local priority target group(s) Actuals | 93% | 88% |  |

#### 14. Other Stakeholder Updates:

##### Update from DWWC – Jenny Beresford:

An comprehensive update was given by Jenny Beresford on the activities of Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber, including the following:

- Providing supports to over 340 businesses employing 5,000 people across West Waterford
- Assisting in the creation, support, maintenance and promotion of a positive environment for business in West Waterford.
- Assisting business with problem solving, spotting opportunities, promoting businesses and the area, networking and providing a voice for businesses.
- Running a broad range of events, initiatives, collaborations, partnerships.
- Promoting the use of Chamber Shopping Vouchers
- Running the Dungarvan Tourist Office, in partnership with the Council, Fáilte Ireland, and others.
- Representation on various committees locally and regionally and lobbying at every level.
- Champion business, connect community, and drive local growth.

##### Update from WWETB – Karina Daly

Karina Daly gave an update on WWETB:

- **Apprenticeship**

WWETB provides 14 craft apprenticeships from its Waterford Training Centre as listed below.

|             |             |                    |                |                       |                       |             |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Bricklaying | Plastering  | Wood Manufacturing | Motor Mechanic | Agricultural Mechanic | Industrial Insulation | Pipefitting |
| Fitting     | Sheet Metal | Metal Fabrication  | Plumbing       | Carpentry & Joinery   | Heavy Goods Mechanics | Electrical  |

- **Training -Traineeships**

WWETB provides Traineeships which provide occupation-specific training and integrate formal classroom training and workplace coaching with a host employer. All programmes lead to accreditation at QQI levels 4-6 or certification from a recognised external accredited body.

##### *Specific Skills Training (SST)*

SST courses are designed to meet the needs of industry across a range of sectors leading to accreditation at QQI levels 4-6 or certification from an Industry accrediting body.

##### *Skills to Compete*

STC are short, industry focused full-time programmes which typically range from 6-8 weeks for those not in employment. *Courses include Prop Making for Stunts and Set Decoration*

- **PLC**  
WWETB has a PLC College in Waterford , which provide full time programmes at QQI level 5 and 6 across a wide range of disciplines.
- **Tertiary Programmes**  
WWETB delivers the Bachelor of Business programme through Dungarvan Community College and SETU Waterford. WWETB will expand its provision of tertiary programmes in September 2025, through Waterford College of Further Education and SETU Waterford.
- **Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme**  
VTOS courses are designed to meet the education and training needs of unemployed people across Waterford. The courses are full-time and are offered at QQI level 3 – 6.
- **Youthreach**  
WWETB has 4 Youthreach Centres in Waterford that cater for young people aged 16 to 20 who have left school early with either no qualifications or minimal qualifications or who have been out of school for 6 months or more. Courses are available at QQI level 3, 4 and Leaving Certificate Applied.
- **FabLab**  
WWETB has a FabLab (Fabrication Laboratory) in Lismore, Co Waterford which is a fabrication workshop that gives everyone in the community the capability to turn their ideas into reality through rapid prototyping and on-demand manufacturing using 3D printing, 3D scanning and laser cutting.
- **Literacy & ESOL**  
WWETB offers literacy and ESOL programmes at level 1 – 3 across Waterford City and County.
- **Community Education**  
WWETB supports local community groups through the REACH grant.
- **Back to Education Initiative**  
BTEI provides part-time courses at QQI level 3, 4 and 5 for young people and adults, aimed principally at those who have not completed Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) qualification. It gives individuals the opportunity to combine a return to learning with family, work and other responsibilities.
- **Adult Guidance and Information Service**  
The AGIS is a service that helps adults make the best education, career and life choices for themselves. The AGIS provide impartial and confidential guidance counselling to adults who want to explore their education options and career paths.

## 15. Correspondence:

- (a) Minister Buttimer Announces Funding Call for Pilot Place-Based Philanthropy projects.
- (b) Minister Calleary announces further investment in Ireland’s walking trails and latest expansion of the Walks Scheme
- (c) Ministers Calleary and Buttimer announce €4 million investment to support social enterprises

- (d) Ministers Calleary and Buttimer announce a funding package of €1 Million to support the work of Men's Sheds across the country
- (e) My Open Library - Ministers Calleary and Buttimer welcome major milestone as over 50 libraries now offering out-of-hours access
- (f) LCDC communications online survey
- (g) LCDC Networking Event, 15 October, 2025 - Save the date

**16. AOB**

**17. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025, at 10 a.m. via Videoconference

**Meeting Closed**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson

Date