

**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025, via Videoconference @ 10 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Non Public Sector:**

**Public Sector**

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

**Supporting Staff Present:** Seamus de Faoite DOS, Orla Kelly AO & Deputy Chief Officer, Johnny Codd SO, Susie Whelan SO, Emma Smyth ASO, Ger Mulhall SO and Eoin Morrissey HI Waterford Co-ordinator, Claire Flavin SO

**Apologies:** Sinéad Breathnach SEO & Chief Officer, Ovidu Mathiu, S.S.O. , Noeleen Osbourne LAIT Coordinator, 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%             |
| 4. non-public/public ratio            | 57% non-public: 43% public |

**1. Appoint of Chair: Mayor Seamus Ryan**

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

**2. Confirmation of Quorum:**

Having reviewed the attendance record, Deputy Chief Officer Orla Kelly informed the Committee that a quorum had been reached. The quorum was 8 non-Public: 6 Public.

**3. Apologies.**

As per table above, apologies were noted.

**4. Conflict of interest**

Liam Quinn CEO WAP - Conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 8: the approval of funding for WAP for quarter three.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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| <b>Proposed: Liam Brazil</b> | <b>Seconded by: Gabriel Foley</b> |
| <b>Abstentions: None</b>     |                                   |
| <b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>  | <b>Approved: Approved</b>         |

**6. Matters arising**

No matters arising.

**7. SICAP Mid-Year Review (for approval)**

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

**8. SICAP Q3 Payment -August and September (for Approval)**

Liam Quinn declared a conflict of interest and therefore abstained for this Agenda Item.

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

## **9. Well Waterford Committee**

Eoin Morrissey advised that nominations will be sought to expand the Membership of Well Waterford Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee of the LCDC, to ensure input from all necessary stakeholders. Eoin advised that he will be contacting Members in the coming weeks in relation to this.

## **10 Uploaded Community Progress Report for questions:**

- 1. Community Integration Forum**
- 2. SICAP**
- 3. LECP**
- 4. Community Grants**
- 5. Reports from Sub-committees:**
  - (i) Skills/Training**
  - (ii) Healthy Waterford**
  - (iii) Sláintecare Healthy Communities**
  - (iv) SICAP Sub Committee**

A written progress report on the above was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting (attached)

## **11. Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) reporting and monitoring update – Orla Kelly**

Lead Partners have now been identified for each of the Actions in the LECP. All Lead Partners have been contacted and meetings have taken place with many, to assist with the reporting process. The online reporting system has also been revised to facilitate lead partner reporting. Contact will be made with all partners in the coming days requesting their first submissions, with a view to reporting at the September LCDC meeting.

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

This update was deferred to the next LCDC meeting.

## **13. SICAP – Liam Quinn**

Liam Quinn gave an update to Members on progress of the SICAP Programme (as per attached).

## **14. Other Stakeholder Updates**

### **Laura Power – UNESCO City of Learning**

An informative presentation was given by Laura Power, SETU in relation to UNESCO City of Learning, which covered the following topics:

- Background and overview of Waterford as UNESCO Learning City.
- Learning City community of Action: Building a network of knowledge sharing and peer-peer learning with key partners from WCCC, SETU, WWETB, WAP, Waterford Chamber, KCC, Southern Regional Assembly.

- Citizen voice: Public engagement activities to raise awareness and receive feedback, e.g. SPRAOI pop up, and involve/recruit local learners as 'lifelong learning ambassadors'
- Pilot Learning City Neighbourhood: Larchville and Lisduggan
- Future Plans: Waterford Learning City Festival
- Further details: [laura.power@setu.ie](mailto:laura.power@setu.ie)

#### **Csilla Czervikker – New Community Network**

Csilla Czervikker gave a comprehensive update on recent activities of Waterford New Communities Network (WNCN) including the following:

- Community Engagement & Events
- Regular Outreach Activities
- Building Collaboration and Inclusion
- Communications and Future Priorities

#### **15. Correspondence**

- a. Media Release Minister Buttimer publishes the Dormant Accounts Fund Annual Report 2024
- b. Under Embargo Media Release: Minister Calleary welcomes the 2024 Annual Report of An Coimisinéir Teang
- c. Local Enhancement Programme Allocations 2025 as published by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

#### **16. AOB**

None.

17. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 via Videoconference.**

**Signed:**

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**Chairperson Waterford LCDC**

**Date:**

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