



Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting
Thursday 9th October 2025, via Videoconference @ 10 a.m.

Present:

Non-Public Sector:

Public Sector

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

Staff Present: Chief Officer S Breathnach Community S.E.O., C Flavin S.O., Y. Dam C.O., J. Codd S.O., E Morrissey S.S.O., G Mulhall S.O., N Osborne LAIT Coordinator., S Whelan S.O.

Apologies: O Matiut S.S.O., M McKnight C.O., S De Faoite D.O.S., O Kelly A.O., E Smyth A.S.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%
4. non-public/public ratio	53% non-public: 47% public

1. Confirmation of Quorum:

Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach informed the Committee that a quorum had been achieved.

2. Apologies.

As per table above, apologies were noted.

3. Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes of LCDC meeting on 18th September 2025 (on extranet)

Proposed: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Seconded by: Cllr. Liam Brazil
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

5. Matters arising

No matters arising

6. Uploaded Community Progress Report for questions-

1. Community Integration Forum
2. SICAP
3. LECP
4. Community Grants
5. Reports from Sub-committees:
 1. Skills/Training
 2. Healthy Waterford
 3. Sláintecare Healthy Communities
 4. SICAP Sub Committee

No questions or comments were raised in relation to the Progress report which was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

7. Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) reporting and monitoring update – Orla Kelly

Sinead gave apologies for Orla and the following update, the 2024 LECP progress report has been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. A substantial amount of work has been done on finalising the reporting template and on follow up on outstanding partner reports.

Reporting partners will be contacted in the coming weeks and requested to report progress for periods Quarters 1 to 3, 2025, which will then be collated and circulated to Members. A meeting of the LECP Reporting Sub-Group will be convened to review outcomes of the 2024 progress report and to prepare for the next two years reporting.

8. Well Waterford – Eoin Morrissey

The Well Waterford Committee is to expand, with the aim of having a political lead for each Municipal District. Cllr. Damien Geoghegan is the representative for the Dungarvan / Lismore Municipal District and Cllr. Liam Brazil represents the Comeragh Municipal District. Nominations were sought for the Metropolitan Area and Cllr. Seamus Ryan, as Mayor, was nominated to represent the Metropolitan Area on the Well Waterford Committee.

Cllr. Seamus Ryan was approved to represent the Metropolitan area on the Well Waterford Committee, as below.

Proposed: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Seconded by: Cllr. Liam Brazil
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

9. Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan – Ger Mulhall

The appointed consultants held a number of public consultations and findings are currently being compiled. Surveys went live in early October and have been circulated to LCDC Members. All are encouraged to share with their networks and survey will remain open for the remainder of the month.

10. Update from Family Support Project for Larchville/Lisduggan – Liam Quinn

The fourth meeting of the Sub-Group was held on the 1st October and discussions took place in relation to a number of issues, including the ongoing search for a family resource centre in the Larchville/Lisduggan area. Terms of reference were also discussed, and a draft circulated. A further meeting is planned, to take place prior to the next LCDC meeting to review terms of reference and to plan for this area and to build on the visioning exercise completed last year with the local community.

11. SICAP

(a) Update from Buíon Phort Láirge (formerly WAP) – Liam Quinn

The target for Goal 1 (working with community groups) is 79. Buíon Phort Láirge is currently working with 73 groups. Buíon is also working with four groups who are not registered on the system and with eight new social enterprises, which are also not registered on the system.

The target for Goal 2 (working with individuals) is 949. Buíon Phort Láirge has exceeded this target and is currently working with 967 individuals. The SICAP team recently partook in the Cork Shared Island Learning Cities Programme, which is a learning initiative and part of the UNESCO Learning Cities, which officially launched in Waterford on October 18th.

Presentation on SICAP Case Study – Liam Quinn, Buíon Phort Láirge (formerly WAP)

This year's theme is the importance of SICAP English Language delivery for Social, Economic and Cultural integration and Individual Progression for Migrant Communities.

The Case Study will provide a snapshot of Buíon's development of a range of English Language Classes, funded by SICAP, which impacts on individual participant progression, integrated programme delivery and community cohesion.

(b) Other Stakeholder Updates - Ger Hurley, Waterford City Chamber of Commerce

Ger gave an informative overview of the Waterford City Chamber of Commerce:

The Waterford Chamber was officially formed in 1787, with over 600 members employing over 18,000 people. Members join a collective voice for the Southeast to ensure that their voice is heard at every level of government. The Chamber has engaged with Ministers, T.D.'s, M.E.P.S., lobbying on issues and items such as balanced regional development, SETU expansion, vibrant city centre and Waterford airport.

In September the Chamber hosted an event in Faithlegg, attended by Jack Chambers, along with potential investors and ambassadors from ten countries. The evening showcased Waterford and the Southeast for investment and highlighted the advantages of setting up a business in the region.

Women in business lunches, golf classic and other gatherings foster relationships, partnerships and growth. Monthly newsletters issue, with input from Waterford City and County Council and an inhouse magazine is produce quarterly. Through Waterford Chamber and Skillnet, a national model of best practice in training and upskilling has been built. The Chamber ensures members have the relevant knowledge and expertise required to stay ahead. The Chamber launched its eight regional leader programme and Sealnet and Bosch and Lomb have developed a programme for the business community.

The Chamber is pushing forward on long term initiatives to shape Waterford in the future, with a 50-year vision for the southeast infrastructure, housing utilities and economic growth. Waterford first initiative has gained momentum, with a gift card and accreditation scheme, which was launched this year. The Chamber also have workability programmes in which they work with people with disabilities to access meaningful employment.

12. A.O.B.:

13. Correspondence:

- (a) Ministers Calleary and Buttimer promote the National Public Libraries Open Day.
- (b) New Funding Opportunities for WPPN Members.
- (c) Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan - Public Consultation.
- (d) LCDC Members Survey and VOICE Newsletter.

14. Date and venue of next meeting is Thursday 13th November 2025 via Videoconference.

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date:
