



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 12th February 2026, Videoconference, 10.00 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 – Waterford Area Partnership	2. Sean McKeown	CE, WC&CC
3. Ger Hurley	Waterford Chamber of Commerce	3. Cllr. Liam Brazil	Elected representative
4. Christine Rossi	CEO – WLP CLG	4. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
5. Ian O’Brien	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Karina Daly	WWETB
6. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber		
7. Csilla Czelvikker	PPN / Community & Voluntary	Apologies:	
Apologies:		6. Gareth Evans	Head of LEO
8. Sinead Kilcawley Retired	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Kate Cassidy	HSE
9. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	8. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
10. Mary Ray	Social Inclusion	9. Mayor Seamus Ryan (Chair)	Elected representative

Staff Present: Chief Officer S Breathnach Community S.E.O., S. Whelan S.O., J. Codd S.O., E Morrissey A.O, Y. Dam A.S.O., G. Mulhall S.O., S. DeFaoite D.O.S., A. Maher, A.O.

Apologies:. N. Osborne LAIT Coordinator, C. Flavin S.O., M. McKnight, C.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	12
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 63%

1. Confirmation of Quorum: Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach informed the Committee a quorum was achieved. In the absence of Chair Seamus Ryan Cllr Damien Geoghegan took the chair and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies.

As per table above, apologies were noted.

3. Conflict of Interest:

- (i) C.o.I. declarations: None
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Quorum achieved.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 15th January 2026

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

5. Matters arising:

None.

6. Rural Development Programme.

- i) LEADER Monthly Update: C Rossi gave an update on the progress of the LEADER 2327 Programme.

Thus far, twenty-two projects have been approved by the Local Action Group under the LEADER 2023-2027 Programme. A total amount of €1,099,544.26 has been paid, with twenty-nine claims processed to date. The fourth targeted call has been initiated and applications are due on 17th April

- ii) Preservation Facilities Building Project IE31WAT101426. Approval required for a new contractor to complete the build & a reallocation of 10% of the total cost to a new cost item i.e. clearance of site.

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

- iii) For Approval: 6-month extension for project IE31WAT101422, Hostel & Glamping at the Old Walsh's Hotel Cappoquin.

Proposed: L Brazil	Seconded by: I O'Brien
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

- iv) For Noting: Q4 2025 RDP Admin Returns, details circulated and available on extranet.

Proposed: S McKeown	Seconded by: Cllr D Geoghegan
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

- v) Waterford Local Development Strategy: Early Cycle Evaluation

This evaluation will commence in Q1 2026. A service provider has been appointed and representatives from LAG are required to sit on a consultative focus group.

Ian O'Brien, Gabriel Foley and Cllr Damien Geoghegan nominated to sit on focus group.

7. Correspondence: (extranet)

- ESSC Questionnaire on the interim evaluation of the CAP delivery on its objectives - Deadline: 13 March 2026
- Agri-Food Regulator / Programmes for women entrepreneurs

8. **A.O.B.** None

9. **Date and venue of next LAG meeting:** 11.00am Thursday 12th March, (Hybrid -venue tbc)

Signed _____
CHAIRPERSON DATE