

Minutes of the Waterford LCDCC Meeting

Thursday 12th February 2026, via Videoconference @ 10:00a.m.

Present:

Non-Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
2. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	2. Cllr. Damien Geoghegan (Deputy Chair)	Elected Representative
3. Ger Hurley	Waterford Chamber of Commerce	3. Sean McKeown	CE, WC&CC
4. Christine Rossi	CEO – WLP CLG	4. Cllr. Liam Brazil	Elected representative
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. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	7. Kate Cassidy	HSE
9. Sinead Kilcawley	PPN / Community & Voluntary	8. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
10. Mary Ray	Social Inclusion	Mayor Seamus Ryan (Chair)	Elected representative

Staff Present: S. DeFaoite D.O.S., Chief Officer, S Breathnach, Community S.E.O., A. Maher A.O., E Morrissey A.O., S. Whelan S.O., J. Codd S.O., Y. Dam A.S.O., G. Mulhall S.O., M. McKnight, C.O., N. Osborne LAIT Coordinator, and Emma Smyth, A.S.O.

Apologies:

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 that a quorum had been achieved.

2. Apologies.

As per table above, apologies were noted.

3. Conflict of Interest

Liam Quinn declared a conflict of interest for item 7b – the approval of SICAP funds and will excuse himself from the meeting for the approval.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes of LCDC meeting on 15th January 2026 (on extranet)

Proposed: Liam Brazil	Seconded by: Gabriel Foley
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:
 - (i) Skills/Training
 - (ii) Healthy Waterford
 - (iii) Sláintecare Healthy Communities
 - (iv) 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. SICAP – Ger Mulhall

a) SICAP Annual Performance Review 2025 and Annual Plan 2026 Update

For Approval (subject to completion of Pobal high level review)

- SICAP Annual Performance Review 2025
- SICAP Annual Plan 2026

The Annual Performance Review for 2025 and review of the Annual Plan for 2026 are currently underway - SICAP Sub-Committee met on Thursday 29th January to carry out the Annual Performance Review for 2025 and review the 2026 Annual Plan on behalf of the LCDC and provide feedback to Pobal.

Pobal raised a number of issues which need to be updated in the Annual Plan – linking of actions to LECP objectives etc. Buíon have updated the Annual Plan and resubmitted this through IRIS but await Pobal review.

High level review of Annual Performance Review has not been received from Pobal.

b) SICAP Payments (March 2026)

- SICAP	€124,772.25
- New Arrivals	€ 20,567.25

Approval of the payment as above, has been approved subject to no adverse reporting from the department.

Proposed: Liam Brazil	Seconded by: Sean McKeown
Abstentions: Liam Quinn	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

8. Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) reporting and monitoring –

The LECP Progress Report for 2025 has been circulated to members and is available on the LCDC Extranet.

The Community Department have commenced the preparation of the 2nd Implementation Plan and will be engaging with all stakeholders on amendments to actions and KPI's over the next few months. The draft plan will be brought to the Sub Group to finalise and will then go to the LCDC for approval. In the meantime, the LECP will be included as a headline item in the written progress reports.

9. Community Grants

a) Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2026 – Johnny Codd

The Supporting Waterford application process has finished with over 400 applications. A Members Workshop will take place on the 4th March and the proposed allocations will go to the March Plenary Meeting for approval.

b) Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026 – Ger Mulhall

The LEP 2026 opened for applications on 30th January. Applications must be completed and submitted through the Councils Submit online platform by 4.00pm on Friday 27th February 2026.

The link to the online application form and application guidelines can be found on the Council website at www.waterfordcouncil.ie/lep

The Community Grants Team held an information and assistance session in Central Library, Lady Lane on Tuesday 10th February and will hold another in Dungarvan Library from 2pm–4pm today.

Nominations for LEP Assessment Group

Change of date for submission of LEP 2026 Return to the Department is now 22nd April 2026.

It was proposed that Assessment Committee meet on 31st March with recommendation to be brought to April LCDC Meeting for approval. Councillors Damien Geoghegan and Liam Brazil have agreed to sit on the Assessment Group.

10. Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan – Ger Mulhall

We continue to progress the development of a Sports and Physical Activity Plan for Waterford. The consultants are finalising the strategic review, and we expect to have a draft Sports & Physical Activity Plan by the end of Q1 2026.

11. Well Waterford – Eoin Morrissey

Terms of Reference for Well Waterford:

Proposed: Liam Brazil	Seconded by: Ian O’Brien
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

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

Delegates from across the Irish Network of Learning Cities came and spent two days in Waterford in early February. This included a field trip to the communities in Lisduggan and Larchville where they learned about the bio diversity project and the Knights Templar graveyard restoration project.

13. SICAP

Update from Buíon Phort Láirge – Liam Quinn

There will be no update on SICAP until the March meeting.

14. Update from other stakeholders:

There will be no update from other stakeholders until the March meeting.

15. Local Government Auditors Report

The Local Government Auditors Report has been circulated to all members.

16. Correspondence:

- a) Request for Input: Mapping Disability Youth & Recreation Services in Waterford.
- b) Minister Calleary announces publication of the review of the first 10 language plans under the language planning process in the Gaeltacht.
- c) Local Enhancement Programme 2026 launching today Friday 30th January.
- d) Request to share: Public Service Fellowship 2026.

17. A.O.B.:

The Community Department have commenced the preparation of the 2025 LCDC Annual Report, as required under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001. The draft report will be circulated to the LCDC for comment and will be included on the March LCDC and Plenary Council Agenda for formal adoption.

18. Date and venue of next meeting

Thursday 12th March 2026, in person/ hybrid, venue to be confirmed.

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____