

Minutes of the Waterford LCDCC Meeting

Thursday 19 March 2026, Chamber, City Hall, Waterford and via Videoconference at 11 a.m.

Present:

Non-Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Mayor Seamus Ryan (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. Derval Howley	HSE
5. Ian O'Brien	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Gareth Evans	Head of LEO
6. Csilla Czelvikker	PPN / Community & Voluntary	Apologies:	
7. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	6. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
Apologies:		7. Karina Daly	WWETB
8. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	8. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
9. Sinead Kilcawley	PPN / Community & Voluntary	9. Cllr. Damien Geoghegan (Deputy Chair)	Elected representative
10. Mary Ray	Social Inclusion		

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

Apologies: E Morrissey A.O., M. McKnight, C.O., Emma Smyth, A.S.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 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 7 – 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 12th February 2026 (on extranet)

Proposed: Gabriel Foley	Seconded by: Ian O'Brien
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

For Approval:

- SICAP Annual Performance Review 2025 (Fin & Mon Reports)

Proposed: Liam Brazil	Seconded by: Christine Rossi
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

- SICAP Annual Plan 2026

Proposed: Christine Rossi	Seconded by: Liam Brazil
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved: Approved

- SICAP Payments:

SICAP VAT Refund Jun – Dec 2025	€18,706.93
SICAP Apr – Jun 2026	€374,316.75
SICAP New Arrivals Apr – Jun 2026	€61,701.75

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

Local Government Auditors Report, circulated for noting

- LGAS Audit of Buíon Phort Láirge SICAP 2024

8. Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) reporting and monitoring – No update until the April meeting.

9. Community Grants

a) Supporting Waterford Community Fund 2026 – Johnny Codd

The 2026 Supporting Waterford Community Grant Scheme was approved by the Plenary Council on 12th March inst.

There were 393 successful applications.

There were 10 ineligible applications.

A total fund of €240,258.00 will be distributed to the successful applicants.

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

The LEP 2026 closed for applications on Friday 27th February and 218 applications were received by the deadline:

- 99 applications in Metropolitan District **(45% approx.)**
- 41 applications in Commeragh District **(19% approx.)**
- 78 applications in Dungarvan/Lismore District **(36% approx.)**

We received 53 applications for grants of €1,000 or less and 165 applications for grants in excess of €1,000.

Waterford was allocated funding of €219,286.41 for the LEP 2026. The Department has approved for the underspend of €28,999.85 in 2025 to be carried over to LEP 2026, total fund for allocation in 2026 is €248,286.26

The LCDC Assessment Group is scheduled to meet to assess the applications received on Tuesday 31st March and the list of projects recommended for funding will be brought to the April meeting of the LCDC for approval before submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

10. Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan – Ger Mulhall

The Community Department, in collaboration with Waterford Sports Partnership (WSP), continues to progress the development of a Sports and Physical Activity Plan for Waterford, the purpose of which will be to increase participation in sport and physical activities across the County.

We have received an initial draft of the Sports & Physical Activity Plan from the consultants and have met with the consultants to review the draft plan and associated actions with further meetings planned. A meeting of the Steering Group will then be organised to review the plan further before signing off on the final draft in the coming weeks.

11. Well Waterford – Eoin Morrissey (absent)

No update until the April meeting.

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

Liam gave an update from the last meeting of task group (13/2/26) including the news that a location for BRILL FRC to deliver supports and services for the community has been secured. Some minor works including fire certification to be completed before taking occupancy.

Liam gave an overview of the projects across a range of areas in train to support the community.

13. SICAP

Update from Buíon Phort Láirge – Liam Quinn

SICAP: This is the current update on our KPIs

Goal	2026 KPI	Full Registration	As at March 18 th , 2026.

Goal 1	72	21	29%
Goal 2	949	226	28%

14. Update from other stakeholders:

Gareth Evans, L.E.O. gave a comprehensive presentation in relation to L.E.O, which was well received by all members of the LCDC.

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.:

An invite was circulated to members in relation to the Waterford Leader Partnership - Little Jobs Service Pilot Programme. The aim of this service is to support independent living in our community. This is on 20th March 2026 at 11 a.m. in the Presentation Building, Mitchell Street, Dungarvan.

18. Date and venue of next meeting

Thursday 9th April 2026, in person/ hybrid, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____