



Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 14th May 2026, City Hall Chamber, 11.00 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. Jane Fraher	PPN / Community & Voluntary	3. Cllr. Liam Brazil	Elected representative
4. Christine Rossi (Angeline Drennan)	CEO – WLP CLG	4. Derval Howley	HSE
5. Ian O’Brien	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
Apologies:		6. Karina Daly	WWETB
6. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	7. Gareth Evans	Head of LEO
7. Ger Hurley	Waterford Chamber of Commerce		
8. Csilla Czelvek	PPN / Community & Voluntary	Apologies:	
9. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	6. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
10. Mary Ray	Social Inclusion	1. Mayor Seamus Ryan (Chair)	Elected representative

Staff Present: Chief Officer S Breathnach Community S.E.O., J. Codd S.O., G. Mulhall S.O., N Spendlove A.O., N. Osborne LAIT Coordinator., E Morrissey A.O., Muriel Tobin PPN, A. Maher A.O., S. DeFaoite D.O.S.

Apologies: C. Flavin S.O., S. Whelan S.O., M. McKnight C.O., E Smyth C.O., Y. Dam A.S.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	11
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 58%

1. Confirmation of Quorum: Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer Sinéad Breathnach informed the Committee a quorum was achieved. Deputy Chair Damie Geoghegan 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 9th April 2026

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

5. Matters arising:

None.

6. Rural Development Programme.

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

Fourth Targeted Call:

The 4th LEADER Targeted Call closed on the 17th of April 2026.

Out of the 27 eligible Expressions of Interest nine (9) projects were received but only seven (7) projects were eligible. The other two (2) projects had issues with planning and procurement so could not progress.

These projects have been going through the pre-evaluation reviews and copies were distributed to the Independent Evaluation Committee on the 8th of May 2026.

The Evaluation Committee will meet on the 25th of May 2026.

The Evaluation Committee recommendations will be presented to the LCDC/LAG for consideration on the 11th of June 2026.

Fifth Targeted Call:

WLP is preparing for the 5th Targeted Call. The plan is to advertise the week of the 30th of June 2026.

Three information session will be held in Dungarvan, Tramore and Lismore from the 7th-9th July 2026.

LEADER Budget:

The LEADER project allocation after three targeted calls is 42% (€1,929,726.41) with 25% of the budget paid out in claims. A further nine claims are in process.

LDS Early Stage Evaluation:

The Early Stage Evaluation of the Local Development Strategy is nearing completion. The service provider is having final consultations with promoters.

- ii) For noting: 2026 Q1 RDP Returns, Income & Expenditure

The committee noted the financial returns for Q1 2026 submitted by WLP.

7. Circulars: (extranet) None

8. Correspondence

- DRC DG Information Note – April, 2026.

9. A.O.B. None

10. Date and venue of next LAG meeting: 11.00am Thursday 11th June, Dungarvan Council Chamber.

Signed _____
CHAIRPERSON DATE