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LCDC Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Phort Láirge Waterford Local Community Development Committee

Minutes of the Waterford LAG Meeting
Thursday 10th September 2026, Council Chambers Dungarvan at 11.00 a.m.

Present:	Non-Public Sector:		Public Sector
Mary Ray	Social Inclusion	Mayor Liam Brazil (Chair)	Elected Representative
Christine Rossi	CEO WLP CLG	Sean McKeown	CE WC&CC
Gabriel Foley	PPN/Environment	Gareth Evans	Head of LEO
Ian O'Brien	PPN /Community & Voluntary	Derval Howley	HSE
Shay Kennedy	I.C.M.S.A.	Cllr. Damien Geoghegan (Deputy Chair)	Elected Representative
Csilla Czelvikker	PPN / Community & Voluntary	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan	Elected Representative
Apologies		Kathryn Kiely	SETU
Jane Fraher	PPN / Community & Voluntary	**Apologies**	
Liam Quinn	CEO Waterford Area Partnership	Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce	Karina Daly	WWETB
Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford Chamber of Commerce		

Staff Present:

S. Breathnach, A. Maher, J. Codd, C. O'Brien, E. Smyth, G. Mulhall, S. Whelan, E. Morrissey, N. Osborne, C. Flavin, M. McKnight, Y. Dam, N. Spendlove, M. Tobin

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%

1. **Apologies**

   As per table above, apologies were noted.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum:**
   Having reviewed the attendance record, Johnny Codd informed the Committee a quorum was achieved. Mayor Liam Brazil opened the meeting.

3. **Conflict of Interest:**

   (i) C.O.I. Declarations: None
   (ii) Review of Quorum: Achieved 13/19 - 68%

4. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 09th July 2026**

Proposed: Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	**Seconded by:** Christine Rossi
Abstentions: NA	
Quorum achieved: Yes – 68%	**Approved:** Yes

5. **Matters Arising:**
   None noted

6. **Rural Development Programme:**

C. Rossi Update:

LEADER

- LEADER projects are on track.
- The allocation stands at 60% after four targeted calls, with claim drawdown at 31%.
- The 5th call applications are due on 16/10/2026. After receiving 39 eligible EOIs there are still 24 progressing for now.

Rural Policy Forum

A selection of projects were submitted for consideration to be showcased at the High-Level Rural Policy Forum "Europe's Rural Future – Responding to rural priorities through integrated national and regional strategies and LEADER" on Wednesday 4 November 2026.

This EU Presidency event will take place at the Killashee Hotel, Killashee, Naas, Co. Kildare W91 DC98 and will be attended by over 200 stakeholders, the majority of which will be from other European countries.

Following a review of projects submitted by all LAG areas and in order to ensure that there is a variety of projects across all themes, the following has been selected as the project to be showcased by Waterford LEADER Partnership CLG.

- Project name: Anne Valley Walk Phase II
- Project number: 31LDRWAT103327

We'll attend and work at the exhibition and showcase the Anne Valley Walk on Wednesday 4th November 2026.

The Department will develop signage for each stand for the day and will be in a position to set up the stands prior to your arrival on 4th November 2026.

We are developing a brochure which we'll print for the event as there is a very good story to tell not only in terms of LEADER Phase I and Phase II but also the Walks Scheme and ORIS, but most of all a very inspiring story of landowner cooperation.

J. Codd: For Noting: 2026 Q2 WLP Income and Expenditure Returns

7. **Circulars (Extranet)**
   - Circular 05 - 2026 - LEADER IT system housekeeping and phased payments update
   - Circular 05 – 2026 - Circular 05 2026 clarification

Correspondence:

8. **DRCDG:** Email sent re HEI Rural Development Symposium being held on 21st September 2026 in UCC

9. **CAP Network Ireland:** Email sent to LAG re LEADER Procurement - FAQ & Presentations

10. **A.O.B**. None

11. **Date and venue of next LAG meeting:** 11.00am Thursday 8th October 2026, Council Chambers Waterford City (Hybrid)

Signed Liam O'Brien 08-10-2026

CHAIRPERSON DATE

26.8 Appendix 8 - LAG Decision Making Meeting Attendees Template

LAG Decision Meeting Attendees Form				
LAG Name:		LAG Name:		
Please complete details below for all LAG members attending the Decision Making Meeting				
Member Name *(Print)*	Single Interest Group	Physically Present *(Tick)*	Phone/Video Conference Attendee *(Tick)*	Vote by Written Procedure *(Tick)*
As per minutes. Attached.				
Totals:				
1. Total Current LAG Membership:				
2. Quorum Required *(50% of 1 above)*:				
3. Total Attendees:				
Chairperson Signature: Liam Nyhan		**Date:** 08-10-26		