

**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

**Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Non Public Sector:**

**Public Sector**

1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative
2. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Cllr. Pat Nugent	Elected representative
3. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	3. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
4. Michael Bowe	Interim CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	4. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
5. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	5. Brendan Lawton	Reg. Mgr. Dept. Social Protection
6. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
<b>Apologies:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
7. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	7. Mayor Joe Kelly (Chair)	Elected representative
8. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.		
9. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	8. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
10. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	9. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE

**Staff Present:** D. Tuohy Chief Officer, K. Moynihan S.O., J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., E. Smyth, ASO

1. Total current Membership	19
2. Total attendees	12
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 63%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	6 non-public: 6 public 50% non-public: 50% public

**1. Confirmation of Quorum:**

Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 6 & Public 6, total 12 members attending. M. Walsh agreed to stand down from any decision-taking to balance the quorum in favour of the non public sector. Cllr. Quinlan took the chair and opened the meeting.

**2. Apologies:**

Apologies, as detailed in the table above, were noted by the committee.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (amendment made to item 6.a as per MI. O'Brien: Wexford County Council gave a grant of €80k towards the development of a Fablab in Enniscorthy)**

Proposed: M. O'Brien	Seconded by: G. Foley
Abstentions: M. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

**4. Matters arising:**

None

**5. Social Enterprise Grant Scheme – C. O'Brien**

Having previously informed the members that the amount being funded by the Dept. was in the sum of €31,608, the Minister has subsequently ruled that Waterford City River Rescue and Waterford Men's Shed are not Social Enterprises and thus disallowed their grant thereby reducing the overall allocation to €22,609.

**6.**

**a. SICAP Case Study 2021 presentation – L. Riches**

A comprehensive briefing was provided on the 2021 Case Study as submitted to Pobal covering Goal 1 and Goal 2 themes:

*"Utilising Business & Social Business Methodologies to Support Social Enterprise Sustainability & Development in Waterford"*

Both B.Fell and S. Cooke congratulated WAP on the completion of the Case Study and the work showcased within.

**b. Approval of January and February SICAP payments**

Due to their not being a quorum present (with M. Bowe having to step out for this decision), this item was postponed to the LCDC meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.

## **7. Reports from subcommittees:**

### **a. Skills/Training:**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy referred to previous discussions regarding the provision of a Fab Lab for West Waterford. A memo from J. Taaffe noted that suitable accommodation would not be available in Cappoquin until 2024. Following discussion, it was agreed that the LCDC were happy to park the decision as to where an LCDC-supported Fablab would be located for now, but that in principle it would be located in west Waterford. M. O'Brien stated that the new proposed location should be identified using a WWETB database. There was broad consensus at the meeting to this suggestion.

### **b. Healthy Waterford:**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy noted that the previous Healthy Waterford coordinator had left her post and that this would be filled in 2022 and come under the Local Authority structure. WCCC is currently working with WAP to put in place a part time replacement to manage certain aspects of the programme until a new permanent coordinator is in place.

With regard to Healthy Communities, the interviews for the Development Officer position are taking place next week with the successful candidate to be in place in January. The 4 Capital projects with funding of €250k are due to commence in January.

## **8. Social Inclusion Report Presentation – Ciaran Lynch**

The presentation included detail from the draft Social Inclusion report as circulated on the extranet. Chief Officer, D. Tuohy expressed his thanks to Mr. Lynch for the comprehensive report that has been developed and also to the subcommittee for their assistance. He also asked all organizations represented on the LCDC to review the report and to attempt to place Social Inclusion measures at the heart of all actions going forward. There were challenges for the LCDC and for all organizations in ensuring this. The report will be a key building block in the new LECP. The matter will be back on the agenda for the January meeting for decision.

## **9. Proposed change to schedule of LCDC/LAG meetings**

It was agreed that the next LCDC meeting will take place on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 with a decision on future dates to be taken at that meeting.

## **10. Short briefing on LECP Introductory event – K. Moynihan**

Chief Officer D. Tuohy and K. Moynihan attended a webinar briefing by the Department on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The main items addressed were as follows:

- The LECP is to be completed during 2022 and in place for 2023
- The plan is to be built on three pillars, Sustainability, Consultation and Engagement
- It needs to be flexible enough to allow for emerging needs during the course of the next 6 years.
- And finally, the plan needs to be the foundation for local, social and economic recovery.



The broad overview was as follows:

- The LECP should bring National and Regional strategies to a local level
- Aim of the plan should be for 6 years of sustainable development
- The guidelines for the LECP were set through consultation with an advisory group made up of Government departments with submission from Local Authorities
- The Plan development process will have two stages
  1. Develop the LECP framework (development of the high level goals)
  2. Develop implementation plans with a duration of 2 years containing detailed actions and resource requirements

First steps in 2022:

- Brief review of the previous LECP
- Set up an advisory group locally with membership coming from the LCDC, SPC, Chief Officer, Director of Service plus others as required (emphasis at all times on the Public/Private mix of membership).

## 11. Correspondence

Ten items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the committee; all were circulated previously.

- a. Friday, 12 November 2021 - Minister O'Brien publishes the Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2022 - €55.5 million in funding to help address disadvantage circulated by email on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- b. Libraries Ireland Drop In Campaign circulated by email on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- c. Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys launches National Rural Network booklet of LEADER project case studies circulated by email on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- d. Minister O'Brien announces an additional €1 million extension to the Community Services Programme Support Fund circulated by email on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- e. LECP Introductory Event - 9th December 2021 circulated by email on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- f. JAM Card Campaign on Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> circulated by email on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.
- g. Covid-19 Partner Pack Update circulated by email on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- h. Community Activities Fund 2021 circulated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.
- i. Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme circulated by email on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- j. Covid-19 Partner Pack Update circulated by email on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## 12. AOB:

1. Members expressed their gratitude to Chief Officer, D. Tuohy, who is retiring from his post with this being his last LCDC meeting. He in turn thanked the membership for their support and commitment over the past number of years.
2. Chief Officer, D. Tuohy request approval from members to the Addendum to the HIF Round 3 Funding agreement allowing for additional funds to carry the programme to end March 2022.

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: M. Bowe
Abstentions: M. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	Approved

**13. Date of next meeting:**

LAG/LCDC meeting: 11.00am 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021, via videoconference.

**Meeting Closed**

**Signed:**

  
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Chairperson Waterford LCDC

**Date:** 18/01/21