



1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record Acting Chief Officer Ivan Grimes informed the attendees that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 10: Public 6.

Deputy Chair Eamonn Quinlan opened the meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. **Conflict of Interest:**

- (i) No declarations submitted for this meeting
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Quorum achieved 10:6 in favour of non-public sector.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

<b>Proposed: S. Cooke</b>	<b>Seconded by J. Beresford</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

5. **Matters arising:**

None.

6. **Rural Development Programme.**

- (a) **Projects for Approval.**

- (i) 31LDRWAT116428 Renovation of Meeting Room to the rear of the Barron Hall

<b>Project ID</b>	31LDRWAT116428
<b>Project Type:</b>	Capital works
<b>Project Name:</b>	Renovation of meeting room to the rear of the Barron Hall, Stradbally, Co. Waterford
<b>Promoters Name:</b>	Barron Community Hall Stradbally CLG
<b>Address:</b>	Carrigahilla, Stradbally, Co Waterford

<b>Description:</b>	The Barron Hall in Stradbally has previously received LEADER funding towards upgrading of the general hall space. However, there is a further 60m2 space with rooms to the rear of the building that are badly in need of refurbishment. They are currently used as storage space. Upgrading this space will enable other users of the hall when the main hall is being used.
<b>Theme:</b>	LO5 Basic services targeted at hard to reach communities
<b>Sub-theme:</b>	SA 5.1
<b>Link to LDS</b>	Supporting the basic upgrading of community facilities to make them more user friendly

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	€79,586.20		
<b>Eligible Project Costs</b>	€79,586.20		
<b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>	€59,689.55		
<b>State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend</b>	First Review		
<b>Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:</b>	€59,689.55		
<b>Details of private funding:</b>	€19,896.55		
<b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)</b>	No		
<b>Synopsis of project:</b>	Funding towards the refurbishment of the rooms to the rear of the Barron hall currently used as storage to increase the potential meeting room capacity of the hall		
<b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b>	<b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75%</b>
	Refurbishment works	€79,586.20	€59,689.65
	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>€79,586.20</b>	<b>€59,689.65</b>
<b>Was an assessment completed?: Date: _10<sup>th</sup> January 2022_</b>	Yes		
<b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this</b>	Yes, etendering was used and the lowest value tender selected		

measured?	
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	While there were more than 3 expressions of interest, only two tenders were submitted and were comparable in price ensuring reasonableness of costs
Innovative Element of the project:	The Barron Hall in Stradbally would greatly utilise all available space if the rear rooms were upgraded and potentially be available for remote working if required or indeed after school youth activities reducing the carbon footprint of having to travel children to Dungarvan or Waterford
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter has confirmed that the project would not proceed without grant aid due to limited resources. I also believe the promoter would find this development very prohibitive without access to funding as they are already stretched with existing income meeting overhead costs.
Consideration of Displacement:	The Barron hall in Stradbally is a standalone community space near the village with only the nearest facility in the next village of Kilmacthomas, approximately 10 km to the north of the village
Economic justification for project:	The project will refurbish additional space to the rear of the Barron Hall which is currently in a bad state of repair and solely used for storage. The additional space would allow the hall and other space to be rented and used at a given time particularly in a post COVID environment when social isolation is more pronounced Professional fees are also included.
Average Score for Project:	82/100 (3)
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €59,689.65 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	<p>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for supporting Basic Service type projects.</li> <li>2. The project scored 82/100</li> </ol> <p>A maximum of €59,689.65 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</p>

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€19,896.55	€0 in the last three years

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Declaration sent to Richie Walsh, Waterford City & County	10 January '22	No response

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<p>The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Claire pointed out that she lived quite close to the hall but noted that there is no conflict of interest arising.</li> <li>- The Barron Hall was built originally as a school but is being used today as a community facility. It is one of the typical old halls with one long room and was previously funded by LEADER for some renovation works. The current hall use is limited to one room and several activities cannot take place due to the lack of appropriate facilities in the locality. The purpose of this application is to refurbish the back rooms, currently being used for storage, which will increase the hall usable floor area by 60% and allow for multi-use of the facility. The toilets to the side of the building will also be upgraded.</li> <li>- The Hall is being well used by lots of different services from childcare, drama, active retired to exercise and wellbeing classes.</li> <li>- The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters have a good track record and the ability to see the project to completion.</li> <li>- It was clarified that the refurbishing of the back area will create additional meeting rooms but also provide storage areas incorporated into the design making the area more suitable.</li> <li>- The Evaluation Committee agreed that the numbers using the Hall make the project viable and sustainable.</li> </ul> <p>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for supporting Basic Service type projects.</li> <li>4. The project scored 82/100</li> </ol> <p>A maximum of €59,689.65 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</p>	
Amount Recommended: €59,689.55	% of Eligible Project Funding: €79,586.20

Proposed: G Foley	Seconded by P Nugent
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	<b>APPROVED</b>

## (ii) 31LDRWAT116440 Village Community Integrative Access Project

<b>Project ID</b>	31LDRWAT116440
<b>Project Type:</b>	Capital works
<b>Project Name:</b>	Village Community Integrative Access Project
<b>Promoters Name:</b>	Agligh Community Development Company CLG
<b>Address:</b>	Agligh, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford
<b>Description:</b>	The project is aimed at making the hall for wheelchair accessible and more usable given the current restrictions with the lack of hot water and poor toilet facilities.
<b>Theme:</b>	LO5 Basic services targeted at hard to reach communities
<b>Sub-theme:</b>	SA 5.1
<b>Link to LDS</b>	Supporting the basic upgrading of community facilities to make them more user friendly

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	€45,093.55		
<b>Eligible Project Costs</b>	€45,093.55		
<b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>	€33,820.16		
<b>State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend</b>	First review		
<b>Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:</b>	€33,820.16		
<b>Details of private funding:</b>	€11,273.39		
<b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)</b>	No		
<b>Synopsis of project:</b>	Funding specifically for the upgrading of the toilet facilities in the Agligh Community hall to make them more accessible and user friendly and also insulating the flat roof over the entrance hall, toilet and kitchen area		
<b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b>	<b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75%</b>
	Refurbishment works	€45,093.55	€33,820.16
	<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>€45,093.55</b>	<b>€33,820.16</b>
<b>Was an assessment completed?:</b>	Yes		
<b>Date: __11 January</b>			

2022_____	
<b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>	Yes direct tendering was used and the most economic advantageous tender process used to select the chosen supplier
<b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>	Improving these basic facilities will also improve the opportunities to rent out the hall particularly in a post COVID environment for remote working or the halls close access to St. Declan's Walk brining visitors to the village.
<b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>	The project would not proceed without access to funding according to the promoters response to Q10. The promoter has only gathered sufficient matching funds to support the project and has no other access to funds
<b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>	The three closest community facilities are Villierstown Boat Club, Balliameela Sports Hall and the Geraldine's GAA Sports Club, all of which serve their own direct communities. Aglish Community Hall caters for the immediate needs of its residents and surrounds.
<b>Economic justification for project:</b>	The project will improve the overall efficiency of the hall in the long term as well as attract new users of the hall
<b>Average Score for Project:</b>	78/100 (4)
<b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>	A maximum of €33,820.16 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser with the following conditions: - Aglish CLG over the next 12 months must work with the two Trustees to Transfer the Hall into the ownership of the CLG or another Community owned CLG
<b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b>	<p><b>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for supporting Basic Service type projects.</b></li> <li><b>2. The project scored 78/100</b></li> </ol> <p><b>A maximum of €33,820.16 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser with the following conditions: -</b></p> <p><b>The lease must be extended to at least five years or the ownership of the hall should be transferred over from the Trustees to the CLG within the next 12 months.</b></p>

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€11,273.39	€0 from RDP

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Declaration sent to Richie Walsh, Waterford City & County Council	13 January '22	No response

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Ms Claire advised that Aglish Community Hall is over 40 years old, and the bathrooms are not suitable or acceptable in today's terms. This project involves the refurbishment and rebuilding of the toilet block making them accessible and providing a facility available for use by the whole community. They will also insulate the flat roof which covers the kitchen, main hallway, and bathrooms.
- Aglish Development Company was established in 2018 and took over the running of the Hall. To date, they have completed several works, the kitchen with funding from Waterford City & County Council and in 2019 they upgrade part of the main electrics and installed new emergency lights and storage heaters.
- Covid has been challenging and currently, the hall is only used 2 to 3 times per week. With the new improvements, the hall can be used by a much wider community.
- Ms Claire Connors advised that the promoters went for direct tender and 5 contractors provided quotations. They were assessed using the most economic advantageous tender process.
- The Evaluation Committee noted that they were taking the sensible approach to refurbishment as the bathrooms were built in a time when accessibility was not a consideration.
- While discussing sources of funding Ms Connors advised that the promoters have €8.5k in their account and members of the Committee will put in the shortfall of €2,900 until it is raised by further fundraising.
- The Evaluation Committee noted that the lease should be for a minimum of 5 years. Ms Connors advised that Mr. John Power and Mr. John Cotter are the remaining trustees of the building and that they are hoping to revise the structure down the road.
- The Committee discussed how it was normal in the '50s and '60s for Muintir na Tíre to put trustees to run the halls. Considerations should be given that now may be the time for the trustees to hand over to the CLG.
- During a discussion on the viability, Ms Connors said that it is the only hall in the village and with the upgrades will be suitable for use by a lot more groups. It is located close to the recently opened St Declan's Way Walk from Cashel to Ardmore which will bring hikers by the village creating new possibilities of use for the hall.

**The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-**

- 1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for supporting Basic Service type projects.**



<b>2. The project scored 78/100</b>	
A maximum of €33,820.16 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser with the following conditions: -	
The lease must be extended to at least five years or the ownership of the hall should be transferred over from the Trustees to the CLG within the next 12 months	
Amount Recommended: €33,820.16	75% of Eligible Project Funding: €45,093.55

Proposed: P Nugent	Seconded by G Foley
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

iii) 31LDRWAT117011 Ballyduff Upper Storehouse

<b>Project ID</b>	<b>31LDRWAT117011</b>
<b>Project Type:</b>	LO 5 Underpinning Social Inclusion initiatives in Rural Areas through investment in Physical and Human Capital
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Ballyduff Upper Storehouse Project</b>
<b>Promoters Name:</b>	<b>Ballyduff Upper Muintir na Tire</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>St Michael's Hall, Ballyduff Upper, Co. Waterford</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The project involves the conversion of the existing Storehouse, to incorporate a Shop and Café on the ground floor, a video conferencing and connectivity area (Youth Focus) on the second floor and a gym/fitness centre on the third floor. An outdoor dining area with weather protection will be provided and the building will be universally accessible. The regenerated asset will be operated by the company for the benefit of the Community.</p> <p>The restoration of the building is seen as a significant element to catalyse the regeneration of the village.</p> <p>The restoration of this building will be an enabler in the development of a new heart to the village. The support under the Village Renewal Programme is a significant step, and the village is also part of the active travel programme.</p>
<b>Theme:</b>	LO 5 Underpinning Social Inclusion initiatives in Rural Areas through investment in Physical and Human Capital
<b>Sub-theme:</b>	SA 5.1) Through open call process, invite identified locations to submit bids for investment support into community service delivery hubs.

<b>Link to LDS</b>	LO 5 Underpinning Social Inclusion initiatives in Rural Areas through investment in Physical and Human Capital
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<b>Total Project Costs</b>	€334,673.89		
<b>Eligible Project Costs</b>	€334,673.89		
<b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>	€200,000 or 59.7596% of €334,673.89, whichever is the lesser amount.		
<b>State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend</b>	First Review		
<b>Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:</b>	€200,000 or 59.7596% of €334,673.89, whichever is the lesser amount.		
<b>Details of private funding:</b>	€134,673.89 Cash		
<b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)</b>	No		
<b>Synopsis of project:</b>	<p>The project involves the conversion of the existing Storehouse, to incorporate a Shop and Café on the ground floor, a video conferencing and connectivity area (Youth Focus) on the second floor and a gym/fitness centre on the third floor. An outdoor dining area with weather protection will be provided and the building will be universally accessible. The regenerated asset will be operated by the company for the benefit of the Community. The restoration of the building is seen as a significant element to catalyse the regeneration of the village.</p> <p>The restoration of this building will be an enabler in the development of a new heart to the village. The support under the Village Renewal Programme is a significant step, and the village is also part of the active travel programme.</p>		
<b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b>	<b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ %</b>
	<b>Construction</b>	€295,313.89	
	<b>Engineering Services</b>	€ 39,360.00	
<b>Total Funding</b>		€334,673.89	€200,000 or 59.7596% of €334,673.89, whichever is the lesser amount.
<b>Was an assessment completed?:</b>	Yes 19/01/2022		

<b>Date:</b> _____	
<b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>	Yes, through etenders the applicants have chosen the lowest price for both costs.
<b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b>	The national etenders process was used and sufficient quotations were submitted.
<b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>	The restoration of the building is seen as a significant element to catalyse the regeneration of the village. The restoration of this building will be an enabler in the development of a new heart to the village.
<b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>	Having reviewed the potential income, and the Community Group's finances, this project will not proceed without grant aid.
<b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>	Displacement is not an issue here, as the activity been undertaken relates solely to this location.
<b>Economic justification for project:</b>	The LEADER investment will leverage both Philanthropic, State, E.U., and Community funds into a significant much needed regeneration for a small village.
<b>Average Score for Project:</b>	<b>85/100 (1)</b>
<b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>	<b>A maximum of €200,000.00 or 59.7596% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</b>
<b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b>	<p>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funding this project will help rejuvenate the village of Ballyduff Upper providing much-needed facilities in the centre of the village.</li> <li>2. This project fits the LCDC Development Plan for supporting basic services type initiatives.</li> <li>3. The project scored 85/100</li> </ol> <p>A maximum of €200,000.00 or 59.7596% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</p>

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
N/A	N/A	€134,673.89	Yes €67,000

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and	Date of	Signed By
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double from the relevant agencies.	Confirmation	
Waterford LEO	20/01/2022	B Kirby

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Mr. Jimmy Taaffe advised that this is a two-story building right in the centre of Ballyduff village which has been derelict for 25 years. The promoter is purchasing the building for €100,000.00
- This project is a rural regeneration project as Ballyduff Village has been without a shop or other services for years. Recently a community pop up shop has opened but is limited due to space and will move over into the renovated building once completed.
- Mr. Jimmy Taaffe said that by funding this type of rural regeneration project the Committee should take time to reflect and consider setting a policy as what is agreed today could be setting seeds for the next programme.
- Mr. Jimmy Taaffe advised that the promoters envision enough demand for the gym due to the numbers of individuals & sporting clubs travelling to use such facilities.
- Ballyduff GAA has been operating a gym in a private premise for several years and was planning to build one outside the village but was persuaded by the promoters to use this one.
- The Evaluation Committee said that a strong point in the favour of the project is the track record of the promoters noting that everything they have undertaken in the past has been done to a very high standard.
- Mr. Jimmy Taaffe said that the promoters are a strong group with various skills sets with the majority ranging in age from 35 to 45.
- It was clarified that the cost of purchasing the building will not be funded by LEADER.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that Ballyduff Upper, like so many other small villages, needs a boost and life brought back into the centre of the village
- A Committee Member recalled that in the Blackwater Distillery project there were long term plans to include a coffee shop and questioned if this project goes ahead will their plans be jeopardised? Mr. Jimmy Taaffe advised that the area intended for the coffee shop has since been used to expand the bottling facility. If the shop goes ahead, they won't compete with it they will probably send visitors across.
- The Committee acknowledged the huge impact of developing that particular building given its location in the village and agreed that the project is sustainable.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-

4. Funding this project will help rejuvenate the village of Ballyduff Upper providing much-needed facilities in the centre of the village.
5. This project fits the LCDC Development Plan for supporting basic services type initiatives.
6. The project scored 85/100

A maximum of €200,000.00 or 59.7596% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Amount Recommended: €200,000	59.7596% % of Eligible Project Funding: €200,000 or 59.7596% of €334,673.89, whichever is the lesser amount.
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<b>Proposed: G Foley</b>	<b>Seconded by: L Quinn</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

iv) 31LDRWAT117015 Ballysaggart Community Centre and Remote Working and Studying Hub

<b>Project ID</b>	<b>31LDRWAT117015</b>
<b>Project Type:</b>	LO 5 Underpinning Social Inclusion initiatives in Rural Areas through investment in Physical and Human Capital
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Ballysaggart Community Centre and Remote Working and Studying Hub</b>
<b>Promoters Name:</b>	<b>Ballysaggart Community Dev Co. CLG.</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Feagarid, Ballysaggart, Lismore, Co. Waterford</b>
<b>Description:</b>	An improved Community Centre Facility catering for the basic social needs of the Community, while retaining the basic fabric of the old national school built constructed in 1869, will improve accessibility, better layout for users and modern bathroom and kitchen facilities to improve the users' comfort while in the facility.
<b>Theme:</b>	LO 5 Underpinning Social Inclusion initiatives in Rural Areas through investment in Physical and Human Capital
<b>Sub-theme:</b>	SA 5.1) Through open call process, invite identified locations to submit bids for investment support into community service delivery hubs, with 4 potential benefactors
<b>Link to LDS</b>	LO 5 Underpinning Social Inclusion initiatives in Rural Areas through investment in Physical and Human Capital

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>€329,134.30</b>
<b>Eligible Project Costs</b>	<b>€329,134.30</b>
<b>Funding sought by promoter:</b>	<b>€200,000 or 60.7654% of €329,134.30, whichever is the lesser amount.</b>
<b>State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend</b>	<b>First Review</b>
<b>Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:</b>	<b>€200,000 or 60.7654% of €329,134.30, whichever is the lesser amount.</b>
<b>Details of private funding:</b>	<b>Cash €99,134.30</b>

	<b>Loan €30,000.00</b>		
<b>Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)</b>	<b>No</b>		
<b>Synopsis of project:</b>	The redevelopment of a former national school which has operated for the last 50 years as a Community Centre in Ballysaggart into modern centre that will be a multi-purpose facility. As well as meeting rooms, it will also operate as a Study Centre for Students and during the day will be available as a remote working facility.		
<b>Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Total Cost (Expenditure)</b>	<b>Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 60.7654 %</b>
	<b>Construction</b>	<b>€329,134.30</b>	<b>€200,000 or 60.7654%, whichever is the lesser amount</b>
	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>€329,134.30</b>	<b>€200,000</b>
<b>Was an assessment completed?: Date: _____</b>	<b>Yes, 19/01/2022</b>		
<b>Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?</b>	<b>Yes. The lowest cost was chosen through etenders</b>		
<b>Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:</b>	<b>Etenders process delivered 4 eligible quotations which is sufficient</b>		
<b>Innovative Element of the project:</b>	The project is connected to Local authorities Broadband Communication Points for Rural Areas.		
<b>Consideration of Deadweight:</b>	Having reviewed the potential income, and the Community Group's finances, this project will not proceed without grant aid.		
<b>Consideration of Displacement:</b>	Displacement is not an issue here, as the activity been undertaken relates solely to this location.		
<b>Economic justification for project:</b>	The LEADER investment will leverage both Philanthropic, State, E.U., and Community funds into a significant much needed update of a communal facility open to all in a very rural location.		
<b>Average Score for Project:</b>	<b>83/100 (2)</b>		
<b>% level of aid &amp; ceiling:</b>	<b>€200,000 or 60.7654% of €329,134.30, whichever is the lesser amount.</b>		
<b>E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding</b>	<b>The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-</b>		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The promoters are a good strong group and can sustain the project.</li> <li>2. The project scored 83/100</li> <li>3. Funding this project fits the Basic Service criteria of the LCDC Development Plan.</li> </ol> <p>A maximum of €200,000.00 or 60.7654% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</p>
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Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
N/A	N/A	€129,134.30	€10,000 in 2010

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Waterford LEO	20/01/2022	B Kirby

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Mr. Jimmy Taaffe advised that previously this project along with the Ballysaggart GAA was not recommended for funding as they were competing against each other. Both projects were duplicating elements in a small area. Since then, Ballysaggart GAA has gone ahead on its own with a Sport / Gym facility only. Leader is unable to fund projects in receipt of Lotto funding.
- This application is for a community facility with improved accessibility and a better layout for users and modern bathroom and kitchen facilities. The theatre element of the original application has been removed.
- The Old School is a two-roomed building with limited facilities within .5km of the village and is used regularly. This project will renovate the two rooms and the toilet and kitchen area as well as improve access to the building.
- Ballysaggart GAA is supportive of this project and sees it as being complementary to their GAA project and not a duplication. Some of the Committee Members overlap on both projects.
- The centre will host the Broadband Connection point for the area. This will facilitate remote studying and working for those in the area with poor broadband connections.
- A Committee Member queried if the fruition of the GAA project will impact this facility in any way. Mr. Jimmy Taaffe confirmed that it will not. Originally the GAA project incorporated meeting rooms into their plan but has since removed them and are building a Sports Hall /Gym with changing rooms. It will be sports related rather than facilities related. They do not have the ground to do something like Ballymacarby which incorporates both.
- The Committee discussed the issue of displacement and if the implications of funding halls in one village on nearby villages/towns has ever been reviewed. Mr. Jimmy Taaffe advised that this is a discussion that is taking place with WC&CC and for the next programme very few halls will be funded. He went on to advise that it is difficult to get a booking in any of the halls in Lismore on a weeknight due to the level of activity taking place and didn't see funding this project as an issue as the demand is there locally. Ballysaggart has a population of 300 to 400

and the hall is currently being used by various groups. Another example he gave was the WWETB wanted to expand their use of the hall in Cappoquin but were unable to do so because of bookings.

- Part of the original reasons for not recommending the project was the lack of footpath from the village to the centre, lack of lighting and parking. Mr. Jimmy Taaffe advised that additional parking is been provided across from the centre and that the outside lighting will be improved. The lack of footpath or lighting out to the centre will not change.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that overall, they are in favor of the project.

**The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:-**

1. The promoters are a good strong group and can sustain the project.
2. The project scored 83/100
3. Funding this project fits the Basic Service criteria of the LCDC Development Plan.

A maximum of €200,000.00 or 60.7654% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

<b>Amount Recommended:€200,000.00</b>	<b>60.7654% of Eligible Project Funding: €200,000 or 60.7654% of €329,134.30, whichever is the lesser amount.</b>
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<b>Proposed: S Cooke</b>	<b>Seconded by: J Beresford</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

**b) For Approval: Project Extensions**

i) 31LDRWAT114013 To Facilitate Cross Border Activity with Mid Antrim

<b>Proposed: P Nugent</b>	<b>Seconded by: J Beresford</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>



**c) For Approval: Change of Suppliers (extranet)**

- i) 31LDRWAT114013 To Facilitate Cross Border Activity with Mid Antrim

<b>Proposed: P Nugent</b>	<b>Seconded by: D Howley</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

- ii) 31LDRWAT114834 Freezin Friesian

<b>Proposed: H Kiely</b>	<b>Seconded by: J Beresford</b>
<b>Abstentions: None</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

**d) Nominees Required for LECP Advisory Group**

Acting Chief Officer Ivan Grimes informed the committee that the formulation of the LECP is a statutory requirement and an advisory group with two representatives apiece from both the community and economic sectors are required to support the process. J Codd to request EOIs via email.

**7. Correspondence.**

- a) WWETB Explore Programme.
- b) Invitation from WLP to Visit Antrim: Cross Border Project.

**8. A.O.B. None.**

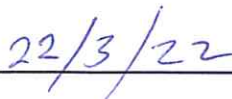
- 9. Date and venue of next LAG meeting:** The next meeting will take place at 10.00am Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022, via videoconference.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed

  
CHAIRPERSON

DATE

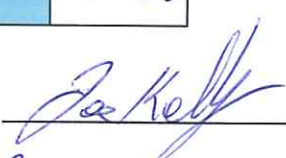


LAG Decision Meeting Attendees Template						
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022						
Attendee Details						
Public (Tick)	Community (Tick)	Physically Present (Tick)	Phone/Video Conference Attendee (Tick)	Vote by Written Procedure (Tick)	Organisation Represented	Member Name (Print)
	As per minutes					
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>		

1 Total Current Membership	19
2 Total Attendees	16
3 Quorum Required (50% of 1 above)	Yes
4 Quorum % achieved	% 84
5 Non-public sector attendees %	% 62.5%

Chairperson Signature 

Date 22/3/22