



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.**

<b>Present: Non Public Sector:</b>		<b>Public Sector</b>	
1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
2. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
3. Maggie Flannagan	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	3. Margaret Mary Collins	TUSLA
4. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	4. Kathryn Kiely	SETU
5. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	5. Cllr Pat Nugent	Elected Representative
6. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	6. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
7. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	7. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
8. Heather Kiley	PPN Community /Voluntary		
9. Breda Fell	PPN Community/Voluntary		
<b>Apologies:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
10. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A. CE, WC&CC	8. Mayor John O'Leary (Chair)	Elected representative
		9. Kate Cassidy	HSE

**Staff Present:** J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., C. O'Brien S.O., S. Breathnach Chief Officer, E Morrissey, O Matiut, Emma Smyth A.S.O., K. Moynihan S.O., Kieron Fitzpatrick Community Graduate, Ivan Grimes, Director of Services

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	16
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 84%
4. non-public/public ratio	9 non-public: 7 public

**1. Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer, Sinéad Breathnach, confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 9 & Public 7, total 16 members attending. Cllr. Quinlan took the chair and opened the meeting.

**2. Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 (on extranet)

<b>Proposed: Gabriel Foley</b>	<b>Seconded by: Kathryn Kiely</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**4. Matters arising**

No matters arising

**5. Community Support Fund Allocations – Colette O’Brien**

Colette O’Brien outlined that 212 applications had been received as per the circulated report. Kathryn Kiely asked if a response is given to those who applied and did not get approved. Colette confirmed that an email or letter is issued to those that are not eligible. Those that were eligible but unsuccessful due to over subscribing would get a brief synopsis of why.

Senan Cooke complemented the approval committee and all the work that was undertaken in the allocations. Heather Kiely wanted to specifically recognise all the hard work that Colette puts into the above. The allocations of the CSF as circulated was proposed and approved.

<b>Proposed: Michael Walsh</b>	<b>Seconded by: Gabriel Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**6. SICAP – Kevin Moynihan**

Kevin requested approval for the SICAP Subcommittee to approve the following at the meeting:

- a) 2022 SICAP Annual Performance Review
- b) 2023 SICAP Annual Plan.

He noted that this is usually done in January but due to a delay from the department the whole process was moved back by 10 days. Both reports were proposed and approved.

<b>Proposed: Maggie Flanagan</b>	<b>Seconded by: Jenny Beresford</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**7. LECP Update:** Kevin Moynihan gave an update on the LECP as follows:

The data gathering phase for the development of the LECP is continuing following previous engagement with relevant agencies and organisations. An online survey has issued aimed at the general public. This has been disseminated widely through the PPN, Local Councillors and other channels with a view to gather as much information as possible. Links to this survey are available on the Waterford Council and Waterford PPN websites and social media. In addition, Public Consultation sessions have begun in line with the following schedule:

- February 7<sup>th</sup>: Dungarvan Park Hotel 7pm-8.30
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: Waterford City Tower Hotel 7pm-8.30
- February 14<sup>th</sup>: Cappoquin Community Centre 7pm-8.30
- February 21<sup>st</sup>: Rathgormack The Village Bar 7pm-8.30
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Dunhill Education Centre 7pm-8.30

There will be additional engagement opportunities going forward to ensure maximum input from all communities.

**8. Reports from Sub-committees:**

**Skills:** The Skills committee met on 24<sup>th</sup> January, and now includes a representative from the Department of Social Protection. West Waterford Fabrication Laboratory will launch by end of Q1. The Ukrainian community continue to engage well with WWETB, course participation is good and the number of available tutors is the emerging challenge. Cluster managers from various sectors will attend future meetings to network with local agencies. Coordinated quarterly PR drives will commence in Q2 where all available information on courses and resources will be channeled across our combined media platforms. Minutes and other relevant docs will be circulated to the LCDC.

**Healthy Waterford: LCDC – Report Healthy Ireland 9/2/2023**

The Healthy Ireland local strategy, application, and activities workplan has been sent to Pobal for review. We are expecting feedback by the end of February. In the meantime, we are working with the identified partners to finalise the projects that are currently selected to work with. Due to the slightly increased budget this year we are aiming at front loading several of the projects and beginning a research and evaluation piece with SETU. Due to the 3-year project several of the programmes and actions will foldout over the three-year period. We would hope depending on department funding we will be able to

sustain the same projects into 2024 and potentially expand them if they are deemed successful. An example of some of the projects include:

1. **SHEP Capacity Building for Service Providers – Wellbeing Through Groupwork – For Practitioners supporting Community Health & Well-being**
2. **Social Farming** – Continue the support to the national program
3. **Community Wellbeing Education** – family learning program – Provide localised Health and Wellbeing programmes in targeted areas in Waterford
4. **Place Standard / Health Impact Assessments** - The Place Standard tool lets communities, public agencies, voluntary groups and others find those aspects of a place that need to be targeted to improve people's health, wellbeing and quality of life.
5. **Waterford Wellbeing Portal** – Online Service Directory
6. **Healthy Workplace Project** – internal / external
7. **Research Piece with SETU on Program Evaluation, Academic Coaching**

Further work includes completing the returns and report from the funding spent between June 2022 – December 2022.

#### **Sláintecare Healthy Communities: - Ovi Matiut**

Funding has been allocated to 3 of the 7 seed funded projects to date.

1. Ballybeg a Healthy Community - the Family Growing Programme project was advertised and a meeting to prioritize work needed on community allotments
2. Womens Health initiative started their programme with 13 participants.
3. Top of the city garden project started with the appointment of a contractor and work is scheduled to finish in a couple of months.

Initial work on the Carrickpherish area in Partnership with The Community Safety Partnership has commenced. Community consultations to develop an Action Plan will commence shortly and after that a more specific Landscaping Master Plan will be formed.

- There is ongoing consultations with community groups
- There are planned meetings with HI coordinators and LDO's in CHO 5.
- Working in partnership with Active Cities and WSP in their programmes for migrant community

#### **9. Ukrainian Response update – S. Breathnach**

To date over 72,600 temporary protections have been granted to Ukrainians arriving to Ireland, with over 2,000 of those arriving here in Waterford.

Waterford Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 1,250 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centers and have matched 971 of those with longer term accommodation via pledged accommodation and longer term accommodation units being provided by the Council. WAP continue to provide supports on community integration.

Waterford have received 66 offers under the 'Offer a Home' pledge call which was launched on 24<sup>th</sup> November seeking offers of vacant properties for a minimum of 6 months.

Coming up to the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the War in Ukraine on 24<sup>th</sup> February, events and vigils are being arranged to mark the occasion with the Ukrainian community in Waterford.

Waterford were granted €1.4m under the Community Recognition Fund and a consultation survey has been circulated on same.

#### **10. Ukrainian Educational Update – Michael O'Brien, WWETB**

WWETB continue to report positive engagement and uptake in training supports. Securing enough tutors is an emerging challenge. LEO have translated 'business start-up' material which is available for circulation. M O'Brien to report back on recognition and validity of various classes of driving licences. WWETB offer HGV driving instruction. DEASP looked at this issue previously and advised that HGV drivers are required to resit their tests.

#### **11. Approval for payment of March SICAP Funds to WAP €109,949.92.**

Liam Quinn excused himself before the approval of the above funds. Kevin Moynihan told the meeting that the above will depend on the approval of the sub-committee on both points 2022 SICAP Annual Performance Review and 2023 SICAP Annual Plan.

<b>Proposed: Jimmy Taaffe</b>	<b>Seconded by: Gabriel Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions: Liam Quinn</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

#### **12. Correspondence**

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

- a. Launch of the Resource Guide on Inclusive Community Engagement in Planning and Decision Making
- b. Our Rural Future - Minister Humphreys and Minister Joe O'Brien launch the €50 million Community Recognition Fund.
- c. Information on launch of Shared Island Civic Society Fund - potential relevance to Social Enterprise stakeholders.
- d. Quit Partner pack **"Take Back Control"**.

#### **13. AOB**

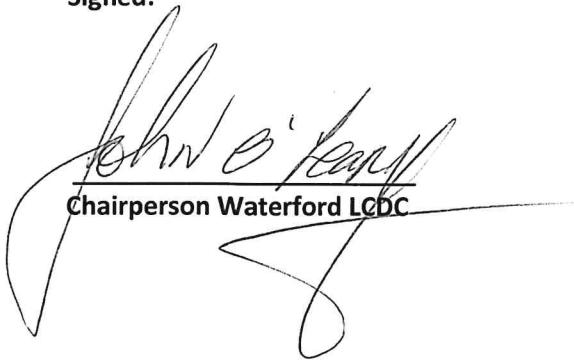
Maggie Flanagan announced a new project approved by WWETB, and that they are actively looking for a premises in West Waterford to run the project from. Jimmy Taaffe is to make contact with Maggie after the meeting to discuss further.

Jonathon Codd informed the meeting that the results of a recent poll re whether to continue having the meetings online or go back to face to face. The result of which is that per quarter, two of the meetings will take place online and one face to face. At the moment we are waiting on IT to come back in relation to Hybrid meeting (mixture of both if required).

14. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10.a.m.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed:

  
Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: 29/3/23