

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record Director of Services Ivan Grimes noted a quorum of Non-public 8: Public 8. In order to balance the quorum in favour of non-public representation Richie Walsh agreed to abstain from voting. Revised quorum Non-public 8: Public 7.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted.

3. **Election of Chair**

The committee congratulated Cllr. John O'Leary on his recent Mayoral appointment and a proposal to elect Cllr O'Leary as Chair was tabled.

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by P. Nugent
Abstentions: R Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

4. **Conflict of Interest:**

- (i) Declarations submitted for this meeting: Jimmy Taaffe declared a conflict with item 7 c
- (ii) Review of Quorum: Quorum achieved 8:7 in favour of non-public sector.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on 9th June 2022.**

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by G. Foley
Abstentions: R Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

6. **Matters arising:**

None.

7. **Rural Development Programme.**

a) **Projects for Approval**

31LDRWAT117482 Ballymacarbry Community Centre Facilities Upgrade

WLP S.E.O. Mr. J Taaffe outlined the merits of the project to the committee.

Project ID	31LDRWAT117482
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Ballymacarbry Community Centre Facilities Upgrade
Promoters Name:	Ballymacarbry Community Centre
Address:	Ballymacarbry, Clonmel, Co. Waterford
Description:	There are two aims to this project – upgrading the community centre’s lighting network to LED’s and providing critical storage for the centre by means of a container. The current lighting system is out of date and costly to run and due to the intensive use of every space of the centre a 20ft container will provide immediate storage
Theme:	LO5 Basic services at hard to reach communities
Sub-theme:	SA5.1 investing in upgrading community facilities
Link to LDS	Upgrading and investing in community facilities

Total Project Costs	€17,822.60		
Eligible Project Costs	€17,822.60		
Funding sought by promoter:	€13,366.95		
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First Review		
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€13,366.95		
Details of private funding:	€4,455.95 own funds		
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No		
Synopsis of project:	Replacement of existing inefficient fluorescent lighting in the centre to more environmentally friendly and cost effective LED lighting and investment in a 20ft storage container		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 75%
	Electrical supplies	14,255.60	10,691.70
	20ft Storage Container	3,567	2675.25
Total Funding		€17,822.60	€13,366.95
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes, 13 th June 2022		
Are detailed costings provided for the	Yes, direct tendering was used and the most economic advantageous		

project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	tender process was used to select the chosen suppliers
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Not applicable
Innovative Element of the project:	Replacement lighting for a more environmentally friendly sustainable product to reduce overhead costs
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoter would not be in a position to carry out these works without access to LEADER funding.
Consideration of Displacement:	While the surrounding communities do have community centres such as Tournaneena, Bohadoon and Newcastle (County Tipperary), this centre does not compete with these facilities as they serve directly the local population.
Economic justification for project:	The project represents good value for money and the promoter runs a very successful community facility that receives high usage in the community
Average Score for Project:	78/100
% level of aid & ceiling:	A maximum of €13,366.95 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"> 1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for providing basic services in rural areas 2. The project scored 78/100 <p>A maximum of €13,366.95 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser</p>

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	.5	€4,455.95 own funds	€0 in last 3 years from WLP CLG €3,570 Community Activities Fund, WC&CC 2021/22 €16,288 Covid 19 Stability Fund 2021

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Declaration sent to Waterford City & County Council	13 th June 2022	No response

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

- Ms Claire Connors noted that the Committee are very familiar with the promoters having supported them throughout the years for both the community centre and the 25-bed hostel.
- The original committee of 17 years stood down last year. The new committee is made up of four members and is currently recruiting a fifth member.
- It was advised that the centre is very well utilised and full which is why they need to purchase the storage unit. The lighting will all be changed over to new LED lights which are more energy efficient.
- A revised tender report for the lighting element was circulated as there was an error on the original one.
- Also circulated were unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021.
- The high cost of insurance was noted, and Ms Connors explained that they could only obtain one quote and had no option but to go with that one.
- The gym has remained closed since Covid as they are unable to get insurance. A discussion ensued and it was suggested that this could be because it is unsupervised by a qualified person.
- The occupancies levels of the hostel have been quite good since Covid with the domestic market. They also use events like the Nire Drop, Comeragh Wilderness, etc to help fill the centre.
- A Committee Member commented that they should try to build the school tour side of the business.
- Ms Connors advised that it is mainly group bookings and enquiries can be made through a booking form or the website. Once there they have full use of the facilities including the AstroTurf but not the gym as it is currently closed.
- Ms Claire Connors said that the group were always very proactive in fundraising and had very little borrowings.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that they are supportive of funding this project as the centre has lost 50% of its revenue due to Covid.
- It was noted that the village of Ballymacarbry is extremely well kept and hugely impressive. From the minute you arrive, it gives the impression of being a strong dynamic community. The facilities and adjacent independent housing for the elderly are excellent and very well run.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that funding this project is a good use of Rural Development funds and agreed to recommend funding to the LCDC.

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

1. The project fits the LCDC Local Development Plan for providing basic services in rural areas
2. The project scored 78/100

A maximum of €13,366.95 or 75% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Amount Recommended: €13,366.95	75% of Eligible Project Funding: €17,822.60
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Proposed: L. Quinn	Seconded by P. Nugent
Abstentions: R. Walsh	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

b) For Noting: WLP Income and Expenditure Q2 2022.

c) Approval of RDP Administration funds Q3 2022 to WLP €115,625.00

Proposed: M. Walsh	Seconded by G. Foley
Abstentions: R Walsh, J Taaffe, M O'Brien	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

8. **Correspondence.** One item of correspondence was noted by the committee.

- Our Rural Future: Climate Conversation 2022 was launched on Friday 8th July.

9. **A.O.B.** None

10. **Date and venue of next LCDC meeting:** 10.00am Thursday 8th September 2022, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

John O'Leary 9/9/22

LAG Decision Meeting Attendees Template

Waterford LAG 14-7-22

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					
	lay minutes attached.					
Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		

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 %	% 50

Richie Walsh (Public Rep) stood down from voting to balance the Quorum in favour of non public sector
revised Quorum Non Public 53%

Chairperson Signature

Date

John O'Shea

9/9/22