



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

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

**Staff Present:** D. Tuohy Chief Officer, Ivan Grimes DoS, K. Moynihan S.O., J. Codd S.O., Susan Whelan S.O., Emma Smyth A.S.O., C. O’Brien S.O.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	15
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 79%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees	9 non-public : 6 public

% ratio non-public/public attendees	60% non-public: 40% public
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**1. Appointment of New Chair**

As Cllr. Joe Kelly has been elected Mayor, it was proposed that he be elected Chair Of Waterford LCDC

<b>Proposed: S. Cooke</b>	<b>Seconded by: G. Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**2. Confirmation of Quorum:**

Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 9 & Public 6, total 15 members attending. In the absence of Mayor Kelly, Cllr Lola O'Sullivan took the chair and opened the meeting.

**3. Apologies:**

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

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

<b>Proposed: A. Wyse</b>	<b>Seconded by: J. Taaffe</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**5. Matters arising: None**

**6. Approval of Community Enhancement Programme 2021 Grant**

C. O'Brien gave a presentation on the Community Enhancement Programme. The following are the key points:

- a) The assessment group met on July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- b) 136 applications received, 19 deemed ineligible and 117 deemed valid
- c) Fund was oversubscribed with €320k sought by applicants.
- d) Approval was sought to fund 91 groups as per list circulated.

<b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>	<b>Seconded by: A. Wyse</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

L. O'Sullivan and H. Kiely, members of the application assessment group commended C. O'Brien on her work in preparing the applications for review.

#### 7. Healthy Waterford presentation

Brianna Connaughton, Healthy Waterford Coordinator gave the presentation as circulated to members.

The Chair Cllr. L. O'Sullivan, H. Kiely and D. Howley commended the work of Healthy Waterford and B. Connaughton. Chief Officer, D. Tuohy commended the support of Waterford Area Partnership and for their hosting of the coordinator position.

#### 8. Approval of Healthy Waterford Round 3 addendum

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy stated that this was an addendum to the original agreement signed by the LCDC and the Department of Health. €26,102 of extra funding has been provided covering the period 1/7/21 to 31/12/21 being a contribution to the pay of the Healthy Waterford coordinator for that period of time. The document needed to be returned to the Department by June 30<sup>th</sup> so it was reviewed by the Chief Officer and former Chair Cllr. D. Geoghegan before signing. Formal approval by the LCDC was now being sought.

<b>Proposed: J. Taaffe</b>	<b>Seconded by: G. Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

#### 9. a. Report from SICAP Sub Committee

Chief Officer, D. Tuohy noted that the SICAP midyear report was circulated to members in mid-June. The subcommittee met on July 7<sup>th</sup> where a presentation was delivered by Waterford Area Partnership. Key items discussed were as follows:

- 1) Both WCCC and Pobal have reviewed the midyear report as submitted and feedback has been given to WAP
- 2) Both midyear targets of Goal 1 (achieved 37%) and Goal 2 (achieved 18%) were not achieved
- 3) Waterford Area Partnership have referenced the increased targets for 2021 and the restrictions that Covid has placed on normal activity and requested a reduction to 2020 levels.
- 4) Subcommittee has recommended that WAP begin engaging with other LDCs e.g. Louth, Wexford and Kilkenny (noted as best practice) with a view to engaging with the target population while operating within Covid guidelines
- 5) The Department have stated that they are likely to suggest the reduction of targets nationally due to pandemic restrictions on operations
- 6) A key issue raised by the subcommittee was the % of beneficiaries from disadvantaged areas which is very low and need to be addressed
- 7) Overall SICAP budgets are on target
- 8) The July SICAP payment was approved by the LCDC in June but the payments for July, August and Q4 are dependent on approval of the midyear report. The new Chair, Mayor J. Kelly has



proposed a single agenda item for an LCDC meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> to consider and - depending on the response received from WAP to feedback issued -approve the midyear report.

9) Chair of the subcommittee, I. Grimes further added:

- Very good progress has been made by the Interim CEO and Board relating to Financial and Governance issues
- The Department and funders are fully engaged currently
- The AFS was due by June 30<sup>th</sup> but one issue remained unresolved meaning this deadline was missed. However, this will be resolved in the next number of days and an extension to July 27<sup>th</sup> for submission of the AFS was sought.

Approval to midyear report and approval to extend deadline for submission of AFS to 29<sup>th</sup> July proposed.

<b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>	<b>Seconded by: A. Wyse</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

Finally, D. Tuohy informed the members that as per Department circular, the SICAP programme has been extended to the end of December 2023.

#### 10. Reports from subcommittees:

##### a. Skills/Training:

Chief Officer D. Tuohy gave an update on the work of the Skills Sub-committee which last met on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. He wished to acknowledge J. Beresford's presentation to the last subcommittee meeting on employment market vacancies and skills shortfalls and proposed circulating it to full LCDC membership. The propose of this group was to increase networking among organizations in this area and this is working well with WAP, Skillnet and the Chambers now working collaboratively. Date of next meeting TBD.

##### b. Healthy Waterford:

As per 7. above

##### c. Social Inclusion:

Chief Officer D. Tuohy informed the members that the process to issue a tender for a consultant to examine how Social Inclusion could be included in the new Local Community and Economic Plan was underway. The next subcommittee meeting will approve appointment. LCDC members' support in responding to consultant queries would be appreciated. The subcommittee will work with the consultant over the coming weeks and it is intended to bring the final report to the November LCDC meeting for consideration and sign-off.

## 11. Correspondence

Six items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the committee, all were circulated previously.

- a. SICAP midyear progress report completed by Waterford Area Partnership. (By Email)
- b. Press Releases from DCEDIY - Communities Integration Fund 2021 & Capacity Building Grant and Training from Hub na nÓg (By Email)
- c. Covid 19 HSE Partner Pack update (By Email)
- d. Minister O'Brien statement welcoming announcement of EU funded project to establish a National Competence Centre for Social innovation in Ireland (By Email)
- e. Press Release by Minister Humphries: Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys Marks Broadband Connection Point Milestone (By Email)
- f. Press Release by Minister O'Brien: 'Vital to support grassroots groups to chart their path from disadvantage' - Minister O'Brien announces new Community Development Projects (By Email)

## 12. AOB:

a) S. Cooke noted that in the current draft of the City and County Development Plan there was no mention of Social Enterprise. Funding in this area will be forthcoming in the coming years both nationally and from the E.U. and he indicated that he wished to have formal support from the LCDC for his submission to have Social Enterprise included in the Development Plan.

<b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>	<b>Seconded by: H. Kiely</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

Chief Officer stated that he would write to the Planning Dept on behalf of the LCDC expressing support for this submission.

b) D. Howley issued an update regarding Covid 19 vaccines in the South East. To date, 467,469 vaccines have been administered. From Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> J&J vaccines have been authorised to be administered through pharmacies. Over 30's can now register on the Covid 19 portal also. Significant outbreak recently in Dungarvan area was noted. In excess of 3000 people attended a mass testing centre. Waiting for numbers to fall currently with indications that this process has begun. It is unclear whether the Delta variant is predominant in this outbreak but given the high transmissibility levels, D. Howley stated that it may be the case.

## 13. Date of next meeting:

LAG/LCDC meeting: 11.00am 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021, via videoconference.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed:

  
Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: 7/10/21