



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

**Thursday June 10<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. D Geoghegan	Mayor Public Rep
2. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	2. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
3. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	3. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan	Elected representative
4. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	4. Cllr. Adam Wyse	Elected representative
5. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	5. Brendan Lawton	Reg. Mgr. Dept Social Protection
6. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	6. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
7. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	7. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
<b>Apologies:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
8. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary	8. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
9. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	9. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
10. Michael Bowe	Interim CEO – Waterford Area Partnership		

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

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	14
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 74%
4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	7 non-public : 7 public 50% non-public: 50% public

**Confirmation of Quorum:**

1. Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that for a quorum to be achieved a public representative would need to abstain from voting. Derval Howley agreed to abstain from voting. Revised Quorum Non-public 7 & Public 6.

**2. Apologies:**

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

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of LCDC Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

<b>Proposed: L. O’Sullivan</b>	<b>Seconded by: S. Cooke</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>D. Howley</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**4. Matters arising: None**

**5. Social Prescribing Waterford Presentation (on extranet)**

Full presentation uploaded to the extranet. H. Kiely gave a brief background on Social Prescribing in Waterford which is managed in the Sacred Heart Family Resource Centre and which began in Waterford 2017. H. Kiely introduced Fiona Laffan and Nicola Spendlove who gave the presentation on behalf of Waterford Social Prescribing. They mentioned that the service is funded by Healthy Ireland through Healthy Waterford; this funded one worker and established the service in the city and metropolitan area. In September 2019, Slaintecare funding commenced allowing for two fulltime posts. This allowed the expansion of the service right across the county. Presently the service is funded until December 2021.

The members all agreed that it was an excellent presentation and acknowledged the work of the Social Prescribers in Waterford.

**6. a. Report from SICAP Sub Committee**

I. Grimes gave an update and stated that WAP are meeting with the auditors to finalise the AFS for 2019. The sub-committee met on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and considered the current position pertaining to SICAP and WAP. The Department has agreed in principal to write off €64,588.05 once approved by the LCDC. This would greatly assist the Company in achieving viability. There is no indication yet from other agencies as to how separate debt issues will be addressed but matters are progressing at a parent Department level. WAP are on track to meet deadlines re AFS and with the Charities Regulator.

The following recommendations required approval from the LCDC:

1. Write off legacy debt of €64,588.05 owed to the Department
2. Approval of the July 2021 SICAP payment

3. Delegation to SICAP sub-committee re approval of midyear report and August/September 2021 payments to WAP, subject to WAP complying with midyear reporting requirements.

<b>Proposed: L. O’Sullivan</b>	<b>Seconded by: D. Geoghegan</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>D. Howley</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

## 7. 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> May. Discussions are continuing re development of a Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) for West Waterford. Waterford LEADER and WWETB are working on a programme around Youth Employment initiatives. It was noted that there are gaps in the hospitality sector due to Covid-19 where many workers transferred to other sectors and it could be difficult encouraging workers to return to this sector. The sub-committee is due to meet again on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### b. Healthy Waterford:

D. Tuohy issued the update and mentioned that work with the “Keep Well Campaign” is ongoing. In relation to Waterford Social Prescribing, funding for this programme is now been met by Slaintecare and Healthy Waterford is currently considering how best to redistribute the €32k which had been earmarked for Social Prescribing.

### c. Social Inclusion:

D. Tuohy informed the group that the tender for the Independent Consultant has been drawn up and will issue shortly. It is expected that this work will commence in July 2021 and the total cost of the tender is expected to be €5,000. It is intended that a report and series of recommendations will be brought back to the October LCDC meeting. The LCDC Social Inclusion subgroup will oversee the work.

## 8. Correspondence

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

- a. Climate Conversations public consultation circulated on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021. (By Email)
- b. Minister O’Brien launches #SicapStories social media video campaign circulated on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021. (By Email)
- c. Our Rural Future: Minister Humphreys launches public consultation on the first ever National Outdoor Recreation Strategy circulated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. (By Email)
- d. NESC Digital Inclusion in Ireland: Connectivity, Devices & Skills Report circulated on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021. (By Email)

9. AOB: None

10. Date of next meeting:

LAG/LCDC meeting: 11.00am 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

Signed:

  
Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: 29/7/21