

**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:
Thursday June 11th 2020 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.**

Present:

Non Public Sector:

Public Sector

1. Gabriel Foley *	PPN / Environment	1. Cllr. J. Pratt Chair*	Mayor Public Rep
2. Richard Grant	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership	2. Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan	Elected representative
3. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	3. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	4. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
5. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary	5. Michael O’Brien	WWETB
6. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	6. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE
7. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	7. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
8. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber		
Apologies:		Apologies:	
1. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.	1. Liam Daly	Reg. Mgr. Dept Social Protection
2. Richard Awosika	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Cllr. Adam Wyse	Elected representative

Staff Present: D. Tuohy Chief Officer*, Ivan Grimes DoS, K. Moynihan SO *, E. Hickey S.O.*

(* attendance in person)

Confirmation of Quorum:

1. Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8 & Public 7, total 15 members attending.

R. Grant returned to the meeting.

c. Healthy Waterford:

D. Tuohy issued the update. Healthy Waterford is very busy with Covid 19 response. 83 care packs have been delivered already with the intention of preparing additional infection control packs in the coming weeks. Other actions including finalizing the Waterford Health Profile and working with project partners on implementation of Healthy Ireland Fund actions. Approval has been given by Pobal to postpone actions into 2021, given the impact of Covid 19. Changes in the plan are due to be sent to Pobal by end June. The Healthy Waterford Covid 19 campaign on WLR and on Social Media is ongoing also.

M. Flanagan queried if Direct Provision centres fall under the Infection Control Pack programme. H. Kiely stated that SBFRC are working with direct provision centres and traveller families in this regard.

R. Grant stated that, in association with the ETB, there was a team of 43 volunteers producing facemasks to be made available to vulnerable people.

9. Covid 19 Economic recovery Plan - as circulated

The draft plan was circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Michael Quinn, Director of Services, WCCC gave an update.

The plan has been developed in conjunction with various representative groups. The focus is on areas such as Tourism, Retail, hospitality etc. and is designed to be short term in nature to deal with the aftermath of Covid 19.

The role of WCCC is to act as a steering body and the plan will go before Council at the June 2020 meeting for approval. Plan will be reviewed in September to ascertain its effectiveness. The main KPI will be the number of businesses reopening after the crisis.

G. Foley commented that key issues for Dungarvan include access to broadband for some now that the Libraries are closed and also access to public toilet facilities, a point supported by Cllr O'Sullivan. M. Quinn stated that the toilets issue is being examined and that regarding broadband, the libraries are reopening shortly so this issue should be resolved.

M. Quinn stated that thermal imaging was included in the plan as an extra layer of safety for the public to give added comfort. D. Howley undertook to ascertain the opinion of the Director of Public Health re thermal imaging and requested that disability and age-friendly issues be taken into account when rolling out the plan.

M. Quinn agreed to include WWETB online programmes on the business support hub.

Overall, members broadly welcomed the plan and found it comprehensive and commended the effort in its creation.

10. Correspondence

- a. Covid 19 Communication Stakeholder Support
- b. Dormant account funding for LGBTI+ organisations

12. AOB

D. Howley gave a Covid 19 update. Nationally 25659 cases, approx 1k in the South East with 155 in Waterford. Testing centres continuing but demand is low. Currently no wait times for community testing. Assessment hubs referral base very low with this currently under review.

13. Date of next meeting: Thursday July 9th by way of Zoom/Microsoft Teams

Meeting Closed

Signed:

Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: _____