



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 meeting held via conference call at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Non Public Sector:**

**Public Sector**

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

**Staff Present:** J. Codd Staff Officer, S. Whelan Staff Officer , Ivan Grimes, Director of Services, Emma Smyth, Eoin Morrissey.

1.Total current Membership	19
2.Total attendees	13
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 68%
4. non-public/public ratio	8 non-public: 5 public

1. **Confirmation of Quorum:** Having reviewed the attendance record, Ivan Grimes, confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 8 & Public 5, total 13 members attending. Cllr. O’Leary took the chair and opened the meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

As per table above apologies were noted, together with apologies from Kevin Moynihan and Ovi Matiut, Sinéad Breathnach.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 (on extranet)

<b>Proposed: Senan Cooke</b>	<b>Seconded by: Liam Quinn</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

4. **Matters arising**

No matters arising

5. **The Languages Act – Susie Whelan**

The Languages Acts 2003 and 2021 and Section 3 of the 2021 Act requires a senior staff member (Grade VIII or above) to be nominated as the person to liaise with the Dept of the Gaeltacht – Propose Sinéad Breathnach to be approved for the above role

<b>Proposed: Pat Nugent</b>	<b>Seconded by: Heather Kiely</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

6. **Q3 SICAP Payment and Ukraine Payment**

<b>Proposed: Maggie Flanagan</b>	<b>Seconded by: Michael Walsh</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**7. Well Waterford Terms of Reference – Eoin Morrissey**

Heather Kiely suggested that one nomination from non public side to join the committee. Ivan suggested that an email be sent to the non public members seeking an expression of interest to join the sub committee of Well Waterford by the end of next week.

<b>Proposed: Gerald Hurley</b>	<b>Seconded by: Kathryn Kiely</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**8. Migrant Integration Strategy**

This was deferred until next months meeting.

**9. SICAP: - Ivan Grimes**

**a. Delegation to SICAP subcommittee for approval of Mid Year Review**

<b>Proposed: Jimmy Taaffe</b>	<b>Seconded by: Jenny Beresford</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**b. Delegation to SICAP subcommittee to approve payment of Q3 Funds to WAP (assuming successful approval of MYR)**

<b>Proposed: Maggie Flanagan</b>	<b>Seconded by: Michael Walsh</b>
<b>Abstentions: Liam Quinn</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**c. For noting: SICAP 2024+ procurement process has formally begun**

**d. Approval of target groups identified by SICAP subcommittee for SICAP 2024+ Programme in addition to 2024 KPI's**

<b>Proposed: Jenny Beresford</b>	<b>Seconded by: Kathryn Kiely</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

## **10. LECP update – Ivan Grimes**

Final draft of the LECP is being prepared, and final objectives and actions for both Economic Development & Community being reviewed to ensure that there is no crossover or gaps. The community element is to go before the Community SPC in July and is on schedule to be approved at the September Plenary Council meeting.

### **Skills Committee – Johnny Codd**

The skills committee met on 17th May. The launch of the West Waterford Fab lab is imminent, SOLAS are awaiting permission to take control of the premises. Skillnet are providing upskilling and retraining courses for Cartamundi staff and European Globalisation Fund could also be utilized to assist. All skills agencies are seeing good engagement from the Ukrainian community but language remains the biggest barrier in training and pathways to employment, ETB would like more tutors to assist. The first PR drive to promote training opportunities commenced in Q2 and a central online information hub will be created on the Councils website with information on various courses and promotional videos.

The committee meets again in July

### **Healthy Waterford LCDC Update – Eoin Morrissey**

#### **Well Waterford Organisational Structure Development**

Work is ongoing in developing the organisational structure and understanding of the Well Waterford group. This is subcommittee of LCDC Health and Wellbeing structure that plays a key part in delivering on the next LECP plan. To have a more targeted local approach Municipal District working groups are being established with the first one taking place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June for Dungarvan / Lismore followed by Comeragh on 25<sup>th</sup> August. The aim is to tie this in with the local LIT for Sláintecare which will act as an anchor for the Metro Municipal District Working Groups. An internal working group of WCCC is also established that will meet on a bi – monthly basis with relevant Departments brought together to support existing projects, avoid duplication, and assist in co-ordinating projects.

#### **Playful Streets / Community Engagement**

Several initiatives as part of the Healthy Waterford local strategy have begun. One of our key initiatives to engage closely with communities at grass roots level has been the 'Playful Streets' program. The below dates are confirmed and currently being worked on. It is available to other venues pending good levels of interest from the local community.

#### **Current Dates**

- Waterford City 1<sup>st</sup> of June & 14<sup>th</sup> August
- Kilmacthomas 19<sup>th</sup> of June
- Carrigea Crescent 4<sup>th</sup> July (Part of National Play Day)
- Tramore - 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Lismore - 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Portlaw – 7<sup>th</sup> August
- Dungarvan – 13<sup>th</sup> July / 14<sup>th</sup> August

### **Community Event City Square**

The Healthy Waterford Coordinator assisted in the organisation of a successful community engagement event in City Square Waterford. It is the intention to run a similar event in the Dungarvan area over the summer months via the core working group and Well Waterford Partners.

### **Place Standard Training**

Training was complete with the Place Standard tool that is used to assess the quality of place of which a community lives in. This needs assessment can assess places that are well established, undergoing change, or still being planned. This is being piloted in the Tramore area in the coming weeks with other communities being identified for Q3 & Q4 of 2023.

### **Pobal Funding**

Pobal funding is being released to the Local Authority from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June after national Pobal event on 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Funding has been committed to several projects. The successful application has received minor adjustments. Further projects will be identified with an aim to spend the majority of the funding this year. This may result in a small community health and wellbeing grant.

## **11. SICAP/Social Inclusion – Ivan Grimes**

Local Government Audit service in 2022 did an audit on WAP, they didn't flag anything that wasn't already being addressed. However, there was an incorrect apportionment of costs in the programme, incorrectly charged to SICAP in relation to office costs, insurance etc. Our recommendation is that the incorrectly apportioned costs be adjusted over a 5 year period at just over €3k per year, Ivan indicated that Liam Quinn was in agreement and doesn't have an issued with the proposed re-payment.

<b>Proposed: Michael Walsh</b>	<b>Seconded by: Gerald Hurley</b>
<b>Abstentions: Liam Quinn</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

## **12. Ukrainian Response update – Susie Whelan**

To date over 81,000 temporary protections have been granted to Ukrainians arriving to Ireland, with almost 2,400 of those registered here in Waterford.

Waterford City & County Council have provided temporary accommodation to over 1,691 Ukrainian refugees in the Council run rest centres and have matched over 1,277 of those with pledged and Council sourced accommodation.

Waterford have received 111 offers under the 'Offer a Home' pledge call and there are 201 Ukrainians currently housed under the OAH call.

WAP continue to provide supports to all Ukrainians on community integration including the new Community Car Initiative which supports those living in rural locations with no access to private or public transport.

Language classes are over for the summer period and residents are availing of conversational classes in their areas. Coordinators are working with partners to provide access to Summer Camps over the summer holidays.

**13. Ukrainian Educational Update – M. O’Brien**

Deferred until the July meeting.

**14. Correspondence**

- a. DUMP Campaign Press Release
- b. Invitation to register: Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making
- c. Minister Joe O’Brien announces public consultation on Ireland’s First National Philanthropy Policy

**15. AOB –**

Heather Kiely congratulated Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce in relation to their national accolade. Cllr O’Leary also agreed with Heather in relation to their National recognition for Chamber of the year.

Senan Cooke congratulated John O’Leary on his Chairship of the LCDC as this would be John’s final meeting.

**16. Date and venue of next LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 10.a.m.**

**Meeting Closed**

Signed:

  
Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date:

