



Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City & County Council
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Dear Ms. Dunphy

Thank you for your letter of 11th April 2025 addressed to the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary, T.D. on behalf of the members of Comeragh District Waterford City and County Council in relation to the Comhar Comaraigh Initiative.

The Minister would like to acknowledge the valuable work undertaken to date and the overall potential of this network for the benefit of the community.

While he acknowledges your letter in support of a full-time coordinator to work with local community and voluntary groups to successfully implement improvements in your communities, unfortunately, there is no funding available in 2025 to facilitate this request.

Nevertheless, the Minister will bear this request in mind should funding become available in 2026 in the context of the implementation of *Trading For Impact*, the National Social Enterprise Policy.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht