



**Minutes of the Waterford LCDC Meeting:**

**Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting held via conference call at 11.00 a.m.**

<b>Present: Non Public Sector:</b>		<b>Public Sector</b>	
1. Gabriel Foley	PPN / Environment	1. Mayor Joe Kelly (Chair)	Elected representative
2. Senan Cooke	PPN / Community & Voluntary	2. Cllr. Pat Nugent	Elected representative
3. Gerald Hurley	CEO Waterford City Chamber	3. Cllr Eamon Quinlan	Elected representative (Deputy Chair)
4. Heather Kiely	PPN/ Community & Voluntary	4. Brendan Lawton	Reg. Mgr. Dept. Social Protection
5. Jimmy Taaffe	CEO – WLP CLG	5. Richie Walsh	Head of LEO
6. Jenny Beresford	CEO Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber	6. Michael O'Brien	WWETB
7. Maggie Flanagan	PPN / Community & Voluntary		
8. Breda Fell	PPN / Community & Voluntary		
9. Liam Quinn	CEO – Waterford Area Partnership		
10. Catherine Quinlan	I.C.M.S.A.		
<b>Apologies:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
		7. Michael Walsh	CE, WC&CC
		8. Julie Somers	CYPSC Coordinator
		9. Derval Howley	Head of Wellbeing HSE

**Staff Present:** I. Grimes, Acting Chief Officer, S. Breathnach S.E.O., K. Moynihan S.O., J. Codd S.O., S. Whelan S.O., C. O'Brien S.O., E. Smyth A.S.O.

1. Total current Membership	19
2. Total attendees	16
3. Quorum % required (50% of 1 above)	Achieved – 84%

4. non-public/public ratio attendees % ratio non-public/public attendees	10 non-public: 6 public 62% non-public: 38% public
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**1. Confirmation of Quorum:**

Having reviewed the attendance record, Acting Chief Officer I. Grimes confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 10 & Public 6, total 16 members attending. Mayor Kelly took the chair and opened the meeting.

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**2. Apologies:**

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

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

- LCDC Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January (on extranet)

<b>Proposed: S. Cooke</b>	<b>Seconded by: G. Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**4. Matters arising**

None

**5. Community Activities Fund**

C. O'Brien, Community Dept. updated the members. The closing date for applications was January 14<sup>th</sup>. The assessment group met on January 25<sup>th</sup>. 174 applications were received, 28 were no eligible. The remaining 146 left the scheme under-subscribed. The cap for the grant was set at €3k. The assessment group have made their recommendations and approval is sought from the LCDC

<b>Proposed: G. Foley</b>	<b>Seconded by: S. Cooke</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>B. Fell due to conflict of interest</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

(B. Fell returned to the meeting)

- 6. a. **Presentation of Annual Performance Review 2021 – WAP**
- b. **Presentation of Annual Plan 2022 – WAP**

C. Power joined the meeting and gave the presentation on behalf of Waterford Area Partnership. Full presentation had already been made to the LCDC SICAP subcommittee previously.

Pobal have not recommended any changes to the 2022 Annual Plan and both KPI's have been exceeded for 2021.

- 7. **Approval of both SICAP Annual Performance Review 2021 and Annual Plan 2022**  
 Members were requested to approved both Annual Plan 2022 and Annual Performance Review 2021 based on recommendation of subcommittee.

<b>Proposed: J. Taaffe</b>	<b>Seconded by: G. Hurley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>L. Quinn due to conflict of interest</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

S. Cooke, M/ Flanagan and Mayor Kelly wished to commend the work of the staff and management of WAP during a difficult period during the past 1/2 years.

H. Kiely and B. Fell queried the situation regarding youth unemployment that was previously a target group highlighted but are not so in the current plan. I.Grimes stated he would query with WAP and revert to them members.

(L. Quinn had stepped out of the meeting due to conflict of interest)

- 8. a. **Payment schedule for SICAP Funding**

I.Grimes updated the members that due to the issues being experienced by WAP during the past 2 years, a decision was made in 2020 to cease paying SICAP funds 3 months in advance and to instead pay one month in arrears. Due to the changes made and the company now being stronger, the Department, Pobal and WCCC are now satisfied that all issues have been addressed and have recommended that payments to WAP revert to 3 months in advance.

Approval from the members was sought.

<b>Proposed: G. Hurley</b>	<b>Seconded by: G. Foley</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>L. Quinn due to conflict of interest</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

b. Approval of March SICAP payment

I.Grimes updated the members that due to the Annual Plan 2022 and APR 2021 having been approved, WAP have met their contractual obligations and can be recommended to receive March SICAP payment

<b>Proposed: B. Fell</b>	<b>Seconded by: J. Beresford</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>L. Quinn due to conflict of interest</b>
<b>Quorum achieved: Yes</b>	<b>Approved</b>

(L. Quinn returned to the meeting)

**9. Reports from Sub-committees:**

- A. Skills: J. Codd updated the members that this group last met on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Summary of youth employment initiative will be shared with the members in addition to information regarding the Fab Lab
- B. Healthy Waterford: J. Codd updated the members that round three of the HIF will be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Round 4 will begin thereafter. Community Dept. of WCCC in addition to WAP staff are bringing round 3 to a conclusion.
- C. Social Inclusion: I. Grimes stated that this item had been covered under item 6/7/8

**10. Update re Social Inclusion Strategy – I.Grimes**

A special meeting of the SICAP subcommittee will be called to review this item in particular within the next 2 weeks.

**11. Correspondence:**

- a. Details of the WWETB Explore Programme
- b. Correspondence from Minister J. O'Brien re €2m Fund targeting area based deprivation

**12. AOB:**

- 1) D. Howley updated the members regarding Slaintecare project. A. The Social Prescribing post for the City area has been main streamed in terms of funding. B. The Healthy Food programme is being rolled by SHFRC. C. The coordinator post within the HSE has been filled as of last month.
- 2) I.Grimes stated that recruitment for the National Coordinator post, being hosted by WCCC has been completed and will start work in the next week or two. Local Coordinator will begin work on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Date of next meeting:**

Following discussion, the decision was made to hold the next meeting as follows:

LAG/LCDC meeting: Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am, via videoconference.

**Meeting Closed**

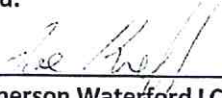
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Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Closed

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Chairperson Waterford LCDC

Date: 11/3/22