

Tipperary PPN Plenary Meeting

18/11/2017

Holy Cross Community Centre

The meeting was opened by Richard Long, Secretariat member who welcomed the attendees to the event and to HolyCross.

Ruth Smith, Secretariat member, reported that Corena Ward had moved on from the PPN and introduced Avril Wilson the new PPN worker.

Avril reported on the work of the Secretariat and of the PPN since the last Plenary Meeting (presentation attached). She announced that there were a number of vacancies on the Secretariat and also for representatives, and invited nominations via the online process which will be publicised soon.

Avril introduced Catriona Rogerson of the Irish Environmental Network who gave a presentation on the Sustainable Development Goals, and how PPNs can work to promote the SDGs in their work and in the work of their individual groups.

Charles Stanley Smith, Sara Bourke and Clare Cashman presented on the Local Community Development Committee. They outlined the main programmes of the LCDC; LEADER, SICAP and LECP, and other funding. They invited the members to become more involved with the Linkage Group and to support them as representatives.

Kevin Cummins outlined the work of the Sports Partnership and its PPN representatives. He highlighted the importance of sport, its diversity in Tipperary, and how the Sports Partnership supports them. He also invited input from the group to his work.

Anthony Moroney of Local Link Tipperary outlined the rural transport programme and how it is managed in the county. Barbara Fryday and John Hinchey, PPN reps on Local Link described their ambition that everyone in the county should have access to transport for social, economic and cultural reasons.

We had a lovely lunch served by the excellent staff of HolyCross Community Centre.

Avril then outlined the Secretariat and Representative vacancies currently available and encouraged applicants. She explained that people must be nominated via a process which she will advertise in the coming weeks.

Michael Kealy (SI Ballingarry (Thurles) Community Development Clg) and Ann Williamson (C&V Fionn McCumhaill Players) both from Carrick / Fethard Municipal District were ratified to the Secretariat following their prior nomination and election.

Toni Gleeson for ETB and Jill Sandvoss for CYPSC were ratified as PPN Representatives, following their prior nomination and election.

Ruth Smith reported on the formation of a company for TPPN. To date 5 trustees have been identified, and new Secretariat members will be invited to become trustees. It was agreed to proceed on that basis.

Ruth Smith explained that the PPN has a workplan, and invited member groups to input to that workplan for 2017, through their evaluation sheets or by contacting the office.

The floor was then opened to questions and some issues were raised with regard to PPN participation and representation from groups in North Tipperary, the need to review environmental criteria to increase the number of groups in that college, the term of office for Secretariat members and the designation criteria for disadvantaged areas. Some of these are national issues, however Secretariat members agreed to take the comments on board where relevant.

Rose Hally of Community Finance Ireland presented to the group on their services to community groups who wish to raise funds for programmes. www.communityfinance.ie

Niamh Morgan of BHP Insurances described how they can support community groups to get reasonable quotes for insurance.

Derry O'Donnell of Zero Waste Cashel presented on their work to reduce waste in the town and on environmental and waste awareness.

Avril thanked everyone for their contributions and for their attendance and the meeting closed.