



TPPN Plenary meeting on November 8th, 2018

Location: Rosegreen Community Centre.

The meeting was opened by Secretariat member Anne Williamson who welcomed all attendees and on behalf of TPPN and thanked the committee of the Rosegreen community centre for their help in organising the meeting.

The Minutes of the last plenary were noted – Richard Long proposed same and Sr. Patricia Wall seconded.

PPN Update:

Avril Wilson the Co-ordinator gave detailed report on the PPN and the work to date in 2018. This included background of the PPN in Tipperary since its inception in 2014, and an update on the employment status of office currently.

At present there are 1466 groups affiliated and 78,736 emails (Correspondence) were sent out so far this year.

Tipperary PPN is independent and in total there are 29 PPN's in the Country. 21 are hosted by the Local Authority in their respective counties. There is a 21% increase of reps nationally with 882 PPN reps on 328 boards, countrywide.

There has been over 1200 hours of training for capacity building in 2018, held by TPPN.

Grant writing course being held in the North and South in autumn 2018.

10-week mindfulness course running with 30 participants, in Thurles.

A volunteer workshop event was held in Nenagh in June in collaboration with the Volunteer Centre & NTLF.

An all-county disability workshop will be held next week in Thurles.

There are plans for another mindfulness training, committee skills and effective meeting skills training, and training in partnership with development companies all which will be subject to funding being available in 2019.

There was €20,000 euro administered by the PPN for a grant for women's and men's groups in the county.

Over 300 attended the Healthy and Wellbeing event held in Thurles at the last plenary event. This was very successful and was highly praised.

The Equal Ireland scholarships which was part funded by the PPN was a great initiative with 5 participants being conferred with their degrees recently in Athlone. Congratulations to all participants.

Avril our Co-ordinator outlined the current Secretariat vacancies, which are also noted in the current newsletter.

The Financial report stated that €51,597.40 has been spent to date and the estimated spend to year end is €80,496.37

PPN Company Update:

Ruth Smith from the Secretariat and director of PPN Operations Company gave an update on progress to date.

The new company has been set up and the company no is 623158. The first annual return has been submitted to the CRO (Company Registration Office) and Ciaran Lynch has been appointed company secretary and Kay Cantwell accountant.

The directors are Richard Long, Charles Stanley Smith, Ruth Smith, JJ O Sullivan, Michael Kealy, Helen Butler and Anne Williamson.

Helen Butler, Michael Kealy and Anne Williamson will be added as directors shortly B10's have been filled out.

Clare Cashman noted that the company secretary was not a director and said it is not best practise. Sr Patricia Wall noted that the company secretary did not have to be a company director.

Liam Hayes queried the fee €2,200.00 been a lot for accountancy fees for 2018. Avril W said this figure was an estimated figure and the actual costings might not be this high. She also informed the Plenary that the accountant was employed to do the transition of wages from the hosted company to the PPN company and to set up wages for the PPN and administer same.

Ratifications

LCDC:

Martin Quinn, Eoin Wolohan and John Lupton were all ratified to sit on the LCDC.

STDC:

Margaret Egan and Bernard Lennon both representing Community & Voluntary college, were elected to South Tipperary Development Company.

JPC:

Anne Williamson was ratified as a Rep to take a seat on the Joint Policing committee.

Plenary business meeting ended and various presentations followed.