



Tipperary PPN Plenary and Wellbeing vision launch, Thurles via zoom November 26th 2020 @7pm

This plenary took place via zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions

The Plenary was opened by Co-ordinator Avril Wilson who welcomed everyone to the Plenary. She noted that this is not how we would like to be holding our plenary and launching the Wellbeing vision, but it is necessary in these strange times we are in.

Avril introduced Ruth Smith member of the secretariat and Chairperson of the PPN company and invited her to update the members on the developments and updates since the last plenary.

Ruth Smith reported the following

Secretariat update:

- Funding for administration support worker, Sharon Melbourne, continued
- Being a Secretariat member is being part of a great team, as proved so well by the Community Wellbeing Vision process
- Secretariat team still working well despite restrictions– rotating facilitator and minute taker
- Various Secretariat subgroups for e.g. Finance, Staff liaison subgroup, Representation & Engagement subgroup, Work plan subgroup.
- Supporting the staff, as they adapted to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the additional challenge that brought, as the PPN's work moved to online platforms and included being part of the Community Response Forum team.
- National Secretariat: 1 Secretariat Member sits on this Network

Directors update:

- Registered at the Companies Registration Office with the word 'County' in front
- Work is progressing on the Governance Code (Corporate Governance Compliance) for CTPPNO, adopting policies – Employees Handbook, Green Office policy, Values & Principles of the Board etc.
- Directors meet before each Secretariat meeting
- CTPPNO is the employer of the staff on behalf of the TPPN
- Company Secretary: Ciaran Lynch
- Accountant Appointed: Kay Cantwell
- The annual accounts have been prepared and approved by the Board
- The annual return has been made on time to the Companies Registration Office so it is compliant with that requirement of company law
- The CTPPNO is ready to carry out any task that the PPN Secretariat or Plenary might request it to undertake.
- Company Secretary: Ciaran Lynch
- Accountant Appointed: Kay Cantwell

Business of the Plenary:

An overview of Tipperary PPN was given for new members, details of groups affiliated, reps on various boards, Strategic Policy committees, etc. Details of staff and volunteers were given. Tipperary PPN has a total of 1105 members groups registered.

Statistics from the annual PPN report were presented as follows:

- Launched on the 17th November by Minister Joe O'Brien
- Public funding 31 PPN's €3.33m
- 15,599 member organisations 12,083 C&V, 2920 SI, 569 ENV
- 928 Reps on 424 Boards and committees
- Gender balance: 55 % male 45 % female
- 169 training programmes for more than 6000 participants
- Communication: 881 online newsletters, 41 roadshows, 456,887 emails sent
- PPN administered a Covid 19 community support fund on behalf of South Tipperary Community & Voluntary Forum. This fund supported 42 PPN members.
- PPN is part of the Covid 19 Community Response Forum – supported care packs and acorn tablets through the Age Friendly Alliance.
- Red Cross – food cloud deliveries during Covid 19 pandemic
- Launched new website – funded through LEADER
- Covid 19 section on website - In this together & keep well campaign (working in collaboration with CoCo on same)
- Staff attended Salesforce training
- Coordinator is a member of the National Advisory Group for all PPN's

Ratification of representatives:

The following reps were ratified via Survey Monkey prior to plenary

- **Infrastructure (inc. Roads, Transport & Water) SPC** - Gerard Shanahan
- **Joint Policing Committee** - Gerard Fogarty
- **South Tipperary Development Company** - Kevin Ryan
- **Tipperary Education & Training Board** - Julie White
- **Tipperary Energy Agency** - Bernard Lennon
- **Tipperary Sports Partnership** - Brian Boyle
- **Tipperary Volunteer Centre** - Toni Gleeson

Reps vacancies at present

- Joint Policing Committee: 2 vacancies - Clonmel MD and Tipperary, Cashel & Cahir MD
- South Tipperary Development Company – 1 South Tipperary seat
- Housing: 1 Environment seat, 1 Community & Voluntary seat
- Infrastructure (roads, transportation & water services) 1 Community & Voluntary seat
- Connecting for Life: 1 seat South Tipperary PPN Member group
- Tipperary Volunteer Centre: 2 seats
- Comhairle na Nóg: 1 seat
- Tipperary Transport Coordination unit: 1 Clonmel MD Rep and 1 Nenagh Rep

Finance:

Financial statements were showed with any queries being answered. Total spend reported to the LA and DRCD to 31st October 2020 was €96,379.91 a proposed budget of €128,800 spend to year end was examined by members.

Coordinator presented a proposed projected budget for 2021 was ratified by the plenary. spend for 2021 is €110,500.00

Break out rooms

Plenary was broken into groups for discussion, networking and feedback the topics that each group discussed were. How did Covid 19 effect your community group? and What training or supports would you like/need in 2021 for your group?

Wellbeing Launch

The Vision for Community Wellbeing in Tipperary was launched on behalf of the Secretariat by Charles Stanley Smith. Joe McGrath CEO Tipperary County Council spoke via video link about the vision for community wellbeing document and how it will be utilized going forward. Guest speaker Dr Harriet Emerson on how Tipperary's Vision for Community Wellbeing was created and how we can use the vision and make it a living document.

Coordinator Avril Wilson thanked all the speakers and everyone for attending the plenary.

There was no further business and the meeting closed.