



Tipperary PPN Secretariat Meeting

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Venue: Via Zoom and in Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre @6.00pm

Minutes

Facilitator: Mike Edwards

Minute taker: Niamh Ni Chillin

Present: Mike Edwards, Michael Kealy, Martins Punculis, Niamh Ni Chillin, Charles Stanley-Smith, Kuldeep Joshi, Alan Moore, Mary Ryan, Anne Williamson, Daniel Long

Apologies: Josephine O Connor, Danny Foley

In Attendance: Ruth Smith (Co-ordinator), Sharon Melbourne (Administrator) Ann Scanlon (Community Employment Scheme Worker).

No conflict of interest declared.

The agenda was agreed.

Minutes: Time was given to look through last month's minutes.

Matters Arising: Charles Stanley Smith made an amendment to the entry in the minutes regarding NAG representation.

Minutes were proposed by Michael Kealy and seconded by Kuldeep Joshi.

Finance Update: Account Balance Operating: €6987.21 (21/3/23)

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Insurance: We still need to clarify with Fiona re whether it is our responsibility to pay for insurance on the Community Response Forum.

Co-ordinators Report: Circulated in advance. The Co-ordinators report was noted. Ruth highlighted that a lot of new groups have registered recently. Ruth welcomed Ann Scanlon to the meeting and Ann introduced herself and told us about her role.

National Advisory Group: Charles reported that there would be a Mazars report (Roadmap) meeting the following Thursday. Also, Muriel of Waterford PPN is going to ask the Dept for funding for a retreat for Coordinators as they haven't met each other in person since Covid restrictions.

New Logo

The Tipperary Logo has been launched on our newsletter and will be officially launched at our Plenary on the 20th of April. We need to update all our templates, brochures, banners etc..

Day of Peace update

Ruth has applied for county council funding that is available for the PPN to deliver an event on Sept 21s. She has included funding for an outside broadcast so we are, if application is successful, going to invite Tipp FM to do a broadcast on the Day.

Plenary Update

Spring Plenary to be held on the 20th of April in Rosegreen under the heading 'Strengthen our voice together.' There'll be stands from Community groups and speakers and also time given for networking. Comhairle na nÓg will also be giving a presentation. Kuldeep is getting sponsorship for the food and Martins is making all the raffle prizes. We're hoping Catherine Fogarty, Tipp Midwest will be there. At the Plenary we will be seeking ratification of our workplan, MOU, new Reps and officially launching the new Tipperary PPN logo. There will be a Plenary Planning meeting on next Thursday.

Training Update

Sharon is still waiting for all the responses to the survey to come in.

SE Dublin PPN made an SPC Training Handbook and Ruth and Sharon will attend a meeting on this. Charles said that he felt we should be able to use this manual ourselves and Ruth and Sharon will ask about this at the meeting.

There will be a workshop re the Secretariat in August as part of our team building process.

Community Climate Action Coaches Project: Diversity Animator, Patricia Moloughney from Templemore, is going through PPN SI groups at the moment to ask them to participate in the project.

2023 Workplan:

Sharon has organised the completed plan into the higher-level goals in Excel. We are putting it forward for ratification at the Spring Plenary.

New Directors:

Martins, Niamh and Kuldeep have agreed to become directors and hope to attend the next Directors meeting, which will follow our next Secretariat Meeting.

Reps: Ruth welcomed Daniel Long from Nenagh in the Social Inclusion seat.

Sharon let us know that they still need one Environmental rep in Nenagh. For Thurles they need 2 reps, one for Environmental and one for Community and Voluntary seat

Future Meetings:

We decided to move the next Secretariat Meeting to Wed 26th April due to the workers national retreat clashing with ours on 27th April.

Next Director's meeting (7.00pm) will be directly after the Secretariat Meeting.

AOB:

Sean O'Farrell is funding a competition offering €1000 to a group coming up with a climate action plan. It's open to registered PPN groups.

Meeting Closed 7:10pm