



**Tipperary PPN Secretariat Meeting**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Venue: TCEC and via Zoom @5.00pm**

**Minutes**

**Facilitator:** Charles Stanley Smith

**Minute taker:** Michael Kealy

**Present:** Mike Edwards, Charles Stanley Smith, Derry O'Donnell, Sean O'Farrell and Alan Moore, Niamh Ni Chillin, Kuldeep Joshi, Martins Punculis

**Apologies:** Josephine O Connor, JJ O'Sullivan, Anne Williamson and Mary Ryan.

**In Attendance:** Ruth Smith (Co-ordinator), Sharon Melbourne (PPN Administrator)

Charles welcomed the three new Secretariat members, Niamh Ni Chillin, Kuldeep Joshi and Martins Punculis. Ruth explained that she had held induction meeting with each of the new members individually.

No **conflict of interest** declared.

The **agenda** was agreed. Any AOBs are now submitted prior to the meeting.

**Minutes** of last month's meeting have been sent by email and there were no matters arising;

Proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Sean O'Farrell

**Directors Update:** Charles explained the structure of the PPN and its relationship with the CTPPNO to the new members.

**Finance Update:** Next finance meeting is set for 11<sup>th</sup> October to sign off on Q3

Operating Acc. **Balance on 12/09/2022 €10,055.05**

Company Acc. **Balance on 12/09/2022 €21,344.97**

National Co-ordinators Network in favour of increased funding to fund salary increments. Submission was made in support of same.

**Co-ordinators Report:** Circulated in advance.

Reps update; two new Housing SPC reps and two new Joint Policing Committee reps. A number of vacancies remain to be filled.

Ruth to attend the National Ploughing Championships and will be located in the Department marquee.

**Reregistration:** Mike has started work as a volunteer to clean up the Salesforce database of PPN member groups. He flagged that there are a total of 475 groups who had registered pre 2018 who had not reregistered,

411 Community,

5 Environment

59 Social Inclusion

He also stated that it is important for groups to state their “main cause” when applying. This is going to be made mandatory in the registration form.

Ruth and Sean to meet to formulate an article for the newsletter to make Tidy Towns groups aware of the circumstances in which they can apply under the IEN.

**National Resource Workers Meeting:** National PPN Handbook to be updated and expanded.

National PPN Structural Review – webinar for input to be held in October

PPN county logo – option two adopted

A vote to be held to decide on a national logo. Secretariat decided to vote “none of the above” as both options were seen as being very weak.

**National Secretariat Update:** A roadmap committee to be set up to discuss the restructuring of PPN based on Mazars report. Charles disagreed with the need for widespread restructuring and stated that most of the issues could be dealt with by better communication. He cited the excellent relationship between Tipperary PPN and the Local Authority.

**National PPN Conference:** Date Friday 21st Oct-Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>. Structural review workshop to be held on day 1 and Charles to present on day two

**Plenary:** Environmental focus. Theme to be “Healthy You, Healthy Community, Healthy Planet”. Date - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Plenary planning subgroup formed comprising of Charles, Mike, Derry, Martins, Derry and Alan. Funding of €5,500 from Healthy Ireland Fund strand 4.

**PPN Environmental groups meeting:** Herbicide motion subgroup formed comprising of Martin, Charles, Ruth, Derry and Mary McMahan

**Continuous Professional Development:** Sharon started her Masters in Voluntary and Community Sector Management in UCC.

**Date of next monthly meeting:** 5pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Christmas meal - Friday December 9th

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