



**Tipperary PPN Secretariat
April Meeting
Minutes**

Date: Thursday 17th April 2025

Time: 6pm

Location: Blended, Zoom & TCEC

Facilitator: Anne Williamson

Minutes: Michael Kealy

Present: JJ O'Sullivan, Charles Stanley Smith, Niamh Ni Chillin, Alan Moore, Sean O'Farrell, Sangeeta Molloy, Daniel Long and Derry O'Donnell

In Attendance: Ruth Smith, Sharon Melbourne and Ann Scanlon

Apologies: Mike Edwards and Kuldeep Joshi

Conflict of interest: None

Agenda: Agreed

Minutes

Minutes were read. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Charles and seconded by Anne.

Matters Arising: None

Finance:

Meeting held on 8th April 2025

Balance in Operation Account on 8th April €8,042.99

Balance in Company Account on 8th April €9,600.15

The meeting was informed that the Q1 Returns had been signed and returned.

Staff travel expenses to be claimed quarterly to facilitate the ERR process and all staff expenses are to be paid from the Company account.

Coordinator's report:

Ruth will be hosting County Council funding webinars for Clar and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes.

An SLA (Service Level Agreement) between TPPN & the county council is required for 2026, as well as the Memorandum of Understanding with the County Council

Ann Scanlon is doing Excel training at the moment and will update the PPN Reps spreadsheet. SICAP/TPPN training collaboration for social enterprises and other community groups between North and South Tipp Development Companies being coordinated.

Rep Update:

The LCDC C&V seat had been recently filled but unfortunately is now vacant again, due to no evening meetings for volunteer, who works in the daytime.

A Rep meeting is planned for 4th June in Thurles. Save the Date notification gone out.

Ruth, Sharon and Charles attended the online national SPC training. Approx 450 people attended.

Possibly a new Secretariat member for the Nenagh Environmental seat.

Power of People and Place community mapping project:

Starting in Carrick MD in May.

The job spec for the employee is complete and the resource pack is currently being compiled by the Co. Co.

Email to be sent to all groups to explain the project and the fact that contact details will be shared with the County Council. They have an opportunity to opt out if they decide to.

Ruth and Sharon also working on 3-fold brochure to promote this mapping project.

Environmental News:

New possible community climate coach from Carrick.

County Biodiversity Plan on very basic actions stage. Next meeting next month.

Ruth and Anne attended TCC's Climate Action Expo in TUS on Wednesday 16th April and Ruth gave a presentation on TPPN's Community Climate Coaches role.

National Workers Network:

The annual workers' retreat was held in Galway on 28th - 29th March.

There was interest in exploring how we should deal with extreme weather events in the future.

Laois PPN will host, with Leitrim also interested. A subgroup of Charles, Ruth, Laois and Leitrim was set up.

It was decided that a subgroup consisting of 4 PPN staff and 4 National Secretariat representatives is to be set up to liaise to identify any potential collaborations. Ruth is one of the staff reps.

NAG News:

Next meeting in early May

National Secretariat Network:

Ruth has been appointed as the National Workers Rep to attend part of the National Secretariat Network meetings to give an input and to forge a deeper link with both national networks. Next meeting will be the middle of May. Niamh will forward notes on last meeting to Ruth.

National PPN Conference:

PPN conference will be held on 16th - 17th October in Knightsbrook House Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath. Charles will attend with both staff members, Ruth & Sharon.

AOB:

Next Secretariat meeting will be held on Thursday 15th May at 6pm

Alan raised the issue of historic vernacular farm buildings being passed by the Planning section of Tipperary County council to be destroyed in the name of "progress".