



Tipperary PPN Secretariat Meeting

Date: 25th May 2023

Time: 6pm

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Mary Ryan

Minutes: Michael Kealy

Present: Mike Edwards, Alan Moore, Mary Ryan, Derry O'Donnell, Kuldeep Joshi, Niamh Ni Chillin, Michael Kealy, Daniel Long

In Attendance: Ruth Smith and Sharon Melbourne, Charles Stanley Smith

Apologies: Josephine O'Connor, Martins Punculis

Conflict of interest: None

Minutes

Minutes from the April meeting were not available but, hopefully, will be for the next meeting.

Matters Arising: N/A

Agenda: Agreed

Finance: There has been no finance meeting since the last Secretariat meeting.

Sharon informed the meeting that the next tranche of funding is due on 26th May and that funds transferred to the company account from the operating account will be repaid as soon as it arrives.

PPN Insurance: Having consulted with the LA, it was agreed that insurance was not necessary for the Community Ukrainian Crisis Forum

Co-ordinators report: Ruth informed the meeting that Sara Bourke and Michael Madden have joined the Housing SPC and that Niamh Ni Chillin is hoping to joined the NAG Housing Subgroup and because of that has stepped down from the Housing SPC.

Ruth is looking to set up a Housing Linkage Group given the housing crisis that exists at the moment.

Ruth is quite happy with the SPC representation at the moment. There are, however, only two Secretariat members who are from the north of the county now, with Mary due to step down in July.

Mike volunteered to be the signatory to the PPN Annual Report.

National Secretariat: Niamh went to her first National Secretariat meeting in April where discussions took place around the role of the Secretariat in influencing national policy, the structure of PPN's, staffing issues etc.

Environmental: Ruth met with Claire Lee who is the County Climate Action Plan Co-ordinator, who aims to have the plan completed in March of next year. Eddie Meegan (formerly of the Community section of the LA) has also joined her team.

The Community Climate Coaches Programme (CCCP) has recruited over 30 people to date. First of three sessions was on 20th May. Derry O'Donnell is the Secretariat rep on the Governance Group for the programme.

Sean O'Farrell's competition had a low uptake with the results not announced as yet.

National Resource Workers Network: Sharon thought it was very useful to network with other PPN staff to compare notes and see how well Tipperary PPN compares.

Tipperary, Kilkenny, and Waterford PPNs will join forces on June 17th to run a joint workshop for PPN reps around better influencing SPCs from a community perspective. It will be facilitated by Brian Harvey, Social Analyst and Researcher.

PPN Rep Update: Further training will take place on June 19th for all reps. The training will come from the angle of under-represented leaders in the community. The coaching will be led by Ray Pifferer.

New Directors: New directors will be processed as soon as Ciaran returns from sick leave

August Training Session: The August training session is planned for 18th August. Kuldeep and Michael to assist with the planning.

Annual Report: A discussion took place around a particular question on the annual report, question 36 which asked for examples of where the PPN influences local policy making. It was decided that while Tipperary should show solidarity with other PPN's, which do not influence policy, it should also reflect the more positive experience Tipperary PPN has with its Local Authority.

