



Tipperary Public Participation Network

Secretariat meeting

Minutes

Thursday September 19th 2024

In attendance: Alan Moore, Daniel Long, Derry O' Donnell, Michael Kealy, Josephine O'Connor, Anne Williamson, Charles Stanley Smith, Mike Edwards, Sean O' Farrell, Ruth Smith, Sharon Melbourne.

Apologies: Kuldeep Joshi, J.J O' Sullivan.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and ratified. Proposed by Josephine and seconded by Anne Williamson.

Correspondence:

The agreed letter seeking additional funding from the Department was sent and acknowledged and replied to. The Department will meet with representatives from the various PPNs across the country in the coming months. Ruth, Fiona Crotty and Brian Beck will attend this meeting.

Carrick-on-Suir: The members discussed the accusations made against the PPN and formally reported to the Department. They discussed the response of representatives of Tipperary County Council and the Department of Housing. There was consensus among the members that Tipperary PPN no longer engage with the accuser in Carrick-on-Suir.

Finance Report: Following the recent Directors meeting, the accounts will be updated in the next few days.

Coordinators Report:

Approximately 20 county PPN coordinators went to Leinster House to meet their TDs & Senators seeking increases to the PPN funding.

The PPN Annual Report for 2023 is due for submission.

The LECP –first Progress Report is due 31st October.

An Application has been made for Anti – Racist Funding to increase participation for Diversity/Women in local decision-making.

Ruth met with Sara Bourke from STDC regarding funding for Community Training with a focus on the following themes: Wellbeing; dealing with the Far Right approach/threat; Climate change issues.

Re-registration

Sharon reported on duties undertaken by Anne in the office, checking and cleaning up the Salesforce Data Base.

Sharon also outlined that Salesforce are changing some software before re-registration can begin.

Re registration will likely involve a code of conduct for PPN members based on the 9 grounds for discrimination.

Training 2024

- 1) The 'Be Well' course has started in Clonmel and in Thurles also.
- 2) Facilitation Skills will commence on November 7th, from 10am to 1pm
- 3) CPR training is being planned

Revision of the PPN Wellbeing Vision 2019 - 2024

Municipal District meetings will be organised with the support of officials from the County Council. The 6 key Vision themes will again be part of the review process. The members also discussed the feasibility of and the potential to measure the success in progressing the vision to reality.

PPN Environmental Groups quarterly meeting in the Cabragh Wetlands.

- 1) A Google document has been circulated among the group members seeking submissions on a pre-draft discussion document for the County Council Biodiversity Plan
- 2) Community Climate Coaches

Ruth has met with Davie Philip and Sara Bourke of STDC to consider the next steps for the Community Climate Coaches initiative.

- 3) An in-person 'Active Hope' session will take place in the Cabragh Wetlands on Saturday 21st September.
- 4) South Eastern Region PPN Climate Action Sub Group meeting
- 5) Tipperary Co Co has committed to giving a total of 2000 euros towards 4 Community Climate Hub meetings across the County before the end of 2024.

NAG Meeting

The next meeting is coming up in October. Charles has already met with Jake Ryan, Principal Officer from the Department.

National Secretariat Network

Niamh reported from a meeting. The attendees were updated on the National Conference.

She reported on the request for further funding for PPNs.

Training is to be provided for PPN reps on the SPCs. (Possibly for all SPC members).

Exchanging of ideas and challenges is being proposed for the County PPNs.

Cross-border initiative – to share the PPN successes to groups across the border.

Rep and SPC Reps Report

Ruth reported that she has a PPN Rep from Clonmel for the Social Inclusion pillar joining the PPN Secretariat

SPC Scheme – An additional Social Inclusion seat has been added to the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC.

SPC meetings need to be more flexible with the timing of the meetings and the release of the minutes.

A new SPC for Social Inclusion, Community and Rural Development. Seven SPCs not six for this new SPC scheme.

There will be 25 Rep positions available for nomination by October 7th.

THE LCDC:

The LCDC Environmental seat has been filled by Elaine Baker. The PPN will have a Community and Voluntary seat vacancy as Eoin Wolohan's term has expired. Thank you, Eoin!

Just Transition Fund

Fiona Crotty reported on a proposal to Tipperary County Council seeking funding for 2 Community Engagement people and a person to do IT work. The roles will involve the gathering of Community and Human data, the settlement matrix and what groups exist.

Tidy Towns Groups

In mid - November there will be a review of the results and support for next year's applications.

Guest speaker:

Gearoid Fitzgibbon addressed the members on behalf of SEAI.

Community groups can access resources and mentoring. There is potential to qualify for between 10 and 20k towards energy audits. Gearoid outlined that the SEAI service does not cause displacement of EcoVision. Gearoid will liaise with Ruth to apply for the SEC funding now that the PPN is registered as an SEC. He may attend the PPN Vision review community roadshows.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday October 30th @ 6pm.