



Minutes

Tipperary PPN Secretariat Meeting

March 2024

Date: Thursday 28th March 2024

Time: 6pm

Location: TCEC and Zoom

Facilitator: Michael Kealy **Minutes:** Alan Moore

Present: Zoom: Mike Edwards, Kuldeep Joshi

In Person: Ruth Smith, Ann Scanlon, Anne Williamson, Niamh Ni Chillin, Charles Stanley Smith, Derry O'Donnell, Fiona Crotty, Alan Moore, Michael Kealy.

Apologies: Daniel Long, Séan O'Farrell and Josephine O'Connor.

1. Welcome and apologies from Daniel Long, Sean O'Farrell. Thanks to Fiona for bringing delicious cakes!
2. No conflict of interest reported. The meeting opened with agreement for change of Facilitator and Minute Taker for next 3 months from next meeting to Anne Williamson and Niamh Ni Chillin respectively.
3. Agenda agreed. AOBs agreed.
4. Minutes of last meeting approved. Matters arising: i) newsletter contribution for April will be from Kuldeep, and for May from Niamh. ii) 'Associate Members' issue is resolved. Ruth has identified a 'general organisation' category on Salesforce which will cater for these entities and allow TPPN to send individual emails. Niamh proposed and Anne Williamson seconded.
5. **Finance Meeting:** there has been no meeting in the interim. Mary Ryan will be dormant for the next twelve months.
6. **Coordinators Report.** Ruth summarised a busy month's work and answered questions on details. An additional person has been added to Salesforce package which is welcomed. On a matter arising, Charles queried the issue of external/local consultation on the Silvermines hydro electric generator.
7. Department Returns: Ruth said the Financial Returns require both Charles's and Derry's signatures after the meeting.
8. **PPN Workplan 2024.** Ruth has completed this on Excel. A major piece of work. For ratifying at Plenary next month with our MOU.

9. **Vision of Community Wellbeing Review Update:** Ruth has received commendation for the project to review the Vision document from DRCD, however, funding is not forthcoming. Ruth had applied for 10k funding but has been requested to resubmit an application for report writing assistance only. It was proposed that Ruth write to DRCD with a revised amount with relevant explanation. Fiona suggested we consider 'piggybacking' with Waterford PPN on this. Charles volunteered to look over the proposal.
10. **Plenary Planning Update.** Venue will be Cashel Rugby Club. As this is our 10th Anniversary, various plans to celebrate and mark the occasion including photo montage, cake etc. Ruth requested that people send her any PPN photos over the last 10 years. Also discussed, food, raffle prizes, stands and speakers. A novelty feature will be to welcome pets! The planting of an anniversary Oak tree also suggested.
11. **Re-Registration 2024 Process:** this is ongoing.
12. **Training 2024:** no news from The National Lottery on this yet. Ruth will apply for SICAP Grant when the updated application form has been announced.
13. **Policy Subgroup:** Additions to Financial Policy on page 2 have been approved, concerning membership.
14. **National PPN Workers Network:** They are struggling with core funding. The department did not attend last blended meeting unfortunately. A Retreat in Trim will take place 25th and 26th of April and will be funded by the Department.
15. **SE Region PPN Network:** Ruth gave an update on the proceedings of the last meeting.
16. **NAG news:** Charles reported that the SPC Review meeting concluded with a letter being sent to the Minister indicating the foremost finding is a national failure by Las to adhere to written guidelines. Training for Local Authority staff is a key recommendation. Charles attended recent Environmental SPC meeting which was positive. SPCs will need to put together Workplan for the next 5 years. Charles will review the 64-page Roadmap Report and share details.
17. **National Secretariat Network:** Niamh reported from the most recent meeting and paper update from the Department. Tipp PPN has two secretariat vacancies to be filled, and one member to be voted onto Oversight group.
18. **Environmental News:** The Climate Coaches are now organising three Engagement meetings in four of the Municipal Districts, (Carrick not included). Ruth will send out the dates shortly so Secretariat Reps can hopefully attend the meetings.
19. **Rep Update:** Ruth reported on this. All reps on SPC's stepping down due to upcoming local elections and nominations for replacements will follow in the Summer/Autumn.
20. **Funding Applications:** no news on this yet; we await news on Just Transition funding, should know in May. In discussion, Charles noted that there are currently four different Mapping projects at different planning stages, and he proposed coordination of these to avoid wasting resources and overlapping.
21. **Local and EU Elections:** Ruth proposed that after the Plenary we will look to do the hustings as final candidates not known currently. For next meeting.
22. **AOB:** Ruth reported that insurance is paid up.
23. Alan raised a possible item for PPN discussion in the near future i.e. the issue of major land acquisition by a small number of entities and the effect of this upon agriculture etc.

24. Ruth attended a Governance webinar and will share the slides provided by Gerry Egan with the Secretariat.
25. Next meeting Thursday 18th April at 6pm.