



Tipperary PPN Secretariat Meeting Minutes

Thursday 15th May 2025

Venue: Via Zoom @ 6.00pm

Facilitator: Anne Williamson **Next 3 months:** Seán O'Farrell

Minute Taker: Mike Edwards **Next 3 Months:** Anne Williamson

Present: Mike Edwards, Charles Stanley Smith, Anne Williamson, Sean O'Farrell, Michael Kealey, Daniel Long, Sangeeta Molloy, Alan Moore

Apologies: JJ O'Sullivan, Derry O'Donnell, Niamh Ní Chillín and Kuldeep Joshi.

In Attendance: Ruth Smith (Co-ordinator), Sharon Melbourne (Administrator) Ann Scanlon (Admin)

Quorum achieved

Conflict of Interest: None declared.

Agenda: The agenda was agreed.

Minutes: Proposed by: Daniel Long **Seconded by:** Seán O'Farrell

Notes of last month's meeting had been sent in advance by email.

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Finance Update: as per email, 1st Quarter funding received. No Finance meeting was held.

Co-ordinators Report: as per email

Training: Ruth is discussing options with STDC

Introduction to Local Government 29th May Thurles. Poster emailed.

Power of People and Place Mapping Project Job Description & Specification for the Post of Researcher, Grade 4. There will be monthly meetings with the Mapping workers team to ensure best practice and see if the survey questions are delivering the information needed. All participating groups will get a Resource Pack, a Plaque and digital presence.

Community Mapping Worker advert posted on Activelink, deadline 26th May, short list 28th May, interviews 6th June.

County Council paying for one iPad and reimbursing PPN after purchase of laptop

PPN paying for the worker's phone. It was decided that an 8.5% admin charge from Co.Co. to PPN to cover costs would be fair.

Rep Update: No Rep calls at present. Ruth will contact Rachel O'Malley re Env Nenagh MD rep seat on the secretariat.

Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was disbanded over 18 months ago. Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) is replacing it. Anne Williamson attended a meeting in Clonmel on the LCSP.

Rep Meeting Wednesday June 4th, 6.30 – 8.30 pm, Thurles Chamber of Commerce. This will include a review of the Vision and networking.

Environmental news: Business for Biodiversity in Tipperary event will take place on Wednesday May 21st in the TÚS Campus, 2 - 4.30 pm. This will be hosted by the Tipperary Green Business Network in collaboration with TÚS and Sean is involved. All information on this event in May Newsletter.

Community Resilience and Response emergency workshop for PPNs only, for the first meeting. There is funding for 100 people by DRCDG. Each PPN can send 3 reps on Thursday July 17th in the Midlands Park Hotel 10am-4pm, Portlaoise. Ruth would like one Rep to attend with herself and Sharon.

Regional Rep training is in Kilkenny on Saturday 27th September in the River Court Hotel

N.A.G. Charles attended meeting last Tuesday. Review of national PPN handbook is beginning.

National Secretariat Network: Niamh attended. Ruth is the National Workers rep on the NSN meetings and on the Joint Liaison subgroup too.

Lobbying Ruth and Ann. First return is Nil. PPN Reps must notify Ruth if discussing PPN with elected officials for inclusion in submissions. This is now a national issue and there is a question around PPNs being Public Service Bodies or not, who are exempt. The conundrum continues.

A.O.B.

Ruth and Sharon looking into Mastodon and Bluesky as TPPN social media outlets for the future. The benefit of these is they are not run by big corporations with advertising and algorithms. Sharon will investigate this further.

Team Building workshop date to be organised via Doodle poll.

Mary Moloughney to be invited to Secretariat meeting also new community mapping worker.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday June 19th at 6 p.m.**