



Tipperary PPN Secretariat Meeting

Date: Thursday 30th November 2023

Time: 6pm

Location: TCEC and Zoom

Facilitator: Kuldeep Joshi

Minutes: Sharon Melbourne and Ann Scanlon

Present: Derry O'Donnell, Niamh Ni Chillin, Daniel Long, Anne Williamson, Michael Kealy, Alan Moore, Kuldeep Joshi.

In Attendance: Ruth Smith, Sharon Melbourne, and Ann Scanlon

Apologies: Josephine O'Connor and Mike Edwards

Conflict of interest: None

Agenda: Agreed

Minutes

Notes from the October Meeting were delivered by Ruth. No Quorum at October Meeting.

Matters Arising: As JJ and Mary are no long Secretariat member it is not good practice to have them as signatories on the Operating Account and as they will step down for the finance committee and Kuldeep will join subgroup Alan proposed and Michael seconded this. We are waiting on the bank to set Derry up as an authorizer on the Operating account.

Finance:

The 2024 Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday 11th December. Ruth hopes to hear if there is rise in budget. Ruth explained the PPN's conundrum re Current Tax Cert for Operating Account. This Cert has expired and a valid one is needed to secure funding from the County Council. Michael Kealy proposed a meeting with Ruth and Sharon after the Secretariat Meeting to sort out this issue.

Coordinators report:

Maeve Gordon was the only nomination for the Social Inclusion LCDC seat and therefore is the new LCDC Social Inclusion rep without an election.

Ruth recommended that all Reps review the Values and Principles for Collaboration and Partnership Working with the Community and Voluntary Sector.

PPN Environment group Zoom next Tuesday night December 5th at 7 – 8p.m. Charles Lamb, SPC (Env) will talk about anaerobic digesters. In the New Year we will expand this “Local Authority – De-carbonising Zone and Lisheen Mines. Also planning an outing to Bio Economy in Templetohy.

National Secretariat Network update from Niamh – Main issue discussed was worker retentions and SPC issues, as a lot of counties are unable to put items on the SPC agendas and not knowing when the meetings are on. National Housing SPC PPN Network will meet on 5th December to launch Fair Clare.

Disability Reform – Neuro Diversity.

Mike Edwards attended this forum. Sligo PPN sent a template to submit re: The Green Paper. Submission deadline extended to 15th March 2024. Both Mike and Ruth working together on this.

Community Climate Action

Tipperary PPN made a submission to the LA draft Community Climate Action plan and will make a proposal to the PPN Environmental Groups at their first quarterly meeting in 2024 around the Rights of Nature to work with Tipperary County Council to get a county motion passed.

“Rights of Nature” will be a proposal at April 2024 Plenary to be voted on. Then, if passed, it goes to Tipperary County Council SPC as a motion. This will be looked after by the Environmental Groups.

After 6th December 2023, we will send out details on the Community Climate Action Fund. Deadline for submissions 27th February 2024.

Employee Handbook

Adare HR have created a national Employee template. The Directors will compare this with our own and as we have 30hrs of HR advice with the Wheel, so will send them our Employee Handbook for review.

Rep Updates

JJ and Charles are being re-nominated as secretariat members in January 2024 after a fallow 12 months. Will have three of the six secretariat seats filled in North Tipperary. Derry suggested Brian Pope (Nenagh) and Sean O'Farrell for the vacant Environment seats.

Reference Library

Alan Moore suggested a Reference Library for Tipperary PPN. To allocate a section on our Website with a log in for Secretariat Reps. It was agreed to get this up and running in 2024. Kuldeep suggested Reps and Secretariat contribute to this initiative.

Local Elections

Ruth would like to see a subgroup set up to organise a Q&A session for local Councilors and replicate this across the five MDs. Send a list of questions to the Councilors and then facilitate community groups to meet election candidates and have some increase on the potential higher turnout. Niamh and Daniel agreed to come on board.

Peace Ceremony

Sabina Higgins will host a Peace Ceremony on Monday 11th December in St. Mary's Church, Tipperary Town. Daniel Long will represent Tipperary PPN at this event.

Future Secretariat Meetings

The 3rd Thursday of the month was agreed by all.

Christmas Party

Booked for Friday 8th December 2023 in McCarthy's, Fethard at 7pm.

Next Secretariat meeting Thursday 25th January at 6pm.