



Minutes

Tipperary PPN Secretariat Meeting

June 2024

Date: Thursday 20th June 2024

Location: Zoom only

Facilitator: Michael Kealy

Minutes: Niamh ni Chillin

Present:- Daniel Long, Ruth Smith, Michael Kealy, Sharon Melbourne, Niamh ni Chillin, Mike Edwards, JJ O'Sullivan, Sean O'Farrell.

Apologies: Anne Williamson, Charles Stanley-Smith, Derry O'Donnell, Kuldeep Joshi

No conflicts of interest declared

Agenda – Everyone was happy with the agenda

Minutes proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Michael Kealy

Next facilitator: Daniel Long; Next Minute taker: Mike Edwards

Correspondence:

We've been invited to nominate a rep to go on The Tipp Biodiversity Forum, looking at contributing expertise and support to the process of developing a County Biodiversity Action Plan 2025/30

Finance

Act balance operating A/C Bal: **€13 277.22**

Act balance company/wages A/C: **€14 392.36**

There hasn't been a Finance meeting since our last Secretariat Meeting. Next Finance meeting is on Tuesday 9th July.

Coordinators report

Ruth had circulated the Coordinator's Report ahead of the meeting.

Four new groups have been registered.

Ruth will start putting the names of the newly registered groups into our Secretariat WhatsApp.

We are still looking into joining the Irish Network Against Racism.

Sharon talked about the number of groups and individual members that are part of the PPN and valuing the volunteer sector. We had a look at a PPN infogram which outlines this. Ruth had also spoken about this on the radio recently.

We have 5 provisional dates in October for the Healthy Tipp events which we will be taking part in. These will be on in the 5 Municipal Districts during which we can engage with PPN members and ask for feedback on our Vision. We would then have a meeting to pull together all the feedback we got and add it to our overall vision of community wellbeing review. Sharon will send MD specific emails to groups ahead of these meetings to encourage people to attend and to engage with us.

Plenary Review

Everyone was happy with the 10th Anniversary Plenary in Littleton. Well over 100 people were in attendance.

The BBQ went down well as did the speeches, the photos/testimonies collated by Sharon and the videos reflecting the MDs/Pillars produced by Derek.

The lovely Hamper donated by JJ O'Sullivan was much appreciated.

There was €354 raised by the charity raffle to be donated to Cuan Saor.

The herbs looked lovely in the centre of the tables as decorations and people loved that they were able to take them home.

The event has been shared on social media and media and we have received positive feedback on the event.

It was agreed it was a great team effort.

Training:

We will invite Gearoid Fitzgibbon to the September Meeting to talk to us about his Sustainable Energy Community project.

National Secretariat/NAG:

There hasn't been a meeting since the National Secretariat Plenary, May 9th in Dublin, nor the NAG.

Environmental News:

The Community Climate Coach National Launch is on June 22nd at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel 10am-16:30pm. Ruth spoke about ways to use the network that has been built up over the course of this 18-month project and how to use the learnings gained from it going forward. More resources would be needed and someone to coordinate this.

Rep Update:

Now that the Local Elections are over we need to look for reps for the SPCs (7 SPCs this time?)

21 Reps had stepped down so nominations needed to refill their positions.

Mike suggested getting a list of which councillors are on which SPCs. Ruth will try to locate this.

AOB:

The National PPN Conference is on Oct Thurs 17th and Fri 18th in The Strand Hotel, Limerick. Rooms need to be booked – Fiona, Sharon and Ruth are going so there are 3 more places available for Secretariat members. If people want to go, let Sharon know by Tuesday 25th June.

TPPN office will be closed from 12th of August for a week as Ruth and Sharon are both on holidays.

The Meeting was closed at 7pm