

County Wicklow PPN

Minutes of Secretariat meeting held 15th June 2018 in CEART, Wicklow Town

Attendees: John Mullen, Helen Lawless, Gertie Salley, Eamonn McCann (Chair), Mai Quaid Liam O' Loughlin, and Helen Howes,

1. Apologies: Alice O'Donnel, Niamh Wogan, Ann Halpin and Grainne Quinn

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes of the 19th April 2018 were approved on Mai's proposal and seconded by Gertie

- There has currently been no response to our letter to the GAA with a request to make a presentation about the PPN at a county meeting
- A letter was written to Minister Ring in relation to the governance burden on community groups. The letter was circulated to member groups. There has been no reply to date.
- The Constitution and Reps Charter was agreed by the Plenary. The Reps Charter will be circulated to all the committees which Reps currently sit on
- Eamonn reported a slight change in the PPN's payment towards audit fees. It currently stands at 21-22% and will be reduced to 19%.

3. Correspondence

- An Email was received from Purple House Cancer Support in relation to their disappointment in being omitted from the Wicklow Age Friendly Information Guide to Services for Older People in County Wicklow . **Helen to write to the Older People's Council thanking them for advertising the PPN in the Information guide and asking to check PPN information in any future documents prior to print. Helen to write to Purple House in acknowledgement.**
- A telephone call was received in relation to the Arklow Community Awards Celebration. **Helen to contact Michael Nicholson and inform him of the call content.**
- Local Government Funding Baseline Review – invitation for submission. Discussions took place to develop a PPN submission. **Helen to write up and send PPN Submission**

4. Finance

A monthly financial report was circulated and the following was noted:

- €60,000 was received into the account in May. This brings the total received to the full annual budget allowance of €80,000
- The year to date expenditure is €34,013.84
- Expenditure is likely to slightly exceed income this year, however there was a carry over of €11, 154.75 which will cover it

The financial report was approved on John's proposal and seconded by Mai

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5. Workplan 2018

Plenary

26 people attended the Plenary representing 18 groups. There was good engagement on the night. The amended Constitution and Reps Charter were both approved and an interesting presentation was given by Christine Flood from Wicklow County Council about the development of Town Teams. Membership has increased by 40 groups so far this year bringing the total up to 217. Helen circulated the PPN presentation from the Plenary to those who couldn't attend on the night.

Wellbeing Workshops

Let's Develop Our Vision for Community Wellbeing in the Bray Municipality District will take place on Tuesday (19 June). Workshops will take place in Little Bray in the early afternoon and Villa Pacis in the evening. Discussion took place in relation to rolling this out to the Arklow, Wicklow and Greystones Mds. Suggestions for Arklow Town & Rathdrum in September, Wicklow Town & Roundwood in October and Greystones in October **Helen to try to get a slot on East Coast FM to advertise Bray Workshops. Change proposed dates for Wicklow and Arklow Workshops so that Wicklow is in September and Arklow in October.**

Let's Talk About the Sustainable Development Goals

Workshop to take place in Kilcoole Community Centre on Thursday 28 June facilitated by Caitriona Rogerson from the Irish Environmental Network. Helen asked the group's help in advertising this event at their upcoming SPC meetings

Wexford PPN Visit 26 June

Helen reported that a group from Wexford PPN and Wexford Travellers group will visit CEART on 26 June. The purpose of the meeting is for the PPNs to share experiences and learn from each other and for Travellers and people working with Travellers in Wexford to find out about the work that Shuttleknit and Wicklow Travellers do. **Gertie, Mai and Helen L will attend to welcome the group**

Social Inclusion Network/SICAP – Co Wicklow Partnership

Co Wicklow Partnership have indicated an interest in supporting Co Wicklow PPN to develop a social inclusion network for the county. A suggestion was made to invite the CEO of Co Wicklow Partnership, Brian Carty, to informal discussions on how CWP and Co Wicklow PPN could collaborate in relation to supporting social inclusion groups/work. **Helen to arrange next meeting and invite Brian Carty to attend.**

Minister Sean Kyne Visit

The ministers office made contact to arrange a familiarisation visit with Co Wicklow PPN. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 3 July at 7.30pm. A discussion took place in relation to welcoming the minister and presenting the PPN's work. **Helen to write to invite Frank Curran, CE WCC to attend. Helen to make presentation highlighting Wicklow's unique hosting arrangement, Wicklow's involvement successes and challenges.**

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Funding Handbook

The Handbook was launched at the Plenary. All members have the password to access it online. Helen asked Reps to highlight the handbook at their next LCDC/SPC meetings

Vacancies

Helen highlighted that due to representatives stepping down there are now vacancies on the Joint Policing Committee, the Housing SPC and the Local Sports Partnership as well as the 2 environment places on the Secretariat

Helen & Grainne to personally contact groups who might have an interest/experience of topics that these committees focus on

8. Any Other Business

- Helen reported that the PPN information in relation to representation on county council committees on the WCC website is out of date and incorrect. **Helen to contact WCC and ask for corrections.**