

County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Representative Reporting

Name of Committee: Community, Cultural and Social Development SPC

Name of Representatives: Celine O'Neill, Gertie Salley & Kevin Mann

Date of Meeting Attended: 11th March, 2019

Most important actions or issues to emerge from a County Wicklow PPN perspective:

The Big Hello – Closing date for applications Friday 12th April, 2019 (noon)
A wonderful opportunity for communities to host a street feast during the May Bank Holiday Weekend. €10,000 available for the county. Ads are going to press this week.

Clár Grants - A discussion querying whether the Clár Grants programme could be pursued to include other rural areas in the county, especially for rural communities who feel their population has diminished since the 2011 census. It would be advisable for the such communities to contact their local representative to lobby for inclusion in this programme. €130,000 available last year.

Healthy Wicklow Strategy 2018-2021, this strategy is now available.

Avondale Forest Park – Planning permission is in place and the project will be going for tender soon. It is envisage this multi million euro project will commence next year. As always Planning Files are available to view at the Planning Counter or online.

Arklow Pottery Museum – Part VIII Planning process is complete and progress is being made.

Creative Ireland Programme – This programme is available to all schools, PPN members should encourage their local schools to participate.

Wicklow Outdoor Recreation Committee - information leaflets showing 38 different walks of varying grades and also a passport walks booklet for children with tick off boxes for completion of walks. Both excellent documents, out of print but a further 5000 copies ordered and a proposal to expand the initiative. Perhaps the PPN should ask for these booklets to be available in all local areas in the county and distributed to all schools.

Wicklow Gaol – New Storytelling Project, where headsets will be available for visitors to get a more enhanced experience of life in the gaol.

Blessington Greenway – Plans have been drawn for a greenway completely around the Blessington Lakes for an 8.5 million facility including water taxis across the lake. It is hoped that funding will be awarded for this project in the near future.

Attached are copies of material that we received at the meeting.

As local elections are due to take place on 24th May, 2019 scheduling a date for the next meeting was postponed.

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