



Co. Wicklow PPN 2022 Mid-Year Plenary Meeting

Saturday 25th June from 10 am to 1pm

In CEART, Wicklow Town

Attendance: 25 (including 20 Full Member Groups)

Apologies: 48

(see attached list for both attendees and apologies)

Quorum: 10% of Full membership (174 Full Members) Yes

Co. Wicklow PPN Work & Finance Reports presented by Helen Howes.

(to view the Presentation, click [HERE](#). For Reports click [HERE](#))

PPN Membership: The Plenary Ratified (all 20 Full members approved) the 15 community groups that have joined the PPN in the period 1st January to 31st May 2022.

PPN Representatives: The Plenary Ratified (all 20 Full members approved) the 7 new PPN representatives that have being nominated since 1st January 2022.

Governance: The Plenary Ratified (17 Full members approved, 3 abstained) the amended Co. Wicklow PPN Constitution and Financial Policy.

Finance, Funding & Staffing

Following the presentation of Co. Wicklow PPN Finance Report the meeting discussed the Funding of the PPN and the staff terms and conditions of employment particularly in light of recent cost of living increases and the Dept PPN Financial Controls documented Updated November 2021 Supported by circular CVSP 3/2021.

A number of suggestions were made at the Plenary on how to proceed in relation to this issue, they included:

- Raising it at the National PPN Resource Workers Meetings
- Seeking to have this topic included on the agenda for the PPN 2022 National Conference.

It was also highlighted at the meeting that issues with staff terms and conditions is common across the community & voluntary sector.

The Meeting passed the following Motion:

At this Meeting (2022 Mid-Year Plenary) there was support for the Management team of Co. Wicklow PPN (Secretariat & Resource Worker) to pursue discussion on employment terms and conditions for PPN staff including funding, equality, and non-discriminatory practices.

This motion was approved (all 20 Full members voted in favour)

The meeting also formally thanked the staff of Co. Wicklow PPN.

Training & Information for Member Groups

The need for 'leadership' training and support for voluntary community group was highlighted. A number of suggestions were made, and the staff of Co. Wicklow PPN will follow up on these in the preparation of the Training & Information session schedule for the Autumn.

Next Plenary

December 2022. Location to be in the West of the County.

Members' Draw: For 4 (€25 vouchers for local business/social enterprise)

Elis Taves O'Sullivan (Tres Brazilian Culture Club)

Pam McDonough (Wicklow Active Retirement Association)

Ann McAvoy (Wicklow Aquanauts)

Judy Osbourne (Wicklow Planning Alliance)

Celebration of Diversity

The attendees heard from:

Kathleen Berry of Shuttleknit, the Wicklow Travellers Group social enterprise

Elis Taves O'Sullivan of the Tres Brazilian Culture Centre

Patrick Mboci of the Africa Irish Society of Wicklow

Click [HERE](#) to access the videos shared by Tres Brazilian Culture Centre and the Africa Irish Society of Wicklow

Attendees were also invited to share their thoughts on the following questions:

- What does Diversity mean to you?
 - What can we do to encourage participation by all in our community?
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