

Joint Secretariat & Reps Meeting 31st May 2018 minutes

Present: Padraic, Ger, Eric, Damon, Anny, Dermot, John, Mary, Marie Therese, Theresa, Sarah C. Sarah F (minutes)

Introductions

- SC explained the new meeting schedule (combined Reps and Sec).
- SF introduced and new structure and roles outlined
- Padraic introduced

Work Update

GDPR training was a success. Held in Ennis, Shannon & Feakle. New training requested re: Survey Monkey and Mail Chimp. It was proposed and agreed that Martina Neylon provide this training.

Social Inclusion Forum was co-hosted. Good to be involved and connected with Galway City PPN

Still doing GDPR calls. We have had a good response so far

Clare PPN Elections

3 elections coming up:

- Killaloe MD rep for Secretariat
- Social inclusion rep for LCDC
- Community & Voluntary rep for Social Development

Plenary meeting

Plenary meeting on 14th June where election results will be announced and strategic plan (drafted beforehand) will be proposed and discussed. It clashed with TOD's event so it has been combined with the even in Glor (new tie and venue).

UCC research re: PPNs would like to speak to secretariat and reps at 4pm on 14th June. We will invite them to the plenary.

JH is interested in the plenary having an environmental theme and explained the Council's vote re: Licence conditions (as per 1963 Minerals Act)

SPC concerns

Dermot's concerns as follows:

- Not making a dent re: Traveller's Issues
- People with disabilities (employment and participation)
- Homelessness

He feel that the SPCs do not have enough power. MOD says that they are not decision making bodies. SC says issues must be pushed at a government level. All agreed that there should be agreed outputs at the end of meetings. MTC wondered when the agenda is set for SPC meeting and it was agreed that we need to get them sooner. SC pointed out that the Corporate Governance group sets the terms of reference for the SPC and JPC. SPC are to advise councils but do not make decisions.

JH says that recent panel changes have been positive with questions and discussions after presentations.

ES has not been able to attend rural development SPC due to ill health but will attend more from now on

TOD thinks that reps should meet before SPC meetings

MOD wanted to know how to get items on the agenda. DH says it is at AOB. SC says that we are not getting agendas. ACTION: Write to Pat Dowling

Housing Grant Scheme

GOH explained the housing grant scheme (€38k)

Unemployment Blackspots

MOD highlighted the four unemployment blackspots in county Clare

Pillars

MOD suggested a once a year meeting of the Social Inclusion pillar. JH said that all pillars should have an annual meeting so that there can be a coherent approach to SPCs bearing in mind that they do set the agenda.

AOB

- Marie Therese is stepping back due to work commitments
- A community forum has been suggested by Gloria (CLDC) as a means of raising issues in the community. TOD says they need to mobilize in their own communities.