

Minutes Clare PPN Secretariat Meeting 15TH October 2018

Attending:

Christy Sinclair, Marie Therese Carroll, Mary O'Donoghue, George Atijohn, Theresa O'Donohoe, Sarah Clancy (staff)

Apologies: Cillian Murphy, Graham Lightfoot, Padraic Hayes, Eugene Crimmins, Sarah Ferrigan (staff)

1. Update on work – quarterly report July - September presented.
2. Finances /projected expenditure presented.
3. LIT course on Local Government and Community Engagement – Sarah C has been involved in a collaboration with LIT Community department which sought to put together an accredited training programme aimed at PPN reps and members, and Local Authority Staff with a view to piloting it in early 2019. Sarah updated secretariat on plans, explaining that whilst Clare PPN had been under the impression that this course would be delivered free to participants as part of an outreach strategy that it now transpired that the course would be charged at a minimum of €600. per participant. Following this discussion the secretariat members expressed reservations about the PPN's financial capacity to support representatives to do this course. Action Sarah C- was to communicate this to LIT and see if there are other funding sources available. This is due to be followed up in a skype meeting on Wed Oct 24th.
4. Joint Policing Committee and Sports Partnership Elections- Following the resignation of Ger O'Halloran from the above roles the secretariat expressed their appreciation for his contribution and it was agreed to announce these elections by the end of October. Action Sarah F/ Sarah C
5. Training events in collaboration with Clare Volunteer Centre and SICAP in each municipal district. It was agreed that Clare PPN should go ahead with this initiative 'Network November' which aims to hold 5 workshop/networking events, one in each municipal district and two in West Clare during the month of November. These will seek to engage more people with Clare PPN and to raise awareness of our work and recruit for possible secretariat members or representatives for forthcoming elections. It was agreed that we should invite Clare County Council's Rural Development Officers to attend the event in their respective municipal district. MT/ MOD expressed reservations that these events are scheduled to take place during the day rather than in the evening but it was decided to go ahead as the two collaborating organisations preferred this schedule. It was agreed to consider running particular workshops again in the evening or in other locations if it appeared that there was demand.
6. Secretariat Elections. It was decided to hold Secretariat elections in January 2019 for all positions which have been held for three years or more. Clare

PPN will use all events between now and then to recruit for and promote the opportunity to be involved in the PPN. This decision seeks to have secretariat elections completed well in advance of Local Elections and also allows time if we have difficulty in getting people to come forward.

7. Plenary meeting date agreed for Thursday December 6th, Venue Time TBC
8. Strategy planning afternoon agreed for December 12th (Same day as LCDC) Time TBC
9. AOB It was agreed to invite new Minister Sean Canney to meet Clare PPN –as the proposed meeting with Minister Sean Kyne was cancelled due to department reshuffle. Action Sarah C– write to the Minister on behalf of Secretariat.