

Secretariat meeting

25th July 2018

Present: Sarah C, Theresa O'D, Christy S, Marie Therese C, Graham L

Apologies: Mary O'D, Eugene C, Padraic H, Cillian M, George A

Work report

SC announced the publication of the work reports on the PPN website and updated regarding Monica Meehan CCC.

Financial report

SF presented the current finances and a budget to the end of the year. Sec was satisfied that the finances were being managed appropriately.

Premises report

Figures for move were discussed and it was agreed that they look good. It was recommended that we set up a CLG with two directors. MTC wondered about the flat structure in that case but SC said that it works in other PPNs and that they would be insured against personal indemnity. It was decided to call the council to ask about the community hub. Sec was happy to go ahead with the move.

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[REDACTED] MTC said that we must stick to spirit of the policy. SC said that the PPNs must not be party political and that councils will not engage with PPN reps if they are just being used at political platforms. It was decided that the secretariat would write a letter to him to clarify the decision to adopt the guidelines.

Traveller accommodation submission

SC updated the sec on recent needs analysis and hopefully the figures can be submitted to the council. Relationship between Clare PPN and the council has been damaged by their treatment of Travellers. Also updated regards the new groups housing scheme at Ashline. Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme Consultation due by 24th August (originally 9th August).

Asylum seekers event

Afternoon in Lisdoonvarna on the new working legislation (including volunteering). It will be preceded by MASI meeting on 11th August to ensure that they know their rights and also to warn them about the matchmaking festival. Sec agreed that Clare PPN should host that after agreeing to oppose the DP system at the plenary meeting.

Policy training for reps and members

MTC proposed training that community groups could do and get a 'badge' or qualification. 'Cultural awareness training' as a part of events (ask MASI).

IHREC

€6,000 minimum to do something (diversity and interculturalism, marginalisation). CCC would not be receptive to us delivering training like that. TOD said that she would like to do it for asylum seekers through the PPN.

LIT course

LIT is putting together an accredited course for Spring 2019. PPN is hoping to hold 6 meetings going through policies like the National Development Plan a sort of (LG for Dummies). This will support reps and provide a framework.

Community Issues Paper

A community issues paper by pillar was proposed and accepted. Fingal's CIP was looked at it was agreed that we could do that as a head-start for developing a county-wide wellbeing statement. The well-being statement should be in the County Development Plan. Currently trying to have a consultation on the SPCs and their ineffectiveness.

AOB

GL asked about the dates for the election. Also asked about the new community development workers (one internal to the council, Niamh,?,?) employed by CCC and said that we should meet them. SC met them but sensed some hesitancy. MOD has a close eye on them for us.

MTC spoke on stepping back but would love to be doing more. Can only do evenings and feels guilty about not being able to attend.

CS is motivated to step down by not being able to attend either.

CM has already indicated that he will be stepping down.

GL announced that this was his last secretariat meeting. Thank you Graham!!!