

Clare PPN Secretariat meeting,

Tuesday 4th May, 2021

Minutes

Present:

Sarah Clancy

Elaine D'Alton

Sarah Ferrigan

Dermot Hayes

Padraic Hayes

William Hederman

Monica McKenna

Tracy Watson

Damon Matthew Wise

Apologies:

Fionnuala Collins

Kay Murphy

Mary O'Donoghue

AGENDA:

- Review of Minutes
- Update on work and finances
- Plenary
- Strategic Plan
- Forthcoming consultations
- Premises
- Election update
- AOB

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- Minutes of 6th April Secretariat meeting approved. Proposed by Dermot Hayes, seconded by Damon Matthew Wise.

UPDATE ON WORK AND FINANCES

- Traveller Funding Application

We will know by end of May if we & several other organisations have been successful in getting funding from Dept of Regional & Community Development, for funding for a Traveller Support organisation for Clare.

- IHREC Funding

We have now applied for this funding of €20,000 re a 5-year anti-poverty strategy for Clare. Would be a lot of work but also a great development.

- Update on LGBTQ+ Clare

Moving along well. We have had two meetings and a small group has emerged. Range of people with different skills involved. Social event on May 28th. Group might be renamed Quare Clare.

- Blended Learning training for PPNs nationally, started today, with Waterford IT, over eight sessions. Sarah Ferrigan attended. Will be run again until everyone who wants to has taken part.

- Sarah Ferrigan helped Clare Leader Forum to create a survey; and also gave training to Clare Immigrant Support Centre.

PLENARY MEETING

Plenary to be held on Tuesday 11th May at 7pm. We invited Minister Heather Humphreys but she is unable to come. Suggestion to have an "arts break" in the middle, with a song something.

FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

- Climate Action Plan: Clare PPN can base a submission on several previous workshops etc we have held. We have already made inputs through various channels, including the Climate Consultation workshop in March. And also hosting a national workshop on this topic on May 6th, in partnership with Stop Climate Chaos.

PREMISES

Question of occasionally working week in office at some stage this year - should be up to staff members whether they want to do this. Not opening to the public for foreseeable future.

STRATEGIC PLAN

No further input received. Plan can now be presented at plenary.

ELECTIONS

- We have one nomination for each position:

- Environmental seat on Clare PPN's Secretariat: Cornelia Wahli, nominated by Clare Environmental Network

- Environment seat on Clare County Council's Rural Development Forum: Christy Sinclair – nominated by Clare Environmental Network.

- Social Inclusion Rep on Clare's Local Community Development Committee: Collette Bradley of Shannon Family Resource Centre

More details here:

<http://clareppn.ie/welcome-your-new-clare-ppn-representatives/>

Suggested that in future we encourage member groups more to nominate candidates.

AOB

- Agreed to send condolences to the following people:
 - Mary Howard's family on the death of her sister Brid;
 - Donna Deirdre McGettigan and family on the death of her husband Noel Phelan;
 - the family of Pat McDonagh.

- Orla Ní Eilí sent her appreciation to Clare PPN for the flowers sent to her on the death of her brother Shay.

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