

Clare PPN Secretariat meeting,

Tuesday 1st June, 2021

Minutes

Present:

Fionnuala Collins

Sarah Ferrigan

Dermot Hayes

Padraic Hayes

William Hederman

Kay Murphy

Mary O'Donoghue

Cornelia Wahli

Tracy Watson

Damon Matthew Wise

AGENDA:

- Minutes of previous meeting
- Welcome Cornelia
- Work report
- Upcoming work
- Finance report
- Annual report for Dept
- Audit 2020
- New online banking and signatories
- AOB

MINUTES OF 4 MAY MEETING

- Minutes of 4th May Secretariat meeting approved. Proposed by Dermot Hayes, seconded by Damon Matthew Wise.

WELCOME CORNELIA WAHLI

Cornelia Wahli has joined the Secretariat, having been ratified at the recent plenary for the Environmental seat by Clare Environmental Network. Also ratified were: Christy Sinclair (Environment seat on Rural Development Forum); Colette Bradley (Social Inclusion seat on LCDC). Read more about all three here:

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

UPDATE ON WORK

- Two **Clare Leader Forum surveys** are still live until 5th June. Dermot Hayes asked people to circulate them. Survey on sports, leisure, tourism and amenity access:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DPGL62>

Second survey examines what life is like in Clare for people with disabilities:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYYFY2R>

- **Quare Clare (LGBTQ+ Clare)**

Quiz/social event on May 28th was a success. About 20 people took part. New enthusiastic people are getting involved in the running of the group. Clare Youth Service has asked us to run a similar quiz for Clare LGBT Youth on Friday 11th June.

- **Linkage groups:**

We have started setting these up. Interested members can meet with Reps before committee meetings. There are surveys, one for each pillar, for people to express an interest in this:

<http://clareppn.ie/clare-ppn-linkage-group-registration-page/>

- **Contact details:**

Member groups who want their contact details listed on our website can opt in via this form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRCZHLV>

- **Recent submissions:**

- Submission to Policing Authority on Policing Priorities
- Submission on Climate Action Plan.

- **'Blended Learning' training:** Sarah Ferrigan has been attending this training about local authorities and how they should interact with PPNs. Hosted by Department of Community & Rural Development. Several people from Clare have been attending, including Bernie Haugh from Clare Co Co. This will be run again until everyone who wants to has attended.

UPCOMING WORK

- **Commuting in Lahinch/Ennistymon:**

We are helping with a study by the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (Maynooth University, UCD and Ulster University), looking at the impacts of commuting on community wellbeing.

- **Cliffs of Moher consultation:**

Clare County Council/the consultants bypassed Clare PPN. We wrote to the consultants to express our disappointment. A consultation Zoom meeting has now been arranged for 12 noon on Tuesday 8th June. Email admin@clareppn.ie to take part. More info here:

<https://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/cliffs-of-moher-2040-strategy/>

- **Community Energy Webinar:**

Tuesday 22nd June at 8pm. Cohosted with CLDC. Speakers include Cillian Murphy and Joe Garrihy. Facilitated by Theresa O'Donohoe. 'An Introduction to community energy for householders, communities and very small businesses'

- **Annual report 2020:**

Sarah Ferrigan is working on this over next few days. In previous years the annual report has been very problematic technically. This year it will be on SurveyMonkey for the first time. Sarah was involved in devising the new format for all PPNs. One Secretariat member needs to sign off on it. Sarah will circulate it and then we can have a very short meeting to go over it.

FINANCE REPORT

- Financial situation as of June 1st shared on screen and approved.

ACCOUNTS FOR 2020

Cuddihy & Co to be the auditors again. Proposed by Damon, seconded by Paraic.

ONLINE BANKING & SIGNATORIES

- A third person is needed for online banking for Clare PPN bank account. Mary agrees to do this.
- The three signatories for the bank account are now Sarah Clancy, Monica McKenna and Fionnuala Collins.

AOB

- **Shannon Airport:** Dermot – in danger of falling off agenda. Community groups should rise up and demand a better service. Suggestion made that a draft letter with demands be circulated – Dermot agreed to look into doing this.
- **Protest song re Post Office Field:** at the plenary, Martin Vernon sang a song he had written, ‘Hands Off the Post Office Field’ - in Ennis. This has since been recorded, with singers including Sarah Ferrigan and others. Yet to be released. If you'd like to be involved, contact Sarah Ferrigan.
- **Mental health:** Mary – a distinction needs to be made between mental wellbeing and mental health. There is no access to mental health services in West Clare. Mental wellbeing is now very popular, funding given to yoga etc, rather than to actual mental health services..
- **Accessible toilets:** Paraic – Changing Places is an initiative in the UK, larger accessible toilets with adult sized changing facilities. Ireland is very lacking in this area. Paraic to talk to Sarah Ferrigan about this.

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