

Minutes of **Clare PPN Secretariat Meeting**

6.30pm, Wed 6th October, 2021

Present:

Sarah Clancy
Sarah Ferrigan
Elaine D'Alton
Dermot Hayes
Padraic Hayes
William Hederman
Mary O'Donoghue
Tracy Watson
Damon Matthew Wise Âû

Apologies:

Cornelia Wahli
Monica McKenna

Minutes: William

Agenda

1. Work and Finances Update
2. Resignation of Sec member
3. Plenary meeting report
4. Elections update and suggestions
5. Quare Clare Pride Festival
6. Zapatistas!
7. Work planning and meeting dates till year end
8. AOB

1. Financial update

We are within budget. No extraordinary income or expenditure.

Invoice has gone to council to draw down final €27,625 of year. Also sent in supplier form for Traveller project.

Re Haven Hub using space Friday & Saturday nights - we have a set fee but as they are coming every week, it was agreed €10 a week, to cover heat & light.

Work update:

- Held plenary.
- No feedback yet from council on Clare PPN reps not being listened to at Committees.
- We did informal survey of resource workers at other PPNs about their budgets and what is covered.
- Have had a few meetings around Traveller CDP. Funding coming first week November? We will organise a cultural understanding training webinar. Cost will be low.
- Following up on IHREC funding. Meeting on 11th October. Part 1 of project is to tender for researcher. It's desktop research. We said we'd launch on December 10th.
- Data centres: We asked SPCs to invite an academic, either Barry McMullin or Patrick Bresnihan, to address them about data centres. Rejected by Liam Conneally because planning application in progress.
- Environmental: Cornelia Wahli keen to get an Organic Clare project going. William has done some research on glyphosate. Cork Co Council has agreed 90% reduction in use. Clare has passed motion at least once but apparently not being acted on. Limerick and Tipp reportedly using a natural alternative. Looking for other suggestions on Organic Clare. Suggested: build on 'Hare's Corner' scheme; explore possibility of more allotments and promoting their use; webinar about growing your own. William to ask Talamh Beo for advice.

Joint Policing Committee:

Garda Commissioner Drew Harris attending on 18th October. Madeline McAleer can't attend. Deadline for questions is past. We could ask to send a replacement - Elaine D'Alton.

2. Resignation of Secretariat member

Kay Murphy has resigned from the Secretariat for personal reasons. Agreed to send thank you card and potted flowers/plants.

3. Plenary meeting report:

Need to formalise process for bringing motions for plenary – for example to be submitted in advance and circulated to members. And motions could be brought just to one college.

4. Elections update and suggestions

- Soc Development seat on Rural Dev Forum: Candidate is Anne Marie Flanagan.
- Physical Dev SPC: CEN nominated Theresa O'Donoghue - need to check whether she is eligible.
- Community and Voluntary in Rural Development Forum - two candidates: Rose Anne White and Mary Coffey. Both east Clare. Agreed we will ask County Council if both of them can attend.

5. Quare Clare Pride Festival

24th October at Hotel Doolin. Please support it and come to it if you can. Plan to do a bus tour across Clare during day.

6. Zapatistas!

Historic visit. Coming next week, sooner than expected. In Galway on 13th, probably to Clare on 14th & 15th. PPN could host them in Co Clare. Agreed.

7. Work planning and meeting dates 'til year end

Secretariat meetings to continue on first Wed of each month.

Next Secretariat meeting: Wed 3rd November

Strategy meeting: Saturday 4th December, in morning, followed by seasonal lunch. This replaces Secretariat meeting on 1st Dec.

Final Plenary of year: Wed 8th December, 7-9:30pm, with refreshments, entertainment and a nice venue.

8. AOB

Tracy - hoping to get Enviro college together.

Padraic - Social Inclusion college should get together.

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