

## **Clare PPN Secretariat Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday 9th March 2022

### **Present:**

Cornelia Wahli  
Damon Matthew Wyse Au  
Dermot Hayes  
Elaine D'Alton  
Fionnuala Collins  
Mary O'Donoghue  
Monica McKenna  
Padraig Hayes  
Sarah Clancy  
Sarah Ferrigan  
William Hederman

### **Apologies:**

Tracy Watson

Minutes by William

### **• Minutes of 2nd February Secretariat meeting**

Proposed by Dermot. Seconded by Damon. Approved.

- Two pieces of correspondence have been sent to Secretariat members:
  1. Circular letter from Dept of Rural & Community Development about PPN Plenaries - reducing number of groups needed for a quorum.
  2. Email from Bernie Hough of Clare Co Council, supporting Clare PPN's case that our finances will need to be addressed in the near future.
- No update on Mazaars review, but we should get some news at either: Secretariat network meeting on 10th March or at the PPN Resources Workers meeting on 23rd March.

### • **Work & Finance Update**

Sarah Ferrigan presented the current finances. They are on track. Meeting expenses are likely to increase slightly as we move to events in person rather than online.

Agreed to buy card and voucher for Deirdre Power who has finished up as the assistant liaison person for Clare PPN at Clare County Council.

### **Work update:**

We are following up on matters arising from recent Plenary. Meetings and support around the Traveller Community Development Project. Lots of activities/work coming up soon, including submissions on the Draft Clare County Development Plan and Water Basin Management Plan.

### **Anti-Poverty Strategy**

- Recruiting peer researchers. Holding a training day on Tuesday 15th.
- Focus groups to start at end March. Either in person or online. Planning at least three dates in Clare. Provisionally Monday 28th March, 11th, 19th & 23rd April; morning and afternoon sessions. Meeting target groups and also a public drop-in session.
- Need to hold a Steering Group meeting before focus groups: between 15th and 28th March.

### **Rights of Nature**

Meeting 10th March. Quite a few interested people. This arose from Plenary. Aim is to get Council to pass a motion recognising the rights of nature.

- Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity is coming up this year also. IEN giving training session (blended: online & in Dublin) on 22nd March.

### • **Submissions on Draft County Development Plan**

Sarah F and William are preparing Social Inclusion and Environmental submissions respectively. Will circulate them to our relevant groups a week or 10 days before the deadline.

Also, individuals can make their own submission. Also agreed that it is useful for groups/organisations to make separate submissions.

- **Nomination of Rep for National Secretariat Network**

Fionnuala is standing down from this role. Pdraig nominates Mary O'Donoghue as new Rep. Seconded by Monica. Mary deemed elected.

Cornelia nominates Monica (seconded by Pdraig) as the 'Second' - she can fill in when Mary is unable to attend.

- **Plenary on 31st March**

Agreed to hold it on this date. Via Zoom.

Agreed to aim to have an outdoor/indoor Plenary when weather is warmer.

- **AOB**

- Wheel Training Links funding coming around. Agreed to seek to organise training with several other organisations in Clare, possibly 'Training for Transformation'.

- Refugees:

Agreed that Clare PPN will issue a statement welcoming Government measures to welcome refugees from Ukraine and the rights they are being offered and that similar offers should be extended to those currently in emergency accommodation. This will be brought to meeting of national PPN Secretariats tomorrow, 10th March, with a suggestion that the national network does likewise.

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