

Clare PPN Secretariat Meeting

13th October 2022

Present: Sarah C, Sarah F, Elaine, Monica, Damon, Tracey, Theresa, Padraic, Mary

Apologies: Dermot

Previous minutes proposed by Damon and seconded by Tracey

Finance Report

Sarah F gave finance report. Tight at the end of the year, just about breaking even. Case needs to be made to Dept. in light of energy price increases and reduction in admin funding each year due to increments. We would be able to do more with more money. Cannot upgrade technology. Increased utilities costs due to CDP. Attending the conference is costing at least a thousand euro which had to be taken from website redesign budget. (Martina has been contacted)

Action: talk to CLDC about increasing the utility contribution.

Action: make a case to the Department for increased funding.

Clare Pride

Clare Pride was a success. The poetry night was very good but would have had better attendance if it was in town rather than Mna ag Gaire. The Pride night was very well attended. Clare Pride was a lot of work and we need to consider the workload if doing it again. Other areas got neglected (environment). QC is not ready to stand on its own two feet yet as there are mainly agencies on the steering group (only 2-3 volunteers). Some volunteers need a time investment. GOSHH is funded for the mid-West region so should be leading. Also CYS needs to step up for LGBTQ youth members. PPN remit is so wide there is always something on.

Action: QC steering group meeting to be held to determine next steps

Anti-Poverty Strategy Update

This was covered in the previous meeting

PPN conference update

Minister Joe O'Brien mentioned the conference at the launch in Dublin so we feel we must take part. Current PPN attendees are: Sarah C, Sarah F, Theresa, Damon and Padraic. Bernie Haugh is coming on behalf of Clare Co. Co. but going home Friday night. Attendance is costing a lot of money that we feel could be out to better use. Department should be subsidising attendance.

Structural Review

Sarah C and Sarah F just attended Dept. update. Dept. seems happy with the way things are going but we feel it needs to be thrown out. The report they gave on the feedback they received seemed more positive than discussion with other PPNs would indicate. Once again the issue of investment and resourcing was ignored. Again there is a confusion between PPNs policy remit, community development & volunteering. Not all PPNs are doing what we do so we will just continue to apply for relevant funding. Both DCRD and DHLGH must have responsibility to PPNs, encourage LA interaction.

Autumn Training

William is doing two sets of media training:

1. Traveller CDP (but open to all members)
2. Futureproof Clare (but open to all members)

Action: talk to CLDC about any SICAP funded training we could do

Environmental events

- Our Energy Future in person event in Dublin 26th October.
- Submission to Citizen Assembly on Biodiversity due by 14th November

Action: get all important dates and information together for Environmental College email

Action: Send invite to Env College for online PPN/CEN meeting (proposed date 25th October)

Next Meeting (combination of plenary and Secretariat meeting – ratify 2023 workplan)
22nd or 29th November