

Clare PPN Secretariat minutes

Wednesday 30th November 2022

Attendance:

Damon Matthew Wise
Dermot Hayes
Elaine Dalton
Mary O'Donoghue
Monica McKenna
Padraic Hayes
Sarah Clancy
Sarah Ferrigan
Tracy Watson
William Hederman

Funding update:

Each PPN getting an extra €11,000 annually from Dept. Clare Co Council has to decide will it match this.

We had already agreed to rectify William's employment - up to now he has been working 10 months per year.

We still have a long-term issue with sustainable funding. As we are prohibited from fund-raising, this must be fixed by the Department.

Agreed that secretariat should write to the Department frequently about this – that the State is not recognising the community & voluntary sector. We still don't have the funding to be effective.

Agreed to discuss again at January Secretariat meeting.

Clare PPN finances generally are all in order.

LECP Project:

The Pobal-funded project is still in play. The aim of the project is to enshrine socio-economic rights into the LECP. Clare PPN could be the lead organisation, right to the tender etc.

Agreed to take it on, on the conditions that Clare PPN is the lead org, is in charge of research and directly employs the worker; and that the research does feed into the content of the LECP.

Community Climate Action Officer jobs:

Local Authorities have been advertising these jobs. Great VI, serious jobs. But no knowledge or experience of climate policy or climate action is required. Agreed to raise this issue with TDs and the Irish Environmental Network.

Quare Clare / GOSHH

Agreed we will write to GOSHH to ask them to put funding towards Quare Clare. William to look into how much funding GOSHH Has received from the Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth.

Re-Registration

Needs to be done in 1st Quarter of 2023. When we email members about re-registration we will also invite them to 1st plenary of the year.

Staff & Xmas:

Xmas night out will cost approximately €45 per staff member.

Staff are off from 20th Dec to 3rd Jan, using some of outstanding annual leave.

Clare PPN performance:

Mary: Clare PPN staff doing a great job, brilliant outcomes; bringing a level of solidarity in the county that wasn't there before; making a difference to people's lives. Unanimously agreed.

ENDS