

## **Clare PPN Secretariat meeting**

Wednesday 1st November 2023

### **Present:**

Dermot Hayes

Elaine Dalton

Mary Coffey

Mary O'Donoghue

Monica McKenna

Padraic Hayes

Sarah Clancy

Sarah Ferrigan

Theresa O'Donohoe

Tracy Watson

William Hederman

### **Minutes:**

William

### **• FINANCES**

Sarah Ferrigan gave an overview of finances. €10,000 increase in annual funding for all PPNs is being maintained. Waiting to hear about another possible increase in December. Not sure how much yet. Biggest overspend has been on heat & light. Clare PPN currently has a deficit of approx €183. In 2024, we have the means to pay staff, but without another similar increase, we have no programme budget.

Agreed to write again to Department and to Clare Co Council to say we need an increase in core funding.

### **• LECP**

Enshrining a Just Transition and socio-economic rights in the LECP. It was a great deal of work; a lot of fighting to prevent content being removed. A learning experience for Clare PPN.

LECP is going out to public consultation now. We can ask member groups to participate in the public consultation and, if they agree with the elements we had included, show your support for that. That request will be made at launch next Monday.

- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR CLARE**

Has just gone out to public consultation.

- **TASC PROJECT**

Report/book looks great. Presentation last week for Pobal. Well received. Launch next Monday 6th at 7pm at Temple Gate Hotel. Have invited councillors, TDs, all our members and the participants in the public workshops.

- **IHREC**

We passed on to IHREC everything we heard about human rights during our series of focus groups etc.

- **CLARE PRIDE FESTIVAL 2023**

Brilliant festival, very successful.

Quare Clare is now running itself, having been established by Clare PPN and others.

- **PPN NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Took place in October. Clare PPN made a presentation. All went well.

- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

Collaborative event with CLDC, Volunteer Centre. Very worthwhile. It was a good opportunity to meet up again. Another one is planned for January.

- **ANDREW ST LEDGER RIP**

Very sad news. A great loss. He was a great source of expertise on forestry and environment. Agreed to honour his memory at Monday's launch. And to send a card to his family.

- **PLANNING 2024**

Will wait to hear about funding situation before arranging strategy day. Staff will draw up work plan for 2024, which can be revised based on funding.

- **REPs ROLES/VACANCIES**

There are several vacancies. Local Elections next year will mean some may have to step down.

Need to recruit reps for LCDC especially.

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