

Clare PPN Secretariat meeting

Wednesday 12th April 2023

Attendance:

Damon Matthew Wise

Mary Coffey

Mary O'Donoghue

Monica McKenna

Padraig Hayes

Sarah Clancy

Sarah Ferrigan

Theresa O'Donohoe

Tracy Watson

William Hederman

1. Welcome Mary Coffey

New board member welcomed.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by Mary O'Donoghue.

Seconded by Monica.

3. Finance report & Work Report

Sarah Ferrigan gave a financial update and presented the Work Report for the first quarter of 2023. The Work Report can be viewed on the Clare PPN website: <https://clareppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Quarterly-report-January-to-March-2023.pdf>

4. Clare PPN Elections

None of our environment seats were contested this time.

Two new Reps who have been elected:

Eddie O'Gorman from East Clare and Mary Ann Kearns from Mna Ag Gaire.

5. Environment College representation

Suggestion to contact environmental groups to ask can they suggest candidates.
Action: Agreed to try to organise gathering of environmental groups to share knowledge. This could be a focus group as part of TASC/LECP project.

6. CLDC

CLDC have issued an invitation for an environmental rep to sit on their board. Good in principal but we are short of environment reps currently. Will include on agenda for environmental meeting mentioned in item 5 above.

7. LECP update

Local Economic & Community Plan. Workshop on 6th April attended by PPN (Elaine Dalton, Hilary Tonge & Sarah Clancy) and TASC (Kieran Harrahill). Transport a key issue for LECP in Clare. Reducing poverty is a key issue. There will be a public consultation.

8. TASC update

Research and training pilot project on Just Transition and Socio Economic Rights in Clare, funded by Pobal from the Dormant Accounts Fund. TASC made an excellent tender. Very experienced people working on it. A steering group is being convened. First phase will be training & consultation workshops. The consultation has to happen by end of May. Those being trained will include decision-makers in Clare.

Concern expressed at how much consultation people in Clare will be asked to take part in during coming weeks. Important to make it interesting and also to build on the anti-poverty strategy research.

9. Friends of the Earth transport focus

Small pilot project. Focus group about transport issues for people in rural areas. To inform their advocacy. Clare PPN will co-host a focus group in west Clare in mid-May.

10. PPN staff retreat

Event in Athlone for PPN workers nationally at end of April.

11. Plenary

In person on the evening of Wednesday 10th May.

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