



**Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chiarraí**  
**Public Participation Network Kerry**

<b>Kerry Public Participation Network</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	24.04.25
<b>Time:</b>	Arrival 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start
<b>Venue:</b>	Áras an Phobail

<b>Rotating Chairperson:</b>	Bill Morrell (BM)
<b>Present</b>	Alan O'Connell (AOC) Connie O'Leary (COL) Derry Murphy (DM) Tomás Stack (TS)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Máiréad Costelloe, Acting PPN Development Worker (MC)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Anne Marie Fuller (AMF) Jennifer O'Sullivan (JOS)

<b>1. Minutes from last secretariat meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed by DM, seconded by COL.</li></ul>
<b>2. Matters Arising</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>N/A</li></ul>
<b>3. PPN Development Officer Report</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MC presented April progress report on 2025 Workplan</li><li>Decision was made to hold the first plenary in June in Tralee and the second in September with location TBC. PPN staff to source quotes for venues and bring proposals for the agenda to May Secretariat meeting.</li><li>AOC &amp; DM gave positive feedback on recent SPC rep training hosted by IPA and AILG. MC to circulate the details of the upcoming IEN training for SPC reps to all PPN reps and to Corporate Service so that it can be shared to all SPC members.</li><li>MC reported on the proposal for a joint IT Equipment Loan Scheme for Community Groups with Kerry Library. Secretariat approved the purchase of 3 projector screens and laptop cases for phase 1 of the proposal.</li><li>The purchase of an additional screen for PPN use was proposed by BM &amp; Seconded by AOC.</li></ul>

- 43 new members have joined the PPN in 2025. The 3 new members in April were Killcoolaght Resident's Association, Inter Kenmare FC & Kerry Model Railway (Men's Shed Association)

#### 4. Update on Linkage Groups

- **Environmental Linkage Group:** Meeting held on 31st March, 18 attended. BM raised concerns that PPN reps must represent the views of the plenary not just individual causes and suggested that the role of the PPN in some instances may be in the sharing of information rather than direct calls to action. The next meeting will take place online on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm
- **Disability Linkage Group:** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Tralee Bay Wetlands. This will be a hybrid meeting, with an ISL interpreter present. Guest speakers are KCC Housing Investigation Officers and Amanda Keane: Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme

#### 5. Updates from PPN Representatives

- Following queries from a number of PPN reps MC has emailed KCC requesting a copy of the SPC Standing Orders
- AOC attended Roads & Transportation SPC and raised queries from the Disability Linkage Group. MC to follow up with KCC staff to see if the response to these queries will be supplied to the PPN staff or directly to AOC.
- DM attended an Anti-Racism Strategy consultation day organised by KCC LAIT. The presentation was very impressive, with great representation across the focus groups.
- BM reported on the letter received from the Minister for Justice's Secretary by the PPNSN concerning community representation on the LCSPs. The Secretary confirmed a commitment to PPNs playing a vital role in identifying and recruiting community representatives and that they consider PPNs to be the most appropriate mechanism for recruiting community representatives for these Partnerships.
- BM reported that additional sponsorship is needed for this year's Kerry Community Awards. Information for sponsors is to be circulated to Secretariat members should they identify any potential sponsors.

#### 6. PPN Election: Consideration of Nominations

- 9 nominations were received. Following a review of the nominations all are considered valid.
- 1 nomination was received for the 1 vacant Kenmare MD seat. Olha Yatsyk, nominated by Ukrainian Community Group Bridge Kenmare by proposed by BM and seconded by AOC.
- 2 nominations were received for the 2 vacant Social Inclusion seats. Julieann Lane, nominated by Kilcummin GAA was proposed by TS & seconded by DM. Laura Bennett, nominated by Ballybunion Community Centre was proposed by TS and seconded by DM.
- 6 nominations were received for the 1 vacant Community & Voluntary seat.
  1. Catherine Lenihan, nominated by Knocknagoshel Over 55's Services CLG
  2. Brenda O'Connor, nominated by Casement's View Resident's Association
  3. Michael O'Mahony, nominated by Rathmore Community Council.
  4. Michael Moriarty, nominated by Churchill GAA
  5. Sarah Leahy, nominated by Causeway Community Action Group
  6. Michael Murphy, nominated by Knocknagoshel GAA
- Decision made to run an online election from 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May to select a candidate. All Community & Voluntary groups registered with Kerry PPN 6months or more will be eligible to vote. Proposed by BM, seconded by AOC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MC to investigate if Election Buddy is GDPR compliant and if confirmation email can include details of the vote cast.</li> <li>COL notified the Secretariat of her intention to step down at the end of May 2025. A separate nomination process for the Killarney MD seat will be run once the vacancy arises.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Financial Update</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MC presented Q1 financial report. 21% of annual budget has been spent in Q1.</li> <li>2025 funding from DRCD will not be released until MOU is signed. A new date for MOU signed is to be set for later in May. MC to circulate a copy of last year's MOU to all Secretariat members.</li> <li>Discussion was held on the number of PPN Executive members that need to be present at the MOU meeting with KCC staff.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Promotional Materials</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MC presented the Kerry PPN video to be displayed on digital screens libraries in the coming months</li> <li>Draft brochure text was circulated and approved. Additional photos are to be sourced. The brochure should be ready by the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting in June</li> </ul>
<b>9. AOB</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The term for the chair of the PPN Secretariat is to be changed from 3 months to the calendar year, proposed by AOC, seconded by TS. BM to remain in the chair until the end of 2025.</li> <li>MC to arrange for Community K to find a suitable community group who can use the Hearing Induction Loop Kit that is no longer suitable for the Kerry PPN's requirements. The Panasonic Home Cinema System is to be offered to a community group working with youths via JOS.</li> </ul>

<b>Next Meeting</b>	
Date:	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Time:	6.30pm
Venue:	Áras an Phobail

Signed:	Connie O'Leary
Signed:	Dermot Murphy

