



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chiarraí
Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry Public Participation Network	
Date:	29.08.2025
Time:	Arrival 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start
Venue:	Áras an Phobail

Rotating Chairperson:	Bill Morrell (BM)
Present	Anne Marie Fuller (AMF) Alan O'Connell (AOC) Tomás Stack (TS) Olha Yatsyk (OY) Catherine Lenihan (CL) Julieann Lane (JL) Laura Bennett (LB)
In Attendance	Máiréad Costelloe, PPN Development Worker (MC)
Apologies:	Derry Murphy (DM) Jennifer O'Sullivan (JOS) Kathy Molyneaux (KM)

1. Minutes from last secretariat meeting – 3rd July 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed by AMF, seconded by CL.
2. Matters Arising
<ul style="list-style-type: none">OY, MC & KM attended National PPN event in Portlaoise on 17th July 'Building Community Resilience'. A report compiled by Harriet Emmerson will be issued in September to all PPNs for review.AMF requested that a glossary of acronyms used in the minutes be included when circulating them.
3. PPN Development Officer Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">87 attended Spring/Summer Plenary. Feedback from groups circulated to Secretariat.

- Planning underway for Autumn Plenary. AOC suggested to invite HSE Community Work section & Local Link to host an information stand.
- MC was given approval to attend the Building Resilient Futures through Local Government
- A submission was made to the Local Democracy Taskforce public consultation, based on feedback submitted from member groups.
- Draft Autumn training programme for groups was presented. Training will be advertised by direct email to groups. For the GDPR training MC to write up the 10 questions from the session with the answers and make available on the website for other groups.
- 7 new member groups joined Kerry PPN in July & August, 63 new groups in 2025.
- 2024 Annual Report was submitted to DRCDG on 31st July.
- Preparation has started for the re-registration of member groups to be completed by end of 2025

4. Update on Linkage Groups

- No meetings since previous Secretariat Meeting.
- BM will call a meeting of the Environmental Linkage Group to discuss vacant Environmental seat on Secretariat.
- A Disability Linkage Secretariat Sub-Group is to be formed with JOS, LB & JL. Connie O'Leary is also to be invited. The group will plan for next meeting of DLG & look at a social inclusion linkage group.

5. Updates from PPN Representatives

- At the recent LCDC meeting a budget allocation was required as approved projects exceeded the available budgets. AMF expressed frustration and dissatisfaction that this was allowed to happen and that the reallocation impacted environmental projects significantly. PPN reps have put forward a proposal to avoid this happening in future.

6. PPN Representative Vacancies – Nominations received

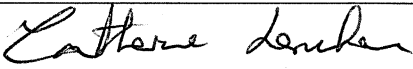
- 2 nominations- Michael O'Mahony & Joanne McCarthy were received for the Killarney MD seat. MC to contact both and advise that an election will be held after 25th September.
- No nominations were received before the deadline for the Environmental seat. 2 expressions of interest were received afterwards. The nomination is to revert to the linkage group to be considered.
- There are also now 2 possible vacancies on the Kerry PPN Executive. AOC & TS to be nominated to positions once the vacancies are confirmed.

7. Local Community Safety Partnership.

- Request to nominate 8 representatives has been received from the LCSP Co-Ordinator, Mags O'Connor.
- Nominations to be sought from PPN Member groups via online form from Monday 1st September to Monday 22nd September.
- Information available on Kerry PPN website, sent by direct email to groups and advertised in newsletter on 6th, 13th & 20th September.
- Advert seeking nominations to be shared with LAIT to promote amongst their network of new and minority communities, amongst the Kerry Older People's Council to share amongst member groups of Over 55s network and with Local Development Companies, HSE Community Work Dept. & Kerry Volunteer Centre to share amongst their community contacts.
- Nominees to be presented to Secretariat at September meeting on 25th September

8. Older People's Council Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC held meeting with Davina Griffin, Age Friendly Kerry Co-Ordinator to discuss the Over 55's Network and develop some terms of reference around it and the Older People's Council in Kerry and formalise the relationship between the Kerry PPN and the Kerry Age Friendly Kerry Programme. • Suggestion is to be put to Davina Griffin that a working group is formed with MC, AOC, TS, CL, Davina Griffin and a second member of the Older People's Council Executive to work on a draft agreement. • Kerry PPN Secretariat are not in favour of running the elections for the OPC executive going forward. 	
9. Meeting with KCC CE Fearghal Reidy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The invitation from KCC CE to meet is to be accepted and MC to seek a number of suitable dates from Maria West. • Delegation of BM, JOS, AMF, AOC & MC to attend the meeting. • Planning meeting to agree discussion points to be held in advance of the meeting. 	
10. AOB	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC, KM, OY, CL & LB to attend the PPN National Conference • All members of the secretariat expressed a vote of sympathy to OY on the passing of her father. • BM paid tribute to AMF as she stepped down from the Secretariat,. He acknowledged her work and dedication to the PPN since her appointment in 2019, stating how much her knowledge and joy for the role will be missed. This was seconded by all Secretariat members. • Discussion took place around moving next Secretariat meeting to another venue. MC to follow up. 	
Glossary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPN: Public Participation Network • DRCDG: Department of Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht • DLG: Disability Linkage Group • LCDC: Local Community Development Committee • LCSP: Local Community Safety Partnership • LAIT: Local Area Integration Team • OPC: Older People's Council • KCC CE: Kerry County Council Chief Executive 	

Next Meeting	
Date:	Thursday 25 th September
Time:	6.30pm
Venue:	Local Link Offices, Castleisland

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