



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

<b>Kerry Public Participation Network</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	27.03.25
<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>	Connie O'Leary (COL) Derry Murphy (DM) Tomás Stack (TS)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Máiréad Costelloe, Acting PPN Development Worker (MC) Kathy Molyneaux, PPN Support Worker (KM)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alan O'Connell (AOC) 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 TS.</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>Spring Training Series has been completed: 8 workshops &amp; 1 mentoring programme- 115 attended.</li><li>Tidy Towns Insurance Scheme: As part of a government initiative KCC will be providing free insurance for Tidy Towns groups via IPB. Criteria is that groups are PPN members. KM has undertaken updating the membership details of the groups.</li><li>Attended the Active Ageing Festivals in Foilmore &amp; Tralee, Tidy Towns Seminar and meeting with Charities Regulator to feedback issues that small voluntary groups are having with the process.</li><li>National Conference is taking place 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> October in Trim. Decision made to send full delegation (6 people).</li></ul>

#### 4. Update on Linkage Groups

- **Environmental Linkage Group:** Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March; 16 attended. Agreed to take the following actions to SPC
  - Statement to be read on tree management and Crann Chiarraí video to be shown at SPC meeting
  - Request that Tree Management policy to come before Environment SPC in addition to Roads SPC
  - Request for a written statement on council's spraying policy to be provide to the SPC
- Next meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm online. Agenda to include a discussion on Shannon LNG
- Community Garden & Allotments survey being conducted currently- advertised in newsletter and by email.
- **Disability Linkage Group:** The meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April has been postponed with a future date yet to be settled on. Housing Investigations Officer and Age Friendly Homes Co-Ordinator have been invited to speak.

#### 5. Updates from PPN Representatives

- New Google form has been set up as an alternative for reps meeting feedback if they are having difficulty with the word format.
- Follow up on query from last meeting- vacant LCDDC seat is Community & Voluntary seat.

##### **Report from Joey O'Connor, Environment SPC:**

- Litter management plan at second stage consultation. Council considering piloting use of CCTV at problem litter dumping sites. Update on RMCEI Outturn 2024 and RMCEI Plan 2025
- SPC chair confirmed verbally that KCC spraying policy had been revised following PPN raising this issue previously and that only specific plant species (Japanese knotweed given as example) are managed by spraying by KCC

##### **Report from Tomás Stack, Economic SPC**

- Presentation made to SPC on playgrounds in Kerry by Healthy Kerry Officer (importance of them and suitability for as many different groups as possible i.e. disability groups, etc). Full reports will be presented at next meeting.

##### **Report from Derry Murphy, Culture SPC:**

- Presentations from Arts Office, Irish Office, Kerry Library & Kerry County Museum
- SPC reviewed Museum Programme for 2025
- Bheidh An tOifigeach Gaeilge sásta buladh le grúpai phobal. Arts officer also will have discussions with Community groups.

##### **Report from Connie O'Leary, Older People's Council:**

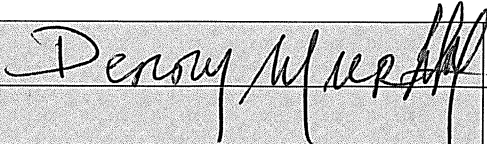
- Very active group with update on successful older road user conference on how people can stay driving longer. There was good feedback on Dying with Dignity event. & on Kerry Library Accessible Tech launch.
- Age Friendly Train Stations – Irish rail have put forward 10 stations for consideration (including Killarney) – KCC did not have an input in this.
- More discussions to be held re. struggling with storm damage and isolation i.e. phone lines and batteries.

#### 6. 2024 DCRD Returns

- The issue with the opening balance for 2024 has been resolved with the DCRD and it was agreed at €16,815.69
- As the MOU meeting isn't until April 3<sup>rd</sup> the dept has advised that the returns are not submitted until next week.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft business case for underspend, 2024 Income &amp; Expenditure &amp; 2025 Budget were circulated for approval.</li> </ul>
<b>7. PPN Elections</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following process was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Set website information about the vacancies and nomination process live on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.</li> <li>➤ Circulate notices to relevant member groups on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</li> <li>➤ Notice inviting nominations advertised in Kerry PPN newsletter 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>➤ Information on nomination process will be put on Facebook.</li> <li>➤ Information also shared with other agencies working with community groups e.g. LAIT, HSE Community Work Section, Kerry Volunteer Centre, SKDP, NEWKD.</li> <li>➤ Nominations close Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.00pm</li> <li>➤ Nominations received to be considered at Kerry PPN Secretariat Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>8. Nomination for SICAP subgroup amongst LGDC representatives</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGDC have a subgroup for the SICAP funding – TS will take this role. DM proposed, COL seconded</li> </ul>
<b>9. CSF 2022 Update</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quotes compiled for 10,000 brochures and tablecloth. Draft change of use letter circulated for approval.</li> <li>• Content of leaflet being contemplated on and up for discussion next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Website/Member's Directory Update</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular support hours are used up. 5hr block @ cost of €425 + VAT approved.</li> <li>• After speaking with Vitamin the original quote of €1470 stands to investigate if the old plugin can be updated. They have advised the existing Salesforce plugin created by Vitamin is outdated and will probably require good bit of hours in investigating and fixing obsolete code.</li> <li>• Discussion was held and the following interim measure was agreed: remove the Vitamin plugin and proceed with the new Salesforce plugin.</li> </ul>
<b>11. AOB</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TS asked the Breaking Barriers event on 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Ballybunion Community Centre be advertised on Kerry PPN Facebook page and Newsletter. Kerry PPN will also have a stand at the event detailing the work of the DLG.</li> </ul>

<b>Next Meeting</b>	
Date:	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Time:	6.30pm
Venue:	Áras an Phobail

Signed:	
Signed:	Connie O'Leary

