



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

| <b>Kerry Public Participation Network</b> |                                   |
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| <b>Date:</b>                              | 29.05.25                          |
| <b>Time:</b>                              | Arrival 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start |
| <b>Venue:</b>                             | Áras an Phobail                   |

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

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| <b>1. Minutes from last secretariat meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed by COL, seconded by DM.</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 May progress report on 2025 Workplan</li><li>Training needs survey has been live for a week. 80 responses have been received so far.</li><li>Kerry PPN will host an information stand at the Men's Health Event in Killorglin hosted by HSE South West Health Promotion unit.</li><li>The pilot of the new PPN member re-registration project is underway. Kerry PPN will be part of the first group to use the process once the pilot is complete.</li><li>New Instagram account @kerry_ppn has been set up and is managed by Máiréad &amp; Kathy</li><li>Meeting with Kerry PPN Executive, SEO of Community Dept. &amp; DoS has been set for 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11am, Conference Room, County Buildings, Tralee.</li></ul> |

#### 4. Update on Linkage Groups

- **Environmental Linkage Group:** Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April. There was agreement for some group members to work together to progress the Community Gardens policy and revert to group with draft. Next meeting will be held once this is ready for review.
- **Disability Linkage Group:** Meeting held May 15<sup>th</sup> Guest Speakers: Amanda Keane, Kerry Co-Ordinator, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme & Brian Teahan, KCC Housing Dept. Most attended the meeting online. COL praised the quality of the presentations and noted the feedback from the speakers that most of the delays with housing applications is due to applications not being complete when submitted.
- The presentations are to be circulated to member groups in the Disability Linkage group and to be hosted on Kerry PPN website.

#### 5. Updates from PPN Representatives

- **Kerry Community Awards:** MC reported search for new sponsors is ongoing. The awards were launched on 21<sup>st</sup> May and applications will close on 27<sup>th</sup> June. The awards ceremony will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Rose Hotel.
- **Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Community SPC meeting, 8.5.25:** TS reported on the presentations given by Angela McAllen, Head of Finance & Niamh O'Sullivan, DoS on the Consideration of the Draft Commercial Rates Waiver Scheme 2026. The scheme aims to encourage economic growth by providing financial relief in the form of a waiver of commercial rates. It is targeted at supporting businesses, particularly those that are newly established or expanding, and incentivises the use of vacant properties. Deirdre Hegarty presented the Draft Kerry Play and Recreation Policy for Children and Young People. TS raised queries about inclusivity in playgrounds and adaptations for disability. These concerns were addressed in the final policy presented for adoption.

#### 6. PPN Representative Vacancies


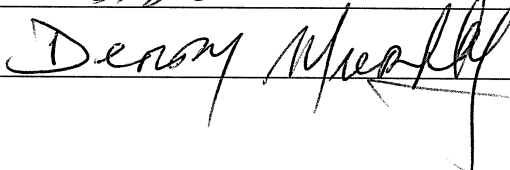
- Following the online election Catherine Lenihan, nominated by the Knocknagoshel Over 55s CLG has been appointed to the vacant Community & Voluntary Secretariat seat. A panel has been formed from the remaining candidates based on the election results. If a vacancy arises in the next two years this panel will be called on to fill the vacancy.
- DM volunteered to fill the vacancy for a Secretariat member on the Kerry Community Awards committee. Proposed by TS, seconded by COL.
- COL has resigned her position on both the Secretariat and the LCDC. The advertising of the Killarney MD Secretariat position will take place in July 2025.
- The filling of the two vacant LCDC seats will be discussed at the next Secretariat meeting once the new members are present.

#### 7. New Secretariat Member Induction & SPC member training.

- Next Secretariat meeting to be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and new members are to be invited to attend. MC is to circulate the induction documents before then and the first part of the meeting will focus on introductions and information sharing with the new members
- AMF proposed holding a training session for Kerry PPN reps focusing on reporting, getting feedback from the plenary and using linkage groups. All present agreed this was an excellent idea. MC will circulate a doodle poll to find a suitable date and work with AMF to develop the training material.

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| <b>8. Spring-Summer 2025 Plenary meeting</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MC presented a proposal to hold meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in Rose Hotel. Keelin Riley from South West Social has been booked to present on social media advice for community groups. An invitation has been issued to KCC Climate Action team to give a presentation on their programme and upcoming funding.</li> <li>• Agreement to proceed with the proposal and go with the finger food option for refreshments</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>9. AOB</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation received to attend Building Community Resilience in Times of Emergency event hosted by Midlands PPN Regional Network. KM &amp; MC approved to attend, invite is to be circulated to all Secretariat members to fill third place.</li> <li>• Invitation from DRCD to be involved in the PPN stand at the National Ploughing Championships 16-18<sup>th</sup> Sept. MC to respond and register our interest in attending.</li> <li>• As this was COL's last Secretariat meeting all present thanked COL for her outstanding service to the Kerry PPN over the years. It was also noted that BM sent his heartfelt thanks to COL for the years she has given the Secretariat. She will leave a hole that will be very hard to fill. It has been our pleasure to serve with her and we are grateful she is remaining on as a Trustee.</li> </ul> |  |

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| <b>Next Meeting</b> |                               |
| <b>Date:</b>        | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July |
| <b>Time:</b>        | 6.30pm                        |
| <b>Venue:</b>       | Áras an Phobail               |

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