



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chiarraí Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry Public Participation Network	
Date:	30.01.25
Time:	Arrival 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start
Venue:	Áras an Phobail

Rotating Chairperson:	Mr Tomás Stack (TS)
Present	Ms Anne Marie Fuller (AMF) Mr Bill Morrell (BM) Mr Derry Murphy (DM) Connie O'Leary (COL)
In Attendance	Máiréad Costelloe, Acting PPN Development Worker (MC) Andrea Moriarty, PPN Support Worker (AM)
Apologies:	Mr Alan O'Connell (AOC)

Welcome & Introductions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TS welcomed MC to her new role and introductions were done around the table.
1. Minutes from last secretariat meeting- 12th December 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed by AMF, seconded by DM.
2. Matters Arising
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMF clarified that she agreed to circulate the SICAP presentation to the LCDC only at the December meeting, the LECP documents have already been circulated.
3. Rotating Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BM was selected as the next Rotating Chair for the Feb, Mar & Apr meetings
4. PN Development Officer Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Membership- MC raised a query re associate members in Kerry PPN and presented some of the approaches from other PPNS. Agreement that Kerry does not

allow associate membership, all members must meet the criteria set out currently in the constitution. However non-members can subscribe to the weekly newsletter.

- Colleges/ Pillars- MC raised a query re the lack of consistency assigning groups between community/voluntary pillar & social inclusion pillar. Agreement that groups determine themselves which pillar they fall under for these 2 but this may be reviewed as part of a process to update memberships later in the year.
- Website: There have been issues with website since 15th January 2025. Part of the problem has been resolved by moving the hosting to a new server. The remainder of the problem is with the plug-in used for the members directory. Vitamin have quoted €1,400 approx. to resolve the issue. The alternative is to look at using the plug-in that the PPN Salesforce support have used with other counties. Agreement that BM would speak to Vitamin re the quote for the work and report back.
- Spring Capacity Building Training Programme has been advertised, and booking is open. Bookings have been steady. Online training will be recorded and shared on the PPN YouTube channel. MC has requested that if anyone mentions being interested in training but not able to attend due to the timing to ask them to please email ppn@kerrycoco.ie as a log has been opened to record these requests so they can inform the next round of training for groups later in the year.
- Healthy Kerry Committee have agreed to fund Street Feast for 2025 as Kerry PPN are no longer able to do so. Street Fest have been informed of this.

5. Update on Linkage Groups

- **Environmental Linkage Group:** AMF & MC to liaise and arrange the next meeting of the group for February, particularly considering recent storms and an increase in tree cutting. Linkage group What's App group to be set up by MC & AMF in advance of the meeting.
- **Disability Linkage Group:** Last meeting was held 7th November. There needs to be follow up on the actions from that meeting. The next meeting is to be planned for March with the KCC Housing Investigations Officer to be invited. Consideration given to inviting Norma Foley as the Minister for Children & Disability also.

6. Updates from PPN Representatives

- Discussion took place around procedure for reps reporting back to secretariat. Agreement that if there are two reps on one committee then only one report needs to be submitted if they wish to avoid duplication.
- BM attended a National Secretariat meeting and will forward report to MC to be circulated.
- As the legislation has not yet been enacted for the LSCPs there are no updates or movement from KCC on getting the committee established.

7. Reps for National Secretariat/ LCDC/ Secretariat

- John Spillane has confirmed his resignation from the Secretariat. However, he will remain as a Trustee.
- National Secretariat: BM term runs until the end of 2025.
- LCDC: MC advised that a query had been raised by KCC about PPN reps sitting on both SPCs and LCDCs. Having consulted the PPN Handbook, Circulars, Social Justice Ireland Training and Kerry PPN Constitution the position across all is if all processes have been followed to get representatives and you still are unable to cover all committees, it is acceptable to have a representative represent the PPN on more than one committee. The Secretariat members present agreed that it is better for the PPN to be represented on the committee by a representative who is already filling a role on another committee rather than to let the seat go and have no

representation. Agreement that the current LCDC reps, AMF, COL, TS and Jennifer O'Sullivan (JOS) to remain in place. The remaining vacancy to be filled after the Secretariat elections later this Spring.

- MC to email Liz O'Donnell & Bridget Fitzgerald to state that the issue was discussed again at this meeting and the position remains as outlined above.
- MC distributed a chart detailing the committees the PPN nominates reps to and a list of the current reps. MC to follow up with some boards to confirm if vacancies exist that the PPN needs to nominate reps to.
- Nominations are to be sought from the plenary for the four current vacancies on the secretariat. MC & AM to prepare the documentation for the nomination and election process and present at the February Secretariat Meeting.

8. Review of Workplan

- AMF suggested a separate meeting was necessary to review the workplan and prepare the 2025 plan. Agreed a hybrid meeting would be held on 17th February at 11am, venue to be confirmed.
- AMF suggested that we should include a focus on emergency response in the workplan given the increase in significant weather events. All agreed this would be considered at the meeting.
- AMF requested the LECP actions relating to the PPN be included in the documents circulated before the Workplan meeting

9. Financial Report

- MC raised that the CSF grant of €1,000 remains unspent and we have been advised we can put in for a change of use for it. The initial application was to support the deaf community so JOS & COL will consider proposals related to the Disability Linkage group.
- MC outlined the remaining budget for providing training to groups for 2025. AMF suggested Climate Action and Community Resilience training to be run in each MD

10. Fair Kerry

- MC updated on Kerry ETB Collaboration & Innovation Fund and a suggestion from Caroline Toal & Paul Tiller of a project partnership with Future Focus 21C on Climate Literacy & Climate Justice.
- It was agreed that the deadline for the fund was too close and that there wasn't the capacity at the moment to pursue this suggestion but could be considered later in the year once the social inclusion rep vacancies were filled.

11. AOB

- TS proposed that consideration should be given to looking for a 3rd level work placement student to assist with specific upcoming projects. Agreement that it would be considered during the workplan review if suitable projects could be identified and if so the proposal to be investigated further.
- TS proposed asking the libraries to make a copy of the PPN newsletter available on their noticeboards. Having PPN information display on digital screens in libraries was also discussed. MC is to follow up with libraries
- AMF requested an Instagram account be set up to expand the PPNs social media presence. BM to set one up that is synced with the current PPN Facebook page.

Next Meeting	
Date:	Thursday 27 th February
Time:	6.30pm
Venue:	Áras an Phobail

Signed:	Anne-Mairi Fulle.
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