



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Chiarraí
Public Participation Network Kerry

Kerry Public Participation Network	
Date:	03.07.2025
Time:	Arrival 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start
Venue:	Áras an Phobail

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

1. New Secretariat Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">OY, CL, JL & LB were welcomed to the Secretariat. BM gave an induction to the role of the Secretariat, the PPN reps and information on the various LA decision making boards they sit on.
2. Minutes from last secretariat meeting – 29th May 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed by DM, seconded by TS.
3. Matters Arising
<ul style="list-style-type: none">OY to attend National PPN event in Portlaoise on 17th July 'Building Community Resilience' with MC & KM.

- DRCDG have requested a copy of insurance documents for National Ploughing Championship attendance. MC to follow up with KCC insurance Dept.

4. PPN Development Officer Report

- MC to follow up with Secretariat members to form a sub-group for organising the next DLG meeting.
- New sections on website being developed for DLG & ELG information
- MC held meeting with LCSP co-ordinator. The regulations were published 30.06.2025. Decisions are still being made on the number of community reps required. AMF suggested involving Tidy Towns groups as many deal with anti-social behaviour such as vandalism.
- A new page has been added to the website with all training resources since 2023, including a page specifically for SPC reps.
- 94 responses were received to the training needs survey. The results of the survey are to be circulated to the Secretariat. MC is working on devising a training programme for Autumn.
- The draft proposal for the Equipment Library with Kerry Library is still being developed. MC has also had discussions with Library around potential collaboration with their Skills for Life programme
- MC attended an outreach event in Killorglin focusing on Men's Healthy on 11th June. Kerry PPN has been invited to present to the Kerry Older People's Council on 16th July and to attend the West Kerry Agricultural Show with a stand on 20th July.
- DRCDG have issued the 2024 Annual Report template, which is due to be submitted by 7th August.
- MOU meeting with KCC is to take place on 10th July.

5. Update on Linkage Groups

- No meeting/updates since previous Secretariat Meeting

6. Updates from PPN Representatives

SPC: Environment, Climate Action, Marine and Emergency Planning- AMF

- New Litter Management Plan has been adopted by KCC. Outlines a procedure for using CCTV in litter blackspots.
- The issue of Dog Parks was raised, however there is still no agreement with KCC to create one.
- KCC provided an update on Climate Action Plan and energy consumption in KCC buildings.
- Discussion on Blue Flag beaches and lifeguards and a request to hire lifeguards earlier in the summer. As most recruited are students it wouldn't be possible to hire any earlier.
- Following national training for SPC members AMF has requested an SPC workplan setting out policy positions to be worked on. KCC representatives are to consider this and respond.

SPC: Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht- DM

- KCC presented on the upcoming draft Heritage Plan, the first public consultation has taken place.
- The Arts Office presented on activities throughout the county. DM raised the issue of the cinema in Dingle and the ongoing public consultation being held by the new owners. The Arts Office agreed to reach out to the owners and see how KCC can assist the project.
- Kerry Library presented on ongoing programmes and the new Skills for Life programme. Potential involvement of the PPN in the programme was mentioned.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KCC Irish Office presented about the South Kerry Gaeltacht, and work being done to connect the different sections of it. DM agreed to set up a meeting with contacts in the area to progress the work. <p>Kerry Community Awards from BM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 applications have been received for 2025 awards. BM commended KM & MC on the work advertising to groups this year. TS advised that having spoken to potential sponsors they suggested early December is the best time to approach them as that is when budgets are decided. AMF suggested contacting Tesco to add the KCA to the token scheme.
7. PPN Representative Vacancies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 X Killarney MD seat vacant- time line agreed for seeking nominations. 2 LCDC vacancies – CL appointed to Community Seat, JL appointed to Social Inclusion Seat. BM proposed, DM seconded.
8. Spring-Summer 2025 Plenary meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 91 tickets booked so far. TS volunteered to MC on the event. AMF will present on Linkage groups, MC will present PPN updates and workplan 3 questions for consultation with Plenary were agreed. AMF suggested applying a voting system on answers to be able to apply stickers to walls at the end of the night near questions that people agreed with Autumn Plenary will take place 9th October in Killarney. Ger Deering, Ombudsman will be invited to speak. Information stand from relevant services will be invited. Other suggested speakers were Charities Regulator, Community Dept. to focus on grants, Office of Director of Corporate Enforcement.
9. AOB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMF announced she will be stepping down from her role on Secretariat, Executive and LCDC at the end of August. She will retain her SPC rep role. Request to write to KCC CE from the Secretariat, welcoming him to the role and asking for a meeting with him to discuss the role of the Kerry PPN.

Next Meeting	
Date:	Thursday 28 th August
Time:	6.30pm
Venue:	Áras an Phobail

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