



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

<b>Kerry Public Participation Network</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	26.09.2025
<b>Time:</b>	Arrival 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start
<b>Venue:</b>	TFI Local Link Kerry, Castleisland

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

<b>1. Minutes from last secretariat meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed by CL, 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>MC attended Building Resilient Futures through Local Government conference where Place Standard Tool was launched. This tool would be useful in updating the Community Vision for Wellbeing and there is the potential to collaborate with the Healthy Kerry project around this.</li><li>PPN submission to consultation on Ashe Memorial Hall restoration acknowledged in CE's report. AOC asked that a document be put together detailing our need for a public counter so it can be raised at future meetings with Council management.</li></ul>

- MC met with SEO of Community to discuss issues with SPC representatives not receiving minutes and agendas and PPN staff not being supplied with requested contact information for SPC facilitators.
- Uptake has been poor for Literacy Awareness Training, so it was opened up to KCC Community Department and Library staff. 2 PPN members availed of the offer of place on the Smart and Sustainable Mobility Accelerator Training Program offered by Southern Regional Assembly.
- Kerry Community Awards event was well received, Foodshare Kerry were overall winners. AOC noted the good work of the KCA committee and PPN staff.
- MC has spoken to CE's office seeking dates for a meeting with PPN.
- Numerous outreach visits are planned for October including Kerry Older People's Council Information Day, Knocknagoshel Community Centre's Positive Ageing Morning and LAIT One Stop Shop.
- 2 new members joined since 1<sup>st</sup> September. 65 new members since 1<sup>st</sup> January.

#### 4. Update on Linkage Groups

- The next Environmental Linkage Group meeting is the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. As directed at August Secretariat the group will decide on the nomination for the Environmental Secretariat seat. An expression of interest has been received from Ciaran Forde, Fenit Coast Conservation.
- MC to follow up with JOS, LB, JL and Connie O'Leary re Disability Linkage Group.

#### 5. Updates from PPN Representatives

- CL has submitted her resignation letter for the Housing SPC. MC to speak with Housing SPC facilitator, passing on concerns raised by reps about how SPCs are functioning and await a request for a replacement representative.
- AOC has contacted the NTA to follow up on PPN member query about Ballybunion Bus Stop.
- Joanne McCarthy is now the sole nomination for vacant Killarney MD Secretariat seat. Proposed by AOC, seconded by CL.

#### 6. Local Community Safety Partnership – Nominations Received

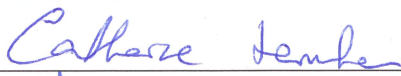
- The following nominations were received for the PPN representative positions on the LCSP:

Name	Role
Derry Ó Murchú	Local Resident Representative – Castleisland Corca Dhuibhne MD
Tom Walsh	Local Resident Representative – Killarney MD
Eamon Horgan	Local Resident Representative – Kenmare MD
Tony Hanlon	Local Resident Representative - Listowel MD
Sean Roche	Community and Voluntary Sector Representative
Brenda O Connor	Local Resident Representative – Tralee MD
Michael O Mahony	Representative from the Kerry Older People's Council (Over 55's Network)

- All nominations are valid, proposed by AOC and seconded by LB
- No nomination was received for New/Minority Communities representative before the closing date. An expression of interest has since been received from Listowel

Family Resource Centre with an LGBT+ community representative. Once the nomination form is received this will be circulated to the Secretariat for approval.	
<b>7. October Plenary – 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MC presented a draft agenda, Alex Grassick KCC, Geraldine O’Sullivan Kerry Volunteer Centre &amp; Ger Deering, Ombudsman to speak at event. 12 services to host information stands. AOC advised tightening up the agenda to avoid the event running too late.</li> <li>• TS &amp; LB proposed a follow-on event late 2025/ early 2026 showcasing groups who have been successful in securing funding . AOC &amp; CL having a trainer on application writing, accessing funding present at the event also.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Older People’s Council Update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerry OPC have accepted to form a working group with Kerry PPN focusing on how to develop &amp; structure the relationship between the two groups moving forward.</li> <li>• Catherine Lenihan, Knocknagoshel Over 55's Services &amp; Mr. Ed O’Connor, Baile Mhuire, Tralee will represent Kerry OPC</li> <li>• MC to contact all members and find suitable meeting date.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. AOB</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AOC asked if Pride of Place nominees had been selected from KCA winners as it hadn’t been announced at the prizegiving. MC to follow up with KCC Community Dept.</li> <li>• The Secretariat sent their best wishes to BM as he recovers in hospital from a recent illness.</li> </ul>	
<b>Glossary</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PPN:</b> Public Participation Network</li> <li>• <b>CE:</b> Chief Executive</li> <li>• <b>KCA:</b> Kerry Community Awards</li> <li>• <b>KCC:</b> Kerry County Council</li> <li>• <b>LCSP:</b> Local Community Safety Partnership</li> <li>• <b>MD:</b> Municipal District</li> <li>• <b>NTA:</b> National Transport Authority</li> <li>• <b>OPC:</b> Older People’s Council</li> <li>• <b>SEO:</b> Senior Executive Officer</li> <li>• <b>SPC:</b> Strategic Policy Group</li> </ul>	

<b>Next Meeting</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Time:</b>	6.30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	TFI Local Link Kerry, Castleisland

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