

Secretariat of Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN)

Minutes of the Secretariat Meeting of the Public Participation Network (PPN) Held on Monday 8th February 2021 at 10.00am by Zoom

Attendance:

PPN Secretariat Members:

Mr. John Carr	Wexford Municipal District (Facilitator)
Mr. Jonathan King	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr. Pat Rath	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr. Kevin Molloy	Gorey Municipal District
Ms. Ann Lacey	New Ross Municipal District

Apologies:

Mr. Bernard O'Leary	Enniscorthy Municipal District
Mr. Thomas Cullen	Social Inclusion
Mr. Noel Stacey	Social Inclusion Sector

1. Minutes of previous meeting on 11th January 2021

Minutes agreed

Proposed by Jonathan King

Seconded by Kevin Molloy

2. Matters arising from Minutes

Was the letter sent to the respective recipients, no it had not.

But there had been contact with Caoimhin Ó Tuathail (DRCD) about the lack of staffing situation, the Department will look into it.

Catherine Conroy, Assistant Principle Officer DRCD and was updated on the position Wexford PPN has in regard to, staffing, relationship with Wexford County Council and difficulties the Secretariat to operate efficiently.

Catherine said she will keep PPN updated, cc'd on all emails.

Colette Bennett (Social Justice Ireland) has contacted DRCD and was informed they did not know about the situation with Wexford PPN.

Meeting was informed that Wexford PPN that the DRCD and Wexford County Council were contacted by email on 6th December 2021.

Wexford Co Co had reneged on the MOU which they are paid to supply and service. A copy of the MOU had been sent to Catherine Conroy.

It was commented about the Diary/Check in cards, suggested that the Secretariat should thank the Healthy Wexford committee for allowing us to be involved in the distribution of the information. The next meeting of the Healthy Wexford Committee is on Tuesday 9th February, PPN Rep will be in attendance.

The covering letter from the PPN had not been drafted and printed in time.

3. Correspondence

Mr. Alan Monks (DRCD) was asking all the PPNs if he could sit in a monthly Secretariat meeting. He is gathering information on how the meetings are conducted, what the concerns of the members are and to observe and learn.

The decision to allow Mr. Monks to attend a future meeting was

Proposed by Pat Rath Seconded by Jonathan King

Dates of the Secretariat meetings in 2021 to be forwarded to Mr. Monks.

Ms. Edel Reck left the meeting at 11.05

4. PPN Expenses/Claims

PPN members attending meetings via video link of phone, should be compensated for working from their home environment, to cover cost of Wi-Fi, Phones, etc.

County Council and Government employees are able to claim but Volunteers are not compensated?

A fixed monthly payment, in line with the policies of other not for profit organisations, to cover expenses.

The meeting agreed that the issue should be taken up with the Department at the next national PPN meeting Thursday 11th February.

Kevin Molloy, Proposed the reintroduction of the Per Diem fee of €25.00

Jonathan King, Seconded adding Zoom is classed as a meeting

5. PPN rotation and filling vacancies

Decision deferred until Resource Worker employed.

6.Staffing

The meeting decided that a letter should be sent to:

7.Training

Zoom training to take place on 22nd February 2021 at 11.00am.

Disability Inclusive training to be held in second week of March.

8. Work plan 2021

Decision deferred until Resource Worked employed.

9. Budget 202

Decision deferred until Resource Worked employed.

10. A.O.B.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Disability sub-committee to discuss launch and distribution of the Report. Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th February 2021 at 2.30pm

11. Date & time of next meeting

Monday, 8th March 2021 at 10.00am via Zoom

Facilitator, John Carr

Meeting ended at 1.25pm