PPN Meeting Report

PPN Rep Name		Attendance	
Committee Name Date of Meeting (online)	Secretariat meeting with LCDC reps 28 July 2021 at 2.30pm on zoom	 Secretariat: Bernard O'Leary, facilitator, Enniscorthy MD rep (BO'L) John Carr, Wexford MD rep (JC) Jonathan King, Community & Voluntary rep (JK) Kevin Molloy, Gorey-Kilmuckridge MD rep (KM) PPN reps on LCDC Local Community Development Committee: Peter O'Connor, Community & Voluntary rep (PO'C) Lucy Medlycott, Community & Voluntary rep (LM) Martin Reading, Environment rep (MR) PPN support worker Dearbhla Ní Laighin (DNL) 	Public Participatio Network

Agenda Item	Notes	Outcome/Decisions Made	Actions Required - by whom & when
Apologies	Sharon Kennedy, Social Inclusion Noel Stacey, Social Inclusion rep o Ann Lacey, New Ross MD rep on S	on Secretariat	
Minutes from previous meeting	n/a		
Matters arising from minutes	n/a		
Meeting called "to discuss how communications can be improved so that concerns and information can be more effectively carried forward to the LCDC and fed back to the PPN membership."	PO'C: all PPN LCDC members sit on the LAG (Local Action Group) also. They are trying to get PPN as an item on the agenda. PPN members can put items on the agenda, and have done so in the past, e.g., Dementia. The LCDC function is to co-ordinate community efforts. LCDC meet 6/7 times per annum. LCDC term is 3 years with an option for 2 nd term of another 3 years. LM & P'OC are due to finish their initial 3-year term in September. MR said he is coming to the end of his 3-year term. LM: need to reinvigorate communication channels between PPN members, reps and secretariat MR: LCDC poses the complex responsibility of agreeing decisions and confidentiality issues e.g. re. LEADER funding, with oversight on grant-making, and the difficulty of representing a county-wide view and bringing up local		DNL to ask Claude Clancy for details of terms. (see table below).

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issues from their own communities. It would be better if communication was from the whole county. PPN members on the LCDC asked that we let PPN members know they can pass information on to the LCDC via the PPN LCDC reps. KM: The Secretariat acknowledge that Linkage Groups need to be set up to	DNL to notify PPN members in info bulletin. (drafted in next info bulletin mid/late Aug)
feed into the various committees. Reps do not have an advocacy role, their role is more about informing and representing.	DNL to email all PPN MD meeting reports to reps & Secretariat
PO'C: LCDC is a decision-making body on broad county-wide policy and initiatives, not individual group issues. JK suggested developing Thematic Groups. * see note below	members. Done 5 Aug.
PO'C suggested increasing feedback from members e.g. via surveys or polls, and proposed sending a questionnaire to PPN to establish what are their main concerns.	Reps to draft questionnaire of what they would like to ask members and it can be approved
LM highlighted the link between communication and advocacy and the challenge of achieving engagement. She suggested the need to building a relationship with members to motivate them. DNL showed graph of 'Main Cause' selected by PPN members see summary below	at the Secretariat meeting of 13 September and Resource Worker can email it to members
Other Comments/Actions required from PPN	

Date of next meetir	TBC in Sept.	Signed (PPN Rep)	Report compiled by Dearbhla Ní Laighin, 17 August 2021d
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Terms of PPN reps on the LCDC, as per email from Claude Clancy, 1 Aug. 2021

PPN rep name	Pillar	Start date	Term 3 yrs
Lucy Medlycott	Community & Voluntary	30 May 2014 / May 2015 - Sept. 18	May 2014 - May 2015, Sept. 2018 - to date
Brian Toomey	Social Inclusion	27-Mar-17	2017 - to date
Peter O'Connor	Community & Voluntary	24-Sep-18	2018 - to date
Sharon Kennedy	Social Inclusion	31/01/2020 or June 2020 or Nov 2020	2020 - to date
Martin Reading	Environmental	18-Feb-20	2020 - to date
Vacant	Community & Voluntary		

Main Cause of all active PPN member organisations, 28 July 2021	Count
Community Development	84
Sports/Outdoor activities	69
Arts, Culture and Media	35
Community Centre	29
Older People/Active Retired	22
Women's Groups	20
Youth	20
Environment and Conservation	17
Children	15
Social Inclusion	14
Heritage/Museums/Galleries	12
Men's Groups	10
Mental Health	10
Residents Association	10
Crime/Safety	8
Physical Disability	8
Intellectual/Learning Disabilities	7
Volunteering and Active Citizenship	6
Families/Parenting	5
Education/Literacy	4
Minority Groups	4
Emergency and Ambulance Services	3
Health/Hospitals/Hospices	3
Homelessness/ Housing	2
Human and Civil Rights/Equality	2
Addictions and Recovery	1
Carers	1
Total	421

Thematic Areas of Interest & Linkage Groups Sign-up form (<u>live form please do not fill this in</u>): https://www.tfaforms.com/forms/view/4698895?tfa_2=&tfa_3=&tfa_4=

The form at this link automatically issues to all PPN members on registration. Members may select single or multiple Thematic Areas of Interest and Linkage Groups. These are already set up on the PPN database and can be used to contact members according to their selections.