Enniscorthy PPN Municipal District Meeting – 12.10.2023

Templeshannon Community Centre, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.



Secretariat Members in Attendance:

Bernard O Leary Enniscorthy MD Rep

Breda Cahill

Tommy Cullen (former Secretariat)

Reps:

Jonathan King, LCDC

Staff members:

Ian Ludlow, PPN Coordinator

Sue Kent, PPN Development Officer

Member Groups in Attendance:

Delightful Dollies

Bunclody Festivals

Templeshannon Community Centre

An Garda Síochána

Summary of Meeting

- Welcome & Introductions were made by Bernard O Leary
- Sgt Caroline O Donnell spoke about the role of the Community Garda and communities
- Members engaged in a good discussion about Enniscorthy and what is happening in the area

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Summary of Discussion Points

There was a good broad discussion, with particular focus on those who are excluded or in poverty in communities. These included isolated older people and deprived children. There was a feeling that communities, the PPN and the Garda could help in these areas. Previous initiatives were talked about – Santa (AGS), Shoebox Appeal, Food Banks.

Sgt Caroline O Donnell gave some helpful tips and tricks for people to improve security and avoid text/email scams. Caroline also reiterated that the Garda welcome concerns from communities and for people not to be worried about making contact with them even the reasons didn't seem important.

The conversation also included the possibility of the PPN hosting a "Services Night" that showcased services available to communities like the Fire Service and Small Jobs initiative.

Other areas of discussion included:

- Local Link options
- Senior Alert Scheme
- Training for Member Groups
- Food Waste Campaign
- Delegates for PPN groups
- Grants/Funding opportunities

Bernard noted the poor attendance of Enniscorthy MD groups at the meeting and expressed disappointment.

KEY ACTION POINTS

- Training/Supports for member groups.
- "Services Night" meeting.
- Supports for older people (eg Small Jobs initiative).

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