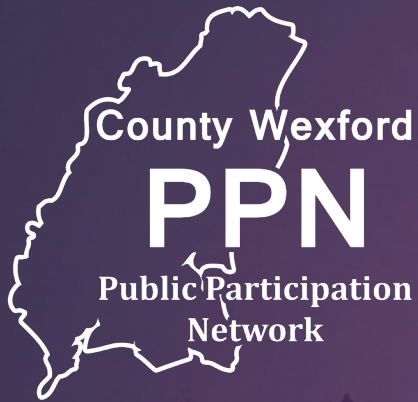


# Wexford PPN Ratifications





# Representatives for Ratification

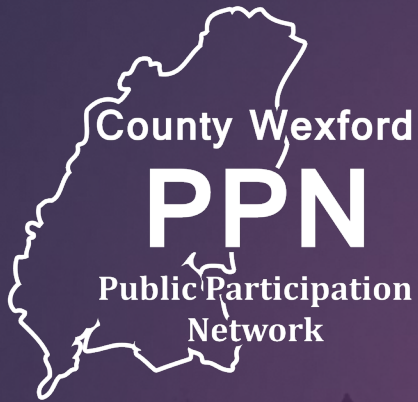
Sinead Cashin – New Ross Town Centre First

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David Rea – PPN Secretariat/FLAG

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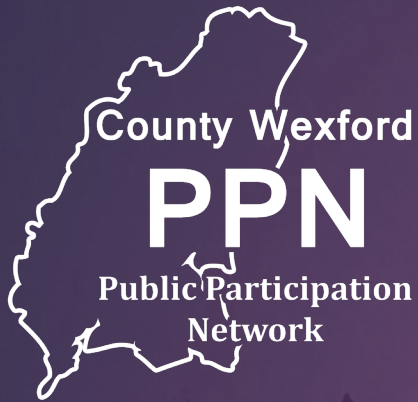


# Motions for Consideration

The following motion has been brought to the Plenary by Wexford PPN Secretariat:

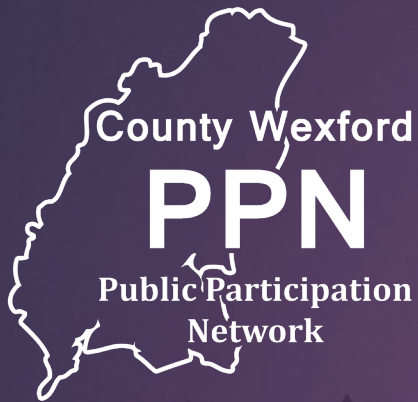
***That all groups that are members of Wexford PPN appoint a delegate to endeavour to attend all PPN meetings, to foster the participation and engagement necessary to fully carry out the spirit, ethos, and goals of our strategic plan to inform, represent and develop our communities.***

The purpose of this motion is for groups to attend meetings, to bring any issues or concerns of member groups, and to bring back information from PPN meetings to all members of our groups. This provides opportunity for groups to publicise their own events, share skill sets and offer support to one another through networking and interaction.



# Submissions

1. All groups that are members of the PPN already have not one but two delegates that can attend plenary meetings, The AGM, join Linkage Groups or Thematic Groups. These Delegates also are the people who receive all correspondence on behalf of their Member Group.
2. Can you please confirm if the "delegate" has to be the same person for each meeting, or if attendance can be rotated among our group members?

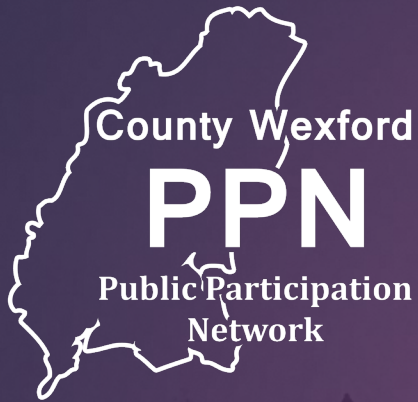


3. Most volunteers are involved in several local groups & organisations & in general are over 60. They give their time to getting things done locally. It's different if planning & attending meetings are part of a remunerated position. Being committed to attending PPN meetings that move around the county is not very attractive & may be considered not very productive.

They can be seen as more of a talking shop that might be somewhat productive for the community of the meeting place & that's if people attend & the decision makers can guarantee delivery. Getting high level business & strategic plans drafted & passed are not what a local volunteer wants to have to consider.

Also, the language that these business & strategic plans use is a bit high-falouting & the timeframe for delivery can be vague. It's more the practical plan of action for their area that they want to see moving. For example - what is being considered, has there been a good level of consultation, what's the outline of the plan & what's the real timetable for delivery.

Even if the motion is passed Monday night, getting it implemented will be difficult as groups are usually made up of a very small group of activists & asking 1 person to add another meeting to their diary may be a step too far. We can lose volunteers very easily.



4. Instead of in-person meetings: Could we have online meetings. This would tie in with Climate Action, reducing the need to travel. Holding the meeting in one venue means that many have to travel a distance which increases car use and fuel consumption. I am involved in a couple of groups which still hold meetings online - we meet regularly to implement the plans and projects agreed at the online meetings.

This time of year is incredibly busy for community groups and volunteers. We are a small group - the majority of our group have full time paid work and would not have time to get home, have dinner and get to the meeting for 7pm as it could 40 mins to get to Oylgate. To attend the meeting on Monday night would take almost 4 hours out of our day.

Many volunteer/community group members are in more than 1 group and the level of time and commitment is immense. Compulsory attendance at meetings would put further pressure on already stretched resources.