

Secretariat of Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN)

Minutes of Secretariat Meeting for the Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN)

Held on Monday 11TH January 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. Noel Stacey	Social Inclusion 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

1. Minutes of previous PPN Secretariat meeting on 14th December 2020

Minutes agreed

Proposed by Ann Lacey

Seconded by Kevin Molloy

2. Matters arising from Minutes

None

3. Correspondence;

- 1) Paul L'Estrange to inform that PPN landline now redirected to John Carr
- 2) New email, wexfordppn@wexfordppn.ie accessible to John Carr, Jonathan King and Edel Reck
- 3) Website access limited, awaiting who is admin. Facebook John Carr, Annette Dupuy can post but admin in Clodagh Connolly's name.
- 4) DRCD 2 circulars being sent to Secretariat members today, 11/01/2021

4. Financial report

Jonathan King gave an update on the expenditure to the end of the financial year.

Also informed the meeting that Clodagh Connolly was, up to 31st December 2020, still being paid as the Support Officer.

Noel Stacey, voiced his disgust at the manner in which the Secretariat were being treated by Wexford County Council.

Ann Lacey, asked if the PPN should consider leaving the Council and set up independently.

John Carr, informed the meeting that this option was being researched.

Pat Rath, the feed in to the local authority was being stifled, so as to make the work of the PPN difficult and thus the contribution of the citizens of Wexford County was not being represented. Which was a statutory right, the core essence for the PPN and encased in law in the Local Government Act 2014.

Kevin Molloy, pointed out that this in turn made Wexford County Council in breach of the memorandum of understanding between themselves and Wexford PPN. He went on to suggest that we should make representation to the Minister for Local Government.

It was decided to write an official letter to the Minister and include the, currently unanswered, letter sent to Tom Enright and Ciara Bates on 6th December 2020.

5. Diaries.

John Carr and Jonathan King were to send out the diaries, Healthy Wexford covering letter and the Check in cards to the PPN membership over the course of the coming week.

The meeting was adjourned to Monday 18th January 2021 for the Support worker and Annette Dupuy to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11.15am