

Secretariat of Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN)

**Minutes of the Secretariat Meeting
of
the Public Participation Network (PPN)
Held on Monday 12th April 2021 at 10.00am by Zoom**

Attendance:

PPN Secretariat Members:

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

Apologies:

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

1. Minutes of previous meeting on 8th March 2021

Minutes agreed

Proposed by Mr. Kevin Molloy

Seconded by Mr. Jonathan King

2. Matters arising from Minutes

None

3. Apologies

Accepted

4. Correspondence:

None

5. Financial Report

Not available due to any paid staff

6. Work plan 2021

Minutes of the meetings of 29TH March 2021 (Work Plan) and 5th March 2021 (Budget) were agreed

7. PPN Handbook

The objective is to take a section/chapter from the Handbook and identify what requirements the Secretariat is not doing or needs to improve and amend our practices accordingly..

It was decided that we should read the section on The Secretariat, page 51, and discuss at the next meeting.

Also to look at the Representatives, on all committees, reporting back procedure with a view to bringing an improved policy to the Reps roundtable meeting in May/June 2021.

8. Community Wellbeing

How to feed the decisions from the Wellbeing statements into the policies made by the Secretariat and to all committees that we have representation on.

The DC&T committee discuss and advise.

9. Disability sub-committee

The launch of the 'Let's talk about Disability' report was a great success and well attended.

The feedback has been very encouraging, Anne Rabbit, Minister for Disability and Tom Enright, County Manager, both fully supportive of the measures required to address the problems highlighted by the report..

Lessons learnt, Eventbrite was used and this allowed us to see how many persons participated

The lack of attendance by PPN grassroots members highlights the problems with getting past the 1st and 2nd contacts of the community groups.

DC&T sub- committee to look at ways to overcome this problem.

MR. Pat Rath, Thanked the members of the Disability sub-committee for their continued hard work.

Employability Seminar/Conference,

The Secretariat gave Mr. Jonathan King permission to apply to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission for a grant towards the running of the event.

Proposed by Mr. Pat Rath

Seconded by Mr. Kevin Molloy

10. Development, Communication & training sub-committee

As a result of the discussions during the Work plan meeting it was decided to set up the above committee.

The Secretariat agreed to the establishing of the Development, Communicating and Training (DC&T) sub-committee, members to be Ms. Ann Lacey, Mr. Kevin Molloy, Mr. Noel Stacey and Mr. Jonathan King.

The members will meet shortly to agree Terms of reference and the first areas of their remit to discuss.

11.00 A.O.B

Report from the Executive committee of the National Secretariat meeting,

1. The department has not rejected the Laptop loan scheme and is working out how to implement it.
2. The attendance of Zoom/ Teams per diem payments are under discussion with the department with a suggested fee of €30 per meeting.

Concern was passed by the meeting that the current situation of having no staff, will impact on the Secretariat having no means of communicating with the membership.

When new staff is appointed there must be a concerted effort to reconnect with the members.

12. Date, time and facilitator of next meeting

Monday 10th May at 11.00am via zoom, facilitator John Carr