

Gorey PPN Municipal District Meeting – 04.07.2023

Loch Garman Arms Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford.



Secretariat Members in Attendance:

Aislinn Dunne, Gorey MD Rep

Patrick Rochford, Facilitator

Linda Sinnott

Breda Cahill

Reps:

Tony Clyne, JPC

Dan Kennedy, LCDC

Allen Holman, Environment & Climate Change SPC

Peter O'Connor, County Heritage Forum

Staff members:

Ian Ludlow, PPN Coordinator

Sue Kent, PPN Development Officer

Member Groups in Attendance:

Ballycanew Ballyoughter Development Association, Coolgreaney Community Alert, Kilmuckridge Men's Shed, Gorey Men's Shed, Advocates for Autism, Castletown Community Alert, Craanford Community Field Trust, Kilanerin Tidy Towns, Gorey Cricket Club, Courtown Community Council, Gorey Tidy Towns/Nort Wexford Historical Society, Courtown Tidy Towns.

Summary of Meeting

- Aislinn introduced herself as the Gorey MD Rep.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Change to the Minutes to include Courtown Community Council to be added to the list of attendees to the Minutes of 5/4/2022

The Minutes were read from the previous meeting of 5/7/2022 and approved by the groups present (Proposed by Tony Seconded by Dan Kennedy)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO KEVIN MOLLOY

Acknowledgement was given to Kevin Molloy the previous Chairperson of the Gorey Municipal District PPN Rep. Kevin has been active member of the PPN since 2015, and has dedicated his time over the years for the betterment of the community, Kevin should be commended for the work he has put in to date. A round of Applause was given.

- Aislinn invited the group members to participate in an open-ended discussion where views, ideas and concerns could be shared.

- Patrick introduced himself, the other Secretariat members in attendance, and staff and asked the group members to highlight anything that the PPN is doing well or could improve on.

Summary of Discussion Points

Tony informed us that each District in Wexford now have 4 Community Gardai available to the public, however Rosslare District was not factored in and now some Gardai have to be taken from other districts to provide resources to Rosslare.

The Availability of FAS workers to help in districts were also raised as a concern for community groups, it was also noted that trying to bring in new Volunteers to groups was also a concern, it was noted by the chair and we will endeavour to bring Wexford Volunteer Center rep to the next meeting.

Campaign to Promote the PPN was discussed, and people felt that it was not visible to the members, it was stated that the PPN has a valuable role in the discussions at the table and that people didn't even realize the campaign had already run as it was not visible to them in the public realm.

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Discussions on, the need for training in grant application processes, good governance, and website development for community groups was highlighted. Concerns were expressed by members regarding the increasing paperwork associated with grant applications, which not only detracts from their volunteer work but also discourages potential members from joining. It is evident that support is necessary to assist groups in navigating the daunting task of filling out funding forms. Insufficient support in this regard has resulted in missed funding opportunities.

Insurance was also raised and the liability put on Individuals in groups, it was noted that a Directors and Officers insurance is available to groups and it was proposed that this would be a further insurance to individuals in groups.

The PPN Workers were Praised for their weekly Info Bulletins sent out with funding opportunities

It was also raised that the PPN Item on the LCDC be reintroduced at the meetings, which will be raised at the next LCDC meeting

It was noted the lack of attendance from groups to the district meetings and this needs to be addressed

During the discussion, it was unanimously agreed upon that organizing informal meetings throughout the year would be beneficial. These meetings would provide an opportunity for training sessions to be conducted. Additionally, it was recognized that fostering collaboration and socialization among PPN groups on an ongoing basis is important.

Other Points raised were:

Help with bus Service for Matches (Tony gave help in this point referring to Local Link Wexford)

Help with Training on Defibulator

Help with making it more accessible to people entering Gorey Cricket Club (Aislinn gave help referring to Caroline Horan Access office Wexford County Council)

KEY ACTION POINTS

Wexford Volunteer Center to give a talk and help groups with volunteers at next meeting

Letter to Minister O'Brien on the Campaign to Promote PPN's

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Letter to Minister O'Brien on Training Needs for Community Groups - Grant Applications, Good Governance, and Websites
PPN Agenda Item to be raised at the next LCDC Meeting



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