



## **Report of Plenary Meeting – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023**

**Venue: Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford**

### **Secretariat members in attendance.**

Patrick Rochford (MC), Ann Lacey, Breda Cahill (Facilitator), Kamal Tribak, Tommy Cullen, Linda Sinnott,

### **Wexford PPN Team**

Ian Ludlow, Phillip Hickey, Sue Kent.

### **Representatives who attended.**

Aislinn Dunn, Brian Toomey, Tony Clyne, Caoimhe Dunne, Jonathan King.

### **Apologies:**

Bernard O'Leary, Kevin Molloy, Peter O'Connor, Maria Gore (emails received Tuesday afternoon while setting up event, not seen until Weds 24th) Ann & Gordon Rochford, Margaret Harper.

### **Member Groups Showcased.**

Throughout the event a number of our member groups showcased their work at stands at the meeting. These groups included:

Soul Sanctuary, Wexford Pride, Slaney Archers, Rosslare Harbour Maritime Heritage Centre, Enniscorthy Sustainable Energy Committee, Wexford Town Sustainable Energy Committee, Soroptimist International Wexford, Craobh Loch Gorman, Presentation Arts Centre, Dreambig Southeast Project, TFI Local Link Wexford, Alone, Healthy Wexford & Slainte Care, Wexford Volunteers Centre.

### **Welcome & Introductions.**

The official welcome to the event was conducted by **Patrick Rochford** (MC) who then invited **Breda Cahill**, to give a PPN Presentation to the Plenary Meeting.

### **Plenary Decisions and Discussions.**

**Ann Lacey** opened the formal aspect of the meeting advising the members that a quorum of 15% had not been achieved. However, in order to proceed with the meeting, it had been decided to invoke **Circular CVSP 2022** from the **DRCD** and decisions could then be made with a majority vote of those members present.

The 3 documents before the members which were previously circulated, the **Constitution**, the **Draft Election Policy** & the **Draft Workplan & Budget** were to be ratified in agreement of the members in attendance and members were advised to retrieve their voting cards issued to each group upon registration at the event in order to proceed.

## The Constitution

Some concerns were expressed by members regarding the Constitution. Members were advised that all previous submissions received had been addressed and amendments were made. Members were advised that as the Constitution is a live document anyone who wanted to propose any further amendments could forward them to [ppn@wexfordppn.ie](mailto:ppn@wexfordppn.ie) for consideration. Members voted to ratify the document.

## The Draft Election Policy & Draft Workplan & Budget

Members expressed concerns about the lack of attendance of members at the meeting when so many issues and documents were being presented for debate. Members voted to ratify both documents.

## Members Nominated for Vacant Posts

Anne Sharry	–	Housing & Community SPC
Peter O'Connor	–	Wexford County Council Heritage Forum
Caoimhe Dunne	–	Wexford County Council Heritage Forum
Breda Flood	–	Wexford Healthy County Committee
Bernard O'Leary	–	Enniscorthy Town Centre First

All members were previously accepted via nominations and deemed ratified by members.

## Guest Speakers

A very entertaining, informative Social Enterprise Workshop was presented by Sean Darcy and was well received.

Aislinn Dunne, Ballycanew Development Group Gorey advised on how to apply for grants and funding which was also very well received.

Bernadette Lacey from the Soul Sanctuary spoke about the Environment and how her group is trying to address climate issues.

Jonah Faulkner, Southeast Energy Agency presented a Sustainable Energy Communities Workshop in an adjoining room of which there was great interest in.

A presentation was also given on the night by Inspector Liam Kavanagh of the Wexford Community Policing Unit. Liam expressed his commitment to engage locally with PPN member groups and advised members to contact him at Wexford Garda Station with any concerns.

There was also an opportunity for our member groups to present and highlight their work.

There was a group from each of our pillar who presented.

Soul Sanctuary Environment, Wexford Pride - Community, Dreambig - Social Inclusion

The evening concluded with the wonderful **Cumas Traditional Irish Music Band** who played a wide selection of Irish tunes and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.