



**Report of Plenary Meeting – Monday 11th December 2023**  
**Venue: Oylegate Community Centre, Oylegate, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford**

**PPN Secretariat members in attendance:**

Ann Lacey (Facilitator), Patrick Rochford, Breda Cahill, David Rea, Bernadette Lacey.

**PPN Representatives who attended:**

Seamus Murphy, Brian Toomey, Tony Clyne, Kevin Molloy, Breda Flood, John Waters, Karin Dubsy.

**Wexford PPN Team:**

Ian Ludlow, Sue Kent.

**Exhibitors:**

Enniscorthy Credit Union

BHP Insurance

Clann Credo

Healthy Wexford

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Ian Ludlow welcomed everyone and gave an update on the current state of play with Wexford PPN. This included a presentation on the 2023 Workplan, Expenditure, and PPN Representatives. One objective is to move in to 2024, the Reps Round table meeting that was scheduled for Q3. It was felt that the timing would be more suited to Q1 or Q2 in 2024 to coincide with the Local Authority elections.

Ian outlined some of the 2023 Highlights which included the National PPN conference and the recent Grant Writing workshop with Yvonne Byrne.

Ian also congratulated Rathgarogue Community Co-operative Society who have been chosen as the Co Wexford project to be put forward for a half a million euro grant application under the Town & Village Renewal scheme.

**Ratifications & Motions:**

Breda Cahill presented the current PPN Representatives for ratification. These were:

Sinead Cashin – New Ross Town Centre First

Breda Cahill - Enniscorthy Town Centre First

Bernadette Lacey – PPN Secretariat

David Rea – PPN Secretariat/FLAG

Patrick Rochford – PPN Secretariat

Breda also presented a motion from the Secretariat which asked PPN members:

*“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.”*

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A number of comments were received from attendees, which included:

- Request for PPN Bulletins to have more images, graphics etc.
- Request for PPN meetings to be held online (particularly District meetings).
- That the PPN already had two delegates (Primary & Secondary contacts).
- Delivery of training online.

Both Breda and Ian addressed the comments.

The new PPN Representatives were previously accepted via nominations and deemed ratified by members.

The motion was also passed.

### **Strategic Plan Launch:**

The next presentation was the launch of the PPN Strategic Plan. Attendees were provided with a copy on the night. Ian also confirmed that there was a PDF version on the PPN website.

### **Wexford County Council Climate Action Team:**

Frank Burke & Clinton Donovan from the Council's Climate Action team gave a presentation on the role of the PPN in the Climate Action Plan as well as an update on the Climate Action Programme which had recently been launched.



### **Community Growers Update:**

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Sue Kent gave an update on the Community Growers which included a very interesting workshop that was held in Templeshannon Community Centre – Garden Fork to Kitchen Fork. Sue also confirmed that the mailing list was available for attendees to sign up to.

**Climate Action Thematic Group:**

Patrick Rochford officially launched the Climate Action thematic group, and a good discussion took place around climate action and how the PPN can support community groups on this front. It was hoped that the PPN would host around 8 – 10 climate action events in 2024 for this thematic group.