Wexford PPN Municipal District Meeting – 04.04.2023 Barntown Community Centre, Barntown, Wexford.



Secretariat Members in Attendance:

Patrick Rochford, Wexford MD Rep Kevin Molloy

Ann Lacey

Breda Cahill, Wexford PPN Facilitator

Reps:

Tony Clyne, JPC
Seamus Murphy, Enterprise SPC

Staff members:

Ian Ludlow, Resource Officer

Member Groups in Attendance:

Wexford Town SEC

Barntown Heritage Group

Barntown Community Centre

Taghmon Action Group

Comhaltas Craobh Loch Garman

Clonard Community Centre

An Garda Síochána

Summary of Meeting

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- -Welcome & Introductions were made by Patrick Rochford
- -Patrick Rochford summarised the minutes of the last MD meeting.
- -Breda Cahill gave a summary of the PPN structure and workings
- Patrick invited the group members to participate in an open-ended discussion where views and concerns could be shared.
- An Garda Síochána gave a presentation/discussion on community policing.

Summary of Discussion Points

There was a good broad discussion about the PPN in Wexford, focusing on what we do well and what we could do better.

Areas of focus included:

- Emails / updates on grants etc are very useful and welcome.
- Updating the IT/Website
- Large turnover of PPN workers
- Arranging a Members Social event (Plenary)
- Workplan and Strategic Plan are in progress by the Secretariat.
- Creating better networks Use the Thematic groups.
- Having a strong voice/influence on SPCs
- Sharing of MD meeting reports improvement needed
- New members can we improve awareness.
- Joint Policing Committee is working well good relations with An Garda

Ian confirmed that the PPN would be making a submission to the LECP and if groups had suggestions that they could contact us to be included in the submission and that the position of the Housing SPC seat would be reviewed.

Seamus Murphy voiced concerns about the lack of influence being felt by SPC reps on committees. This is something that Wexford PPN aims to address and try to improve the experience for our reps.

David Fitzgerald Wexford Town Community Garda gave a very good talk about community policing and support for PPN groups. David highlighted the need to create strong

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An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail Department of Rural and Community Development relationships with PPN groups and confirmed that AGS were very happy to help and support in any way they could with events etc. Brendan Leamy, Castlebridge Community Garda also contributed to this discussion.

Public Participation Network

David relayed the direct contact information for the Community section – Wexford.community@garda.ie . Also, each Community Garda has a dedicated Garda mobile phone no. where they can be contacted directly.

Another conversation included chatting benches and creating a stronger presence for communities.

KEY ACTION POINTS

- LECP submission.
- Training/Supports for member groups.
- Advertising/Publicising member groups events through the PPN.
- Developing better relationships through Community Policing.
- LA to facilitate louder voice / representation for reps on SPCs
- Update Website

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