

6 PPN Meeting Report



PPN Staff	Ian Ludlow Co-Ordinator Sue Kent Development Officer		In attendance
Committee Name	Secretariat Meeting		Breda Cahill Patrick Rochford
Date of Meeting Specify in person or online	February 12 th 2024 Block A Meeting Room First Floor Block A @ 10am In person		Apologies: Bernadette Lacey Ann Lacey Bernard O'Leary David Rea
Agenda Item	Notes	Outcome / Decisions Made	Actions Required – By whom and when
1.	Welcome and apologies.	Bernard, Bernadette & Ann had sent their apologies.	
2.	Agreement of Minutes of the 11 th of January 2024	Minutes were agreed and proposed by Patrick Rochford & seconded by Breda Cahill Although a quorum was not achieved it was agreed to proceed with the meeting for information sharing as no decisions could be made	
3.	Matters arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All groups presented at the last meeting had been converted to Salesforce. With regard to the motion passed at the plenary, Ian advised that the constitution has been amended as requested by the Secretariat. 	
4.	Groups applying to register Pillar - Community / Area Gorey Pillar Community	Gorey Pedestrian & Cycling Association Kilmuckridge Pantomime and Musical Group Ballycanew Tidy Towns Ardamine Residents Association Bunclody AFC	

	<p>/ Area Enniscorthy Pillar Community / Area Enniscorthy</p> <p>Pillar Community Area New Ross</p> <p>Pillar Social Inclusion Area New Ross</p> <p>Pillar Community Area Wexford</p> <p>Pillar Community Area Rosslare</p>	<p>Enniscorthy Community Alliance Enniscorthy Stars Sports & Arts Club Enniscorthy Rockin' Food Festival Duffy Rovers EIA Sports & Arts Club Enniscorthy Theatre Company</p> <p>Shelbourne Utd Newbawn Community Sportsground Geraldine O'Hanrahan GAA Club</p> <p>36th Ramsgrange Scouts</p> <p>Rocklands Residents Association Relay For Life Wexford</p> <p>Rosslare Development Association Kilrane Tidy Village Group</p>	
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5.	Climate Action Update	<p>Ian announced that the Climate Action Grant has been advertised in our bulletin and there has been a significant amount of PPN groups applying. It was decided to try and share information from SEAI Ireland, WEN, (Wexford Environment Network) with the members and to contact Wexford Beekeepers Association. Community Growers Group will hold 3 events in the year having received funding from Healthy Wexford of €1000. They aim to encourage previous groups to engage and attract new members.</p> <p>The event /workshop will take place Mid-March and will involve instruction on how to grow seasonal fruit & vegetables sustainably, chemical free and promote biodiversity by planting pollinators. We will be holding a free seed and plant clipping swop and provide information on how to make chemical free fertilizer and companion planting for healthy plants. An email will be sent out to all groups to regarding the event and we will have a registration via Micro Soft Teams.</p>	
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6.	Integration Team Introduction	<p>Stephanie Warner is the Wexford Co-Ordinator of the Local Authority Integration Team.</p> <p>There will be one in every Local Authority, at present there are 17 in place. Their role is to help integrate people from International Protection and Direct Provision Centres into the community.</p> <p>They work closely with IPAS and UCAT to assess their needs and help locate accommodation and all the services that are needed. They give information and advice to them regarding Social Services, training and access to Health services.</p> <p>A discussion took place as to how the PPN could help in helping them integrate into the community. Events such as Music Workshops, Sporting Activities, Crafts, Music, Gaming & Video events were suggested. It was suggested that any groups interested would be encouraged to host multicultural event with food and music and to engage with the children who find it easier to integrate because of the school system and support and all would be invited to attend. It would be an opportunity for groups to find new volunteers for their own groups. It was suggested that this would be a great way to promote our Social Inclusion Pillar and Ann Lacey was proposed as a Rep with her experience working with SERDATF.</p> <p>Stephanie also stated that there was a fund available through the International Protection Agency Integration Fund to hold such events ranging from €2000 to €10,000 with a closing date of the 6th of March. It was decided that this would be brought to the attention of the Secretariat as soon as possible</p>	
7.	Finance Update	<p>Ian had a very positive meeting with Anne Marie in Finance regarding our support budget from the Council and hopes to secure additional funding for the PPN this year. However, hosting fee will still apply. Approx €12,000 spent to date.</p> <p>The MOU needs to be finalised and the Workplan is ready to go.</p>	
8.	Website Update	<p>Ian demonstrated the new website design and it was agreed that it was very vibrant with the purple and green colours which we hope to promote as Wexford PPN branding. The overall design with the iconic Wexford images is very striking.</p> <p>Everything is ready to go live pending the completion of the video. As soon as the election of new representatives in March the website will be updated to reflect that.</p> <p>Patrick Rochford asked if the section Current Representatives could be changed to Representatives and then the Current Representatives be a drop down menu.</p>	Ian to follow up with Graphedia re the video.
9.	Training Update	<p>The Grant Writing Workshop with Dr Yvonne Byrne took place online on the 7th February and 63 people took part.</p> <p>Ian said it was important to note that 89 registered for this training workshop. The workshop was recorded and will be posted on our new website in the training</p>	

		<p>section. There was a Q & A session there was a very positive response from all. The slides from the workshop will be emailed to the participants . HR Training will take place online on the 21st of February 2024 from 10am to 12 noon. This training will be provided by Adare Training and will be presented on a National Level. Wexford PPN will be providing tailored HR training to all reps and Secretariat members in April.</p>	
10	PPN Vacancies Review	<p>At the minute overall there are 9 vacancies to be advertised. It is important to advertise these positions as soon as possible. We can put notices in the newspapers and in the bulletins with a brief for the positions. It is was suggested to build a stronger relationship with the Representatives going forward and to offer support by way of training and information</p>	
11	Correspondence	<p>In relation to the above Sports Active who have two representatives Mark Rogers & Maria Gore are interested in Maria Gore staying on in her role. Mark Rogers did not engage with the programmes.</p>	
12	AOB PPN Awards Fleadh	<p>Ian stated that Wexford Volunteer Centre had met with him to discuss the possibility of jointly hosting an awards ceremony with the PPN. Huge undertaking – Would need sponsorship from the Dept possibly €1800, the Council approx. €5000, and local companies total outlay €10,000+. Judges, categories, how many awards, start planning May if agreed hold night in November. It was decided to place on Agenda at a later date.</p> <p>Fleadh Loch Gorman – Ian is co-opted on to the volunteer organising committee. He stressed that the only help we could offer was to share information with our members about the volunteer positions available at the Fleadh – 1500 Volunteers are required in August.</p>	