

Meeting of Secretariat - Mayo Public Participation Network (Mayo PPN)

Board Room, Mayo House, Moneen, Castlebar, Co Mayo.

Tues 28th January 2020 – 7pm

Minutes

Welcome and Apologies

Present: Sharon Horkan, Daragh Owens, Edith Geraghty, Austin F.O'Malley, Catriona Cuniffe, Tom Calvey, Mary G Duffy, Kathy Rowland, Caitriona Cuniffe, Ben Ryan.

Apologies: Alan Murphy, Maureen Timlin.

In attendance: R/W Mary Costello, Anne Ronayne.

Convenor, Sharon Horkan, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sympathy was extended on behalf of the Secretariat committee to Edith Geraghty on the loss of her husband Seamus.

Minutes from 19th November 2019 & matters arising

Minutes of 8th Oct 2019 were purposed by Sharon Horkan & seconded by Ben Ryan.

AOB: to be noted on the minutes, that it was agreed by the Secretariat members at the Secretariat meeting of 19/11/2019 a letter would be written to Kathleen Doocey regarding her non-attendance at the Secretariat meetings.

Amendments to the PPN Constitution

A discussion took place regarding the noted changes tracked from the recent elections. It was agreed a sub-committee would be formed to oversee this action. The sub-committee consists of Daragh Owens, Edith Geraghty, Ben Ryan. It was agreed the sub-committee would collate the changes and return to the PPN office by 12 noon on Tuesday February 4th 2020.

Insurance Indemnification for PPN reps on Committees

The Resource Worker informed the Secretariat the notice from the Department regarding individuals who are representing the PPN on boards or committees of local Authorities being requested to indemnify the LA's as a prerequisite of T&S payments. The Department advised the PPN, any extra cost to the PPN reps on committees should be borne by the PPN.

Feedback on the draft PPN handbook

The Resource Worker gave an update on the feedback submitted by the Resource Workers through a survey link and a collective response at the recent resource workers meeting. Daragh Owens feedback through the NAG.

Training workshop for newly elected reps on committees

The Resource Worker purposed to setup on the PPN website a photo & bio of all reps associated with committees. This would have an email/gmail as eg: housingspcrep@gmail.com

The community would have a source to contact the rep and the rep to possibly feedback through the PPN newsletter/website. This action was purposed by Edith Geraghty and seconded by Daragh Owens.

Ben Ryan said an Environmental Linkage Group was to be setup. It was decided at a meeting in 2019 this would be postponed until reps were elected onto all committees. Ben setup an email address for the PPN Environmental Network using an email as ppn.ie. It was agreed anything to do with the PPN is open to freedom of information requests and the email address should be discarded. Ben agreed to change and set up a new email address.

Developing a Vision for Community Wellbeing – (Wellbeing Statement)

Due to fewer resource hours available within the PPN office it was suggested this item be postponed until the next meeting.

PPN Logo's

A discussion took place around the use of the PPN logo. Nothing in the PPN constitution refers to PPN logos been used. The constitution needs to be updated to reflect this.

This was purposed by Edith Geraghty and seconded by Mary G Duffy.

New PPN Registrations

The item of new members wishing to register with the PPN and having it compulsory to have a set of rules/constitution. It was decided it is good practice for groups to have a set of rules/constitution. It was purposed to have a workshop on same, this could be facilitated through the PPN and the volunteer centre.

This was purposed by Edith Geraghty and seconded by Cathy Rowland.

Meeting concluded at 8.20pm

Next meeting – 25th February 2020 at 7pm.