



MAYO PUBLIC PARTICIPATON NETWORK (PPN)

VIRTUAL PLENARY & INFORMATION EVENING - DEC 9TH, 2020 – 7PM.

Notice of the Plenary Meeting was circulated to all members on Mon Nov 9th, 2020.

MAYO PPN VIRTUAL COUNTY PLENARY INFORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9th 2020 – 7PM

AGENDA

Introduction & welcome - Mary Costello, PPN Resource worker.

Community Response Forum, Mayo Co Council – Anne McCarthy, Head of Community Section, Mayo Co Council.

Presentation – Broadband Connection Points in Mayo, David Reddington, Broadband Officer, Mayo Co Council.

PPN 2021 Workplan – Mary G Duffy, Secretariat Convenor

Draft Budget – Maura Murphy, PPN Liaison Officer, Mayo County Council.

Ratification of the PPN Constitution - Maureen Timlin, PPN Secretariat Committee.

Presentation - Training for Community Groups - Mary Costello.

1000th Group to register with Mayo PPN – Daragh Owens, PPN Secretariat Committee.

ZOOM Manager - *Edith Geraghty.*

MAYO PPN SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE:

Mary G Duffy Edith Geraghty

Daragh Owens Maureen Timlin

Austin Francis O'Malley Kathy Rowland

Caitriona Cunniffe Tom Calvey

Sharon Horkan Alan Murphy

Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the communities of Mayo.

Mayo PPN has 1000 members and includes community-based groups, organisations, associations, clubs, societies and charities.

The PPN work in partnership with Mayo County Council and is the main link through which the Local Authority connects with the Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental groups in County Mayo.



MINUTES:

Mary Costello, PPN Resource Worker welcomed everybody to the PPN Plenary meeting, outlined the running order/agenda and the protocol for the virtual meeting.

Anne McCarthy, Head of Community Section, Mayo Co Council gave a comprehensive update on the Covid 19 Community Forum. On behalf of Mayo County Council she wished to formally acknowledge the fantastic work of the PPN and in particular the year of 2020 and the Covid 19 Pandemic. Communities of Mayo have stepped up, collaborated, contributed and surpassed everything that was asked of them. Mayo PPN is now so successful, its almost un-imaginable what we would do if we didn't have one. The Community Response Forum was setup in February, it's a joint up inter agency response to coordinate the challenges to the Pandemic. It involved An Post, Gardai, Tusla, Volunteer Centre, Gaa, IFA, LCDC, Mayo Traveller Support Group, HSE, CIC, Mayo PPN etc.

The PPN was central to the work of the Community Response Team. The PPN was pivotal in coordinating local groups, creating a register of community support groups and an essential part of the Volunteer Subgroup ensuring support was available to the most vulnerable in our society.

A survey was circulated to via the PPN to Community Groups to identify gaps, what worked and what didn't. It identified a huge number of vulnerable people outside our networks and they have been brought into the fold and are been looked after by the Garda, befriending Services etc. Without the PPN it would be impossible to identify them.

Mayo PPN and Mayo Community Response Forum compiled an information leaflet containing emergency services, and all essential helplines. It will be circulated to all groups, distributed to the Covid Test Centre in Castlebar and translated into four other languages.

The rollout of the Keeping Well Campaign is due to take place, information will be available on Mayo.ie and Healthy Ireland website.

The 2nd round of the Covid Emergency Funding has been announced and information will be circulated through Mayo PPN.

Ms McCarthy thanked the PPN Resource Worker, Mary Costello, Emma Walsh, Support Worker, the Community Sector, Maura Murphy, and a special thanks to the PPN Secretariat Committee and members of PPN Community Groups.

David Reddington, Broadband Officer, Mayo County Council gave a comprehensive update on the Broadband Connection Points in Mayo. The New Broadband Connection Points (or BCPs) are public locations which have been selected to receive high-speed connectivity in the first year of the National Broadband Plan. In Mayo, there are 36,360 premises the Intervention Area (IA), which includes homes, farms, commercial businesses and schools. This equates to 44% of all premises in the county. Under the National Broadband Plan, Mayo will see an investment of €145M in the new high-speed fibre network. This will enable e-learning, remote monitoring of livestock or equipment, e-health initiatives, better energy efficiency in the home, and more remote working – all of which support the National Development Plan (NDP).

The PPN 2021 Workplan was presented by the Secretariat Convenor – Mary G Duffy

The PPN Draft Budget was presented by Maura Murphy, PPN Liaison Officer, Mayo County Council.



The PPN Constitution was presented by Maureen Timlin, PPN Secretariat Committee for ratification.

PPN Resource Worker, Mary Costello, gave a training and activities update for Community Groups registered with Mayo PPN.

A key role for the PPN team in 2020 was ensuring the structures and supports, groups need is in place in order to support Mayo County Council who were mandated to convene a Community Response Forum to coordinate Covid-19 Agency and Community supports for vulnerable groups and individuals.

Mayo PPN acknowledge and value the community-based volunteer response that is mobilising due to Covid 19 and felt the need to capture the fantastic activities undertaken by community groups across County Mayo. This project was called **MAYO PPN COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID 19**. Six Community Groups registered with Mayo PPN were interviewed and videoed and this made up a two-part documentary which filmed community groups across every part of the county and covered Covid related activities in rural areas. It was broadcast on iMayo TV Show – Sky Channel 192 and available to view on You Tube and will also be displayed on Mayo PPN website.

Daragh Owens, PPN Secretariat Committee, congratulated and announced 1000th Community Group to register with Mayo PPN - DOOHOMA ENHANCEMENT GROUP. The group will receive a 3-minute professional video of the group's events and activities.

This was a very successful Plenary and information meeting.

Members present proposed and seconded the Mayo PPN Draft Workplan, Mayo PPN Draft 2021 Budget and the PPN constitution.

However, in the absence of the quorum required, the PPN gave an opportunity for all group members to accept the documents in order that Mayo PPN can continue the workings of the PPN in 2021.

The following documents were circulated to MAYO PPN PLEANRY on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

Mayo PPN Draft Workplan, Mayo PPN Draft 2021 Budget

Mayo PPN Constitution - for ratification (*this constitution was circulate seeking submissions and comments in March 2020*).
