

**Fingal Public Participation Network – Water and Environment and the Economic Enterprise
and Tourism Linkage Group Meeting
24th August 2016 – 7pm County Hall Swords**

It was decided to hold the two above Linkage Group Meetings at simultaneously

Present:

Maire O'Brien, Myles Caulfield, Maria Tormey, George Mongey
Angela O'Flynn Bury (Community Rep on Water Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC)
Charles Sargent (Community Rep on Water Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC)
Okezie Emuaga (Community Rep on Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC)

Notes from the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development discussions:

- Local Economic and Community Plan: Okezie outlined that this is being finalised at the moment
- Discussion re SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme) and LEADER funding –
 - what programmes are included to promote community engagement?
 - SICAP had a programme to target young people who are left school but not in further education or employment – NEETS – what has happened with this initiative – has it been a success – what are the statistics?

Okezie to bring these questions to the SPC meeting.

Tourism: - discussion and the following comments etc.

- How can tourism be encouraged when the County only has two Blue Flag Beaches (Portmarnock and Donabate)?
- The issue re the Jellyfish on the beaches – bad publicity – not encouraging tourism
- Has there been any progress in developing a Bio Geo Park along the coast?
- Are there any plans to produce Local Area Tourist Information Leaflets for areas in Fingal?
- Issue of shop shuttering and general 'ghost town' effect in some towns in the evening when the shops have shut – only fast food restaurants – not very attractive to tourists – are there plans to address this?

Okezie to bring the above comments and questions to the SPC Meeting