

Fingal Public Participation Network – Transportation Linkage Group Meeting – 11.10.16

NOTES:

Present:

Maria Tormey, Tony Brennan, Ray Ryan, Bob Laird, Eileen Neylon, Eric Bentley, Ray Smyth, Les Walsh. Ann Mulligan (PPN Resource Worker and note taker)

Apologies: Angela Rogers

Community Representatives: Ray Ryan and Bob Laird.

Agenda (based on the Agenda for the Transportation SPC)

- Bus Eireann 105 Route
 - Cycling/Walking Officers
 - Noise on the M50
 - The role of the SPC
 - The role of the Linkage Group – developing a workplan
 - AOB
1. As there were new members attending the Linkage Group a round of introductions took place.
 2. **Bus Eireann 105 Route:** – members were unsure what this item entailed – however a discussion took place re rural bus routes around the county.
 3. **Cycling/Walking Officers:** -
 - Ray outlined his motion – the motion involved FCC talking to other Local Authorities (Dun Laoghaire Rathdown) re their employment of cycling/walking officers – with a view to filling similar positions in Fingal.
 - Discussion re the need for a Public Transport Officer in FCC – there is a need for a designated person who has knowledge and an overall view of the dynamics of Public Transport.
 4. **Noise on the M50** – this is motion on the Agenda for the SPC from Cllr O’Gorman – the reps will keep us informed
 5. **The role of the SPC:** discussion around the SPC and what it actually does the following is a list of the issues/policies that are the responsibility of the SPC
 - Parking Management
 - Schedule for removal of Street Trees
 - Surface water drainage issues
 - Schedule of new speed control measures
 - Electric Vehicle charging points on public roads
 - Cycling issues and policy

- Update of road signage policy
- Information exchange with Dublin Bus/Irish Rail/Bus Eireann/Swords Express
- Rural Transport
- BRT
- Winter Maintenance
- Harbour Upgrades
- Burial Grounds Operations Policy.

Discussion re what the Linkage Group thinks the SPC should be doing? – if people have suggestions email the reps at transport@fppn.ie.

6. The role of the Linkage Group – developing a Work Plan:

- A draft **Terms of Reference** for the Linkage was circulated – to be read in more detail by members – if people identify changes etc email Ann at pfn@fingal.ie
- The **role of the community rep** was discussed – particularly in relation to putting motions to the SPC – Ann outlined that motions need to come from the Linkage Group after discussion and agreement –
- SPC meetings are not just for putting motions forward – they are an opportunity for the reps to involve themselves in discussion with a mandate from the Linkage Group
- Ann outlined that the **purpose/aim of the Linkage Group** is to ensure that the Reps are not working alone – there needs to be forward planning with regards to issues/motions/proposals – thus the Work Plan is an important piece of work for the Linkage Group – it is a work in progress
- Question asked – **is the Linkage Group a waste of time**, and are the reps wasting their time on the SPC – Ray outlined that he, as the rep, would say that it is definitely not a waste of time, in the short time he is on the SPC he is confident that officers will be appointed with a brief for walking/cycling.

7. AOB:

- Re the motion around ‘interchanges’ which was not accepted as an agenda item and was not even discussed at the SPC – this unacceptable – the motion should be reworded with a view to getting information from Transport providers
- Discussion re Train/Bus Links – no incentive for people to use public transport
- Discussion re closure of rail stations during off peak times – no shelter for those travelling
- Discussion re road closures and associated signage – information for road users is very bad
- Ann will forward a Calendar of 2017 SPC meetings to the reps when available
- Linkage Group meetings should be held in advance of SPC meeting – with reports from the reps on the previous SPC meeting and discussion for the next one.