



DRAFT: Fingal PPN Plenary Meeting Minutes | 8th November 2017 | Carnegie Court Hotel

Open and Welcome

John Melvin (Facilitator) opened the plenary and gave context to the background of the PPN.

Minutes

No matters were raised. Minutes were proposed by Lorcan Blake.

Competition

BHP Insurance sponsored the PPN Plenary Competition – draw for €1000 worth of insurance cover. OWLS The Childrens Nature Charity was drawn from the list of members in attendance.

Items for attention

Alice Davis noted the LCDC RAPID Funding from the Department of Community Rural Affairs. €64,000 available to Community Groups in Fingal for capital small grants.

Election

The plenary were briefed on the 2 vacancies on the PPN Secretariat. Detail as follows:

Environment:

No of positions available: 1

Nominations Received: Michael Walsh (Fingal Environmental Network)

Election process: Candidate was co-opted as the number of nominations received was equal to the number of positions available, an election was not necessary.

Decision: Michael Walsh was deemed elected.

Social Inclusion:

No of positions available: 1

Nominations Received: Ashraf Logman (Sudanese Association of Ireland), Ema Idowu (Youth Bank Balbriggan), Hanumantha Rao Marepalli (Ireland Telugu Association), and John Oghenetano Uwhumiakpor (Family Mirror)

Election process: As the number of nominations received was more than the positions available, an election took place. Nominees were given the opportunity to canvass the membership.

Decision: Ema Idowu was elected.

Current Secretariat Members

John Melvin called on each Secretariat member to introduce themselves to the Plenary.

Secretariat Report

Bob Dowling reported on the PPN Activities (see: PPN Activity Report November 2017 Volume 4).

Issue Raised:

Issue was raised regarding PPN Finances, specifically that the PPN should not be paying a €7,000 Annual Fee to Fingal County Council to cover costs of hosting of the PPN and associated costs (i.e. Rent, Insurance, Bills, Use of Facilities, Postage, Printing, etc.

Following a discussion, Jamie Moore, PPN Resource Worker outlined that the FCC Service to the PPN was valued in excess of €15,000 with some PPNs were paying up to €12,000 to their host organisations. The Fee ensured that the PPN remained autonomous from Fingal County Council.

Action:

No proposal was raised from the floor that would require further action.

Membership Update and Linkage Group Report

Maria Tormey reported on the PPN membership and Linkage Group activity (see: PPN Activity Report November 2017 Volume 4).

Motions for decision

1. LCDC PPN Representatives Term to be 3 Years: YES majority, motion passed.
2. PPN members can nominate paid staff as PPN Reps: YES majority, motion passed.
3. PPN members cannot hold more than one representative role: YES Majority, motion passed.

Community Issues / PPN Strategic Plan Sticker Exercise

As part of the PPN Strategic Plan, PPN Members were asked to consider 2 questions with responses written on stickers and displayed on issue sheets.

1. What is the biggest challenge in your community
2. What is important for the PPN to consider in their strategy going forward

Plenary Session

Motion: Request additional administrative resources for the FPPN: YES majority, motion passed.

General discussion and comments:

- FPPN should write to the Department to outline their displeasure regarding inadequate time for groups to apply for funding
- Suggestion that groups are better prepared and should plan projects in advance so that they can hit the ground running when funding becomes available
- Fingal Ethnic Network took the opportunity to promote their work and suggested that PPN use communications i.e. TV to promote the PPN
- For individual who aren't members of a group, is there any scope for those individuals to get involved?
- Local agenda 21 funding/ environmental issues
- Arrange a Biodiversity day – assist groups to come together and provide a briefing.
- Fingal PPN Linkage Groups can should propose 2 /3 motions on decision making committee - each Representative can submit one motion, perhaps the representative should consider submitting some motions as a question