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## **DRAFT: Fingal PPN Plenary Meeting Minutes | 14th November 2018 | Carnegie Court Hotel**

### **Open and Welcome**

The plenary was opened by John Melvin. The minutes were proposed and seconded with no matters arising. John provided a quick recap on the various structures and representatives of the PPN. An update was also provided on the PPN's finances and a budget proposed for 2019.

### **PPN Activity Report**

Secretariat member Denise McDermott provided the Activity Report which covered the visit of Minister of State Seán Kyne, the Training Programme, Mayor's Awards and the priorities for the PPN in 2019 (Linkage Groups, Governance, Communications and Local Elections).

### **National Update**

PPN Resource Worker provided the Plenary with an update on the work happening Nationally, in particular the work of the PPN National Advisory Group, the Annual Conference and the launch of the National Annual Report on PPNs.

### **Fireside Chat**

The themes of Active Citizenship and Social Justice issues were at the core of a fireside chat between Dr. Seán Healy of Social Justice Ireland and Dr. Mary Murphy of NUI Maynooth. Bobby McCormack of Development Perspectives facilitated the discussion that explored the challenges and opportunities that exist for community groups who are trying to influence decision makers and have an impact on their local area.

Members of the Plenary were provided with an opportunity to contribute to the discussion through asking questions and providing their perspective on issues. The Fireside chat was streamed live on the Fingal PPN Facebook Page.

### **Open Plenary Sessions**

John Melvin opened the plenary session. The following points were made and issues raised:

- LCDC representatives encouraged groups to make applications to the LEADER funding as this scheme is undersubscribed

- JPC Representatives raised concerns that their proposals at JPC meetings are not being considered and if this was the case for all committees.
- Community SPC Reps fed-back that they have great success with Community Motions
- Suggested that Representatives get together to agree consistent approach to submitting Motions.
- Suggestion that it is important to integrate better with the Secretariat by feeding back on issues
- Acknowledgement that the Strategic plan is in place however it is important put in the necessary support structure to implement this plan.
- Meakstown Community Council raised the issue that they have not received feedback on the motion they raised at the April Plenary meeting.
- Establish a linkage group to deal with Education, Social Inclusion, Rural Development and Youth – this is underway.

#### **Motions for decision**

As there was no motions submitted for decision at this plenary meeting.

#### **Close of Plenary**

Plenary was closed and members were invited to network.