

# Secretariat Meeting

Tuesday 24th November | 7.00pm to 9pm

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Facilitator: Ema Idowu

Minutes

| Minutes        |   |   |  |  |
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|                | Present   |   |  |  |
|                | Facilitator: Ema Idowu  |   |  |  |
|                | Denise McDermott, Michael Walsh, Angela Rogers,<br>Tony Brennan, Hanumantha Rao Marepalli, John<br>Melvin, Siju Jose, Todd Pocius and Robert Loughlin   |   |  |  |
|                | In attendance:  |   |  |  |
|                | Adam Rudden   |   |  |  |
|                | Sinead Wiley  |   |  |  |
| Open and       | El opened the meeting   |   |  |  |
| Apologies      | El thanked Secretariat as she is stepping down from the Secretariat and her role as Secretariat facilitator.  |   |  |  |
|                | EI noted that the next six months will be challenging without NB (PPN Resource Worker)  |   |  |  |
| Minutes        | Proposed by MW  |   |  |  |
|                | Seconded by DMcD  |   |  |  |
|                | No Matters arising  |   |  |  |
| Correspondence |   |   |  |  |
|                | Email highlighting concerns about members sitting on Secretariat for more than three years, Secretariat members sitting on interview boards, groups' pillar choice. Requests that an audit of PPN membership. | AR to send response to George Mongey highlighting |  |  |
|                | -Submitted by George Mongey   | discussed   |  |  |
|                | Secretariat would like AR to send a response highlighting the following:  | issues.   |  |  |
|                | Fingal PPN is independent from Fingal County Council.   |   |  |  |

- A member of the Fingal PPN Secretariat sits on the interview board for the hiring of the Fingal PPN Resource Worker/Support Worker.
- No member of the secretariat sits on any other Fingal County Council interview board.
- The Secretariat does not deem such an audit necessary. Member organisations are available to view publicly on website.
- GM is welcome to bring any specific organisation he is concerned about to the attention of the secretariat.
- The PPN will be carrying out work on organisations and Group Pillars in the future. Current resources do not enable this work to be carried out.
- The PPN constitution permits people to sit on the Secretariat longer than 3 years.

## Reports

### **PPN Resource Worker Report**

- Membership has increased by 66 members since last meeting due to re-registrations.
  - AR (Support Worker) stated that he expects that number to increase because Community Officers are chasing up groups who have failed to re-register. He also stated that Fingal PPN membership funding criteria will also contribute to increasing membership numbers.
  - JM stated that re-registration process needs to be given time as it groups awhile to get re-engaged due to Covid-19.
  - AR (Secretariat Member) stated that the smaller membership number offered an opportunity for real engagement with those groups.

#### **Finance**

## **Expenditure Update**

- AR did not have Expenditure Budget Document for meeting.
- ➤ €12500 remaining in the 2020 budget
- > JM requested that expenditure report be sent at a later date.
- SW stated she could use some that money to employ an external facilitator. She will circulate a proposal for external consultant to be circulated among members.

AR to forward Expenditure Budget to Secretariat

AR to circulate proposal to

|  | JM requested a list of items the Department deems eligible for expenditure considering they will not allow money to be spent on tablets.  Linage Group Report JPC   | AR to send email to Department to seeking clarity.   |
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| Projects, Initiatives, Events and Training | Projects, Initiatives, Events and Training  Fingal PPN Draft Workplan  SW went through proposed work plan for 2021.  Fingal PPN Draft Calendar  AR (Support Worker) went through new calendar. This calendar matches the first two rounds of Linkage Groups to SPC meetings. Rounds 4 & 5 dates will be altered once SPC release its calendar the second half of the year.  Round 3 is left open to group to decide whether they want to use it as an informal networking session. PPN staff will not be required to attend this round.  When restrictions are lifted, JM said he would like an informal meeting setup before a Full Council Meeting where Representatives could meet councillors over a cup of coffee.  Plenary Round up Briefing Note 2: Lighting up Fingal  Email requesting that FPPN request that Fingal County Council light-up iconic landmarks for Christmas  - Submitted by Lorcan Blake  Social Inclusion Week 2020 Updates (included in RW report)  Inclusion and Diversity Training was provided as a support for groups during Social Inclusion Week on November 19th  SW will be seeking review from groups that took part. | AR to draft up letter for EI to sign and be submitted to Paul Barnes in Events Department. |

|   | Virtual community centre is being setup   |  |
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| Policies and Procedures   | Policies and Procedures  DMcD stated that other community groups would find the FPPN Draft Device Policy useful for their groups.   | The secretariat Agreed that other groups could utilise the FPPN Draft Device Policy as a template. |
| Linkage Group and<br>Representation                                   | AR (Support Worker) gave an informal update on LG.  | Report deferred<br>until Jan<br>meeting as LG<br>meetings for<br>2020 have not<br>yet concluded    |
|   | AR stated that the Community Safety, Crime and Policing LG and JPC were in difficulty.  |  |
|   | They have communicated frustrations that they do not possess a meaningful way to input into meetings, that promised training has not been delivered on, and that the Six Year Strategy has yet to be established. |  |
|   | AR (Secretariat Member) stated straining would really help these Representatives.   |  |
|   | JM stated he would make contact with the Director of Services of Operations to look for an update on actions agreed during a previous mediation process.  | JM to seek<br>update from<br>Operations  |
| Fingal County<br>Council / Dept. of<br>Rural and Comm.<br>Dev.        | PPN Annual Report/ PPN User Guide Launch was launched 19/11/2020.   |  |
|   | AR stated that it has been uploaded to website and is featured in Novembers Newsletter.   |  |
| Work Pan for<br>External Facilitator<br>and Acting<br>Resource Worker | SW created a workplan separating tasks of external facilitator and acting resource worker.  | AR to circulate document to Secretariat members.   |
| AOB   | Lusk Micro PPN subgroup formed:   |  |
|   | JM, DmcD, MW, and HRM.  |  |
| New Secretariat Facilitator   | AB was voted as new secretariat facilitator in absentia.  |  |
|   | MW agreed to be a second option if AB is unable to take up role.  |  |
|   | Date of next meeting  | 26 <sup>th</sup> January<br>2021   |