



**Fingal  
Public  
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Network**

## Minutes

<b>Linkage Group Name</b>	Rural Development, Social Inclusion, Youth and Enterprise
<b>Venue</b>	County Hall, Swords
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	7pm, 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Attendees</b>	Aneta Laska, Anthony Onwuka, Brian Arnold, Daire Lawler, Dayakar Komirelly, Denise McDermott, Geraldine Rooney, Jagan Muthumla, Joseph Foley, Kesava Gollapalli, Maire O'Brien, Martin Russell, Michela Benassi, Myles Caulfield, Paula Foley, and Tony Brennan.
<b>In attendance</b>	Jamie Moore (PPN)

### 1. Open and Welcome

Jamie Moore opened the meeting and introduced Aneta Laska as the facilitator of the Linkage Group. Aneta welcomed everyone and conducted a round of introductions from attendees who noted where they are from and what group they are attached to.

### 2. Report from Last Meeting

A report from the last meeting of the Linkage Group was circulated. There were no matter arising and the report was accepted by the group.

### 3. Overview of Upcoming Elections

Jamie provided a brief overview of the two vacancies arising on the Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee. Elections for these seats will take place at the April meeting of the Linkage Group. Queries were raised on nominations, substitutes and employees. Nominations will open in February, substitutes cannot be used at SPC meetings, and the Plenary had passed a motion allowing for employees of member groups to contest elections in a voluntary capacity.

### 4. PPN LCDC Progress Report

Máire O'Brien provided a verbal report on the activity of the LCDC. Máire noted in particular the query she raised in relation to the turnaround times in re-letting social housing stock.

## **5. PPN Economic Development, Tourism and Enterprise SPC Progress Report**

Kesava Gollapalli provided a verbal report on the previous SPC meeting, in particular the a recap on 2018, the development of Dublin Airport Central and Bremore Castle.

## **6. Breakout Sessions**

The Linkage Group members split into two groups and prioritised issues they would like the Linkage Group to pursue in 2019. The priorities were as follows.

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism:

- Capacity of Enterprise Centres and future Development Plans for additional capacity in existing areas and new premises in towns and/or villages.
- Fingal Coastal Way, an integrated plan and roadmap with phasing, community gain, tourism initiatives, engagement outlined.
- Rural Community Enterprise Development, supporting a community up approach to enterprise development in Fingal. A structured process for communities to engage with Fingal on Enterprise/Economic issues.

Social Inclusion, Rural Development and Youth:

- Youth: Apprenticeships, wider promotion and publication of opportunities, including on PPN members websites and social media. Exploring employer apprenticeship schemes and career guidance.
- Homelessness: Providing a one stop shop of supports in community centres, a holistic approach for those in need.
- Integration: Making courses on intercultural studies (such as those with Empower) available in the afternoons and at weekends.
- Local Planning: Delivering infrastructure with or before development.

## **7. Next Steps**

The priorities identified in 6 above were shared among the group with general consensus. The next step is for members of the group to explore these priorities in more detail and to produce proposals.

An official from the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development department of Fingal County Council will be invited to present at the next Linkage Group meeting.

## **8. AOB and Close**

The date of the next meeting of the Linkage Group is 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Aneta Laska closed the meeting.