



**Fingal  
Public  
Participation  
Network**

## Minutes

<b>Linkage Group Name</b>	Transport, Planning and Housing Linkage Group
<b>Venue</b>	County Hall, Swords
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	7pm, 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>Attendees</b>	Angela Rogers, Bob Laird, Claire Ann Ferry, Dayakar Komirelly, Ema Idowu, Greg Farrell, Jagan Muttumula, John Fox, John Lovatt , Kathleen McCann, Madeline Hayden, Myles Caulfield, Shay Horan, Raymond Ryan, Raymond Smyth, Willie Lee, and Yvonne Gregg
<b>In attendance</b>	Jamie Moore (PPN)

### 1. Open, Welcome and Minutes

Kathleen McCann opened the meeting. Kathleen conducted a round of introductions from attendees. Minutes were accepted with the only matter arising being notification of letter sent to Irish Rail regarding the commuter rail lines in Fingal. No response has been received to date.

### 2. Elections Update

Jamie Moore outlined information on the upcoming elections. FAQ sheet to be distributed when nominations open.

### 3. PPN Transport SPC Progress Report

Ray Ryan outlined the Transport SPC progress report which included the committees work plan for 2019. There was a specific focus on cycling policy, walking policy and the South Fingal transport study. Query raised in relation to the Public Transport agenda of the SPC work plan. Action: PPN Reps query at the next SPC meeting. Query raised in relation to spend on cycling. Discussion on BusConnects programme and engagement with communities on this.

### 4. PPN Planning SPC Progress Report

Greg Farrell provided a SPC progress report.

Disappointment communicated on lack of engagement on the South Fingal Transport Study. Greg outlined the SPC work programme for 2019 which included a focus on greenways, no fry zones, local area plans and MetroLink. Motion raised on not-for-profit planning retention fees – that the exemption of development fees is extended to this. Action: Circulate transport study to Linkage Group members.

## 5. PPN Housing SPC Progress Report

No report available and no attendance of PPN Reps.

## 6. Discussion on Community Issues and Planning for 2019

### Planning for 2019

- Kathleen McCann noted the need for this Linkage Group to start thinking about how it will conduct its business long term – priorities for the year, how the group works, how PPN Reps work with the group, and so on. To be revisited at the April Linkage Group meeting.

### Discussion on Community Issues

- The motion passed at the April 2018 Plenary was discussed *“That FCC Planning and Housing Departments review existing communication and engagement protocols with the view to establishing a meaningful level of on-going communication with registered representative community groups (i.e. Community Councils, Residents Associations, etc.) regarding the planning, progression and sustaining of new housing development schemes. This will ensure greater community cohesion and support. It will also assist in identifying necessary infrastructure deficits. – Meakstown Community Council”*
- Jamie provided an update on the PPNs work on this to date and put it back to the Linkage Group for further discussion.
- In depth discussion took place on development across Fingal, Planning Issues and so on, including:
  - o Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs) and the lack of transparency and accessibility of these through An Bord Pleanala. Request to be included on weekly FCC planning lists.
  - o Unfinished Housing Estates remaining unfinished with no clear strategy to address this.
  - o The current housing development landscape being a knee jerk response and the potential of mistakes of the past being repeated.
  - o The inaccessibility of the An Bord Pleanala website.
  - o Engagement from authorities needing to be consistent across the County.
  - o The feeling of a democratic deficit and the concerns of communities not being able to influence decision makers in key areas.
  - o While much of the issues at hand are beyond the power of FCC, members feel FCC have an ethical responsibility, and a degree of influence to assist communities.

## **7. Agreement on actions / issues to be pursued**

- Action: Linkage Group writes to Director of Services for Planning in FCC / Minister for Housing to outline the communities concerns on various issues and inviting an engagement from them to explore how communities can address issues.
- Action: Linkage Group to write to An Bord Pleanala / Minister for Housing requesting a redesign and improvement of the An Bord Pleanala website.
- Action: Transport SPC Representatives to request a greater focus on Public Transport on the SPC work programme for 2019 and beyond, especially in connection to BusConnects and MetroLink.

## **8. Date of next meeting, AOB and Close**

**The next meeting of the Linkage Group will be on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 which will also hold elections.**