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## **DRAFT: Fingal PPN Plenary Meeting Minutes | 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 | Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport**

### **Open and Welcome**

The plenary was opened by Secretariat Facilitator Hanumantha Rao Marepalli.

- Standing Orders and Minutes
- Proposed by Heidi Bedell
- Seconded by Olanike Adesemowo

### **PPN Representatives stepping Down**

Secretariat acknowledged outgoing PPN Representatives – presenting those in attendance with executive pens and notepads:

#### **SPC Reps**

- Kesava Gollapalli - Fingal Ethnic Network - Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC
- Kieran O'Neill - Dublin 15 Community Council - Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC (Not in attendance)
- Raymond Ryan - Skerries Cycling Initiative - Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC
- Sean Barry - Balbriggan Tidy Towns - Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC (Not in Attendance)
- Doreen Keaney - Rathbeale Residents Association - Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC
- David Normoyle - Mount Eustace Residents Association - Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC

#### **Secretariat Rep**

- Todd Pocius - Mount Eustace Residents Association - Secretariat Member – Community Pillar

## Elections

Facilitator outlined voting procedure:

- Voting will utilise the electronic voting software
  - Groups' nominated voter will be emailed with a voting link
  - The election will open 9 am on 13th May and close at midnight 15th May.

Nominees for the following secretariat vacancies give a one-minute statement to plenary:

- Environment Seat (1 seat)  
  
1 nominee: Angela Rogers  
Deemed elected as number of nominees did not exceed the vacancies available.
- Community & Voluntary Seat (1 Seat)  
  
3 nominees: Ray Smyth, Samantha Dooley, Amit Patel  
Vote required
- Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Seat.(1 Seat)  
3 nominees: Ray Smyth , Hanumantha Rao Marepalli, Santosh Pallae  
Vote required.
- Howth/Malahide Seat  
1 Nominee: John Melvin  
Deemed elected as number of nominees did not exceed the vacancies available.

## Presentation: Saolta - Sustainable Development Goals

Bobby McCormack (Development Perspectives) presented on the EU sustainable Goals

Key points covered

- Development Plans & The SDGS
- What can the PPN do on the Development Plan in relation to SDGS.
- Role of Councillors in monitoring local implementation of SDGs
- Social Justice Ireland SDG Policy Proposals for Local Authorities

- PPN members discussed challenges of government leaving a lot of the implementation of SDGs in the hands of volunteer groups/civil society actors.
- PPN member highlighted that the goals are very broad with equal importance. The PPN has a lot of power to have an impact at linkage group, especially with the reps putting forward motions at the SPC. It would be valuable if PPNs had custom templates to help incorporate these SDGs into their work. It would be worthwhile linking with other PPNs in relation to this work.
- The technical language of the SDGs is a challenge in generating engagement at the local level.

## **Fingal PPN Activity Report**

Secretariat presented the Activity Report to the plenary updating members on the following:

- Draft Development Plan Supports
- Dedicated Website Support Pages – Policy Hub, Draft Development Plan and LECP
- Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project
- New Strategic Plan Process
- Re-registration of PPN Members
- Finance Report
- Linkage Group Update
- National News -
- Fingal PPN Policy Hub Presentation

## **Open Plenary Session**

No Motions were submitted to the plenary.

Plenary opened to the floor:

- PPN Member sought clarity on how national organisations can become involved in Fingal PPN.
  - It was communicated that national organisations can become associate members or set up a Fingal branch group with an address in Fingal.

- PPN Member inquire about committee reps updating members on latest developments.
  - It was communicated that reps report back to linkage group, along with members being updated in the activity report.

### **Close of Plenary**

Secretariat Facilitator Hanumantha Rao Marepalli brought the Plenary to a close.