



**Laois Public Participation Network
Minutes of Meeting of PPN Secretariat
Tuesday, 5th June, 2018, at 8:00pm
PPN Office, Lyster Square, Portlaoise, Co Laois**

Present: Mr. Michael Cobbe
Mr. P.J. Campbell
Mr. Eugene O'Brien
Mr. Donal O'Shea
Mr. Michael Dowling

Apologies: Ms. Robbie Quinn
Mr. Paddy Buggy

In Attendance: Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, A/PPN Co-Ordinator.

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th April, 2018 were proposed by Donal O'Shea, seconded by Michael Cobbe and confirmed and signed.

- It was agreed that the next Secretariat meeting would be held on Monday 9th July 2018 and the Secretariat would then break for the month of August.
- Plenary to be held in September 2018 with Portlaoise chosen as venue. It was suggested that a high profile guest speaker should appear in order to attract attendance and also a quick GDPR presentation on the night. It was also suggested that each pillar should select 1-2 topics max for discussion on the night (to be agreed beforehand). In this manner a sense of cohesion is required so that we are all singing off the one hymn sheet.
- It was agreed that Mr. Donal O'Shea, Mr. Michael Cobbe and Mr. Michael Dowling would be available for counting of votes in relation to Social Inclusion and Environmental elections. Counting to take place on Monday 18th June in Laois PPN Office.
- Training: Reps training held on 28.05.2018 was very similar to last training session. Again reference was made to choosing a topic in list of priorities and working through them and how to engage with Laois Co Co and influence policy relation to each. Suggested topics for discussion were CCTV, Posters and Disability. A good sense of focus is required in order to keep training on track. Next session TBC.

- Discussed the Environmental Event scheduled for Kilkenny in October and it was decided that Laois PPN would not be affiliated with said event.
- It was suggested that mental health training promoting mental health and wellbeing be provided and open to all registered groups. Contact to be made with Anne Goodwin to check if Laois Partnership ran any of this training.
- CRP/Defib training sessions – expression of interest to be sought from PPN Members.
- During AOB Suzanne advised the groups that the Litter Management Plan was open for submissions along with the “Be Winter Ready” leaflet. Also the Community Enhancement Programme was open for applications.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: ___/___/___