



Laois Public Participation Network
Minutes of Meeting of PPN Secretariat
Monday, 13th December, 2018, at 7:00pm
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, Co Laois

Present: Mr. Donal O'Shea
Mr. Michael Cobbe – Chair
Mr Robbie Quinn
Mr. PJ Campbell
Mr. Bolaji Adeyanju

Apologies: Mr. Aidan Mullally
Mr. Paddy Buggy
Mr. Mick Dowling Snr

In Attendance: Ms. Suzanne O'Connor, A/PPN Coordinator.


The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 2018 were proposed by Donal O'Shea, seconded by PJ Campbell, confirmed and signed.

- Michael Cobbe once again agreed to chair the meeting.
- The position of Laois PPN Support worker was discussed as a result of Circular CVSP 9 2019. Funding has been made available by the department to commence the recruitment process. It was agreed that a full time support worker was not required but the employment of a person on a part time basis would be ideal. This is to be clarified by the department.
- Our "Access for All" Disability/Community Awareness Workshop was discussed briefly. It was clarified that the workshop would be based on the four Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's) of Laois County Council, they being:
 1. Housing
 2. Social, Cultural, Community & Heritage
 3. Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning
 4. Transport, Environment and Emergency Services
- Once again Carbon Monoxide Alarms was discussed and it was agreed that when supplying fire alarms the carbon monoxide alarm should also be included. The PPC Co-ordinator had advised that she had made contact with the Dept of Rural and Community Development in relation to the allocation of €150,000 from the dormant account fund for this purpose. We are awaiting a reply on same.

- It was agreed that each monthly secretariat meeting should take place on the 3rd Monday of each month. A calendar is to be created and distributed to each member of the secretariat.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



Chairperson

Date:

16 / 1 / 2019.