



Laois Public Participation Network

Minutes of Meeting of PPN Secretariat

Monday, 22nd July 2019, at 8:00pm

Laois PPN Office, Lyster Square, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Present: Mr. Paddy Buggy - Chair
Mr. PJ Campbell
Mr. Michael Cobbe
Mr. Mick Dowling
Mr. Brian Maher

Apologies: Mr. Robbie Quinn
Mr. Donal O'Shea
Mr. Bolaji Adeyanju

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th June, 2019 were proposed by Mick Dowling, seconded by PJ Campbell, confirmed and signed.

PPN Reps Reports Linked to Expenses

Laois PPN Reps on Strategic Policy Committees/Joint Policing Committee etc claim expenses and therefore feedback is required. We understand that this cannot be easy at times, but in order for a good channel of communication reps will be required to submit reports to Laois PPN. Submission of Reports will now be linked to payment of expenses. It is understood that some committees discuss sensitive matters that cannot be included on said reports.

Disability Meeting 11.09.2019

Suzanne gave those present an update on the scheduled Disability SIG meeting and advised of the guest speaker, Sinead Kane. Those present at the Disability SIG meeting need to decide where they want to progress from here. Different people have different priorities.

Our Disability report should be submitted to Laois Co Council when the review of the County Development Plan takes place.

Laois Connects

Suzanne gave an update of Laois PPN's event for Laois CONNECTS week taking place on Wednesday 11th September in Castle Durrow with Brendan Courtney and Angela Hayes of the Thomas Hayes Trust.

Any Other Business:

- Age friendly Information Afternoon: This is an event Laois PPN have run for a number of years with the same people in attendance. It was decided to skip the event for 2019 and re-visit the subject in 2020.
- MRPPN Environmental Showcase Event: This event was originally schedule for Abbeyleix using the facilities of the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel and Abbeyleix Bog. It was decided by the Midlands Region PPN (MRPPN) to move the event as there was not enough support in the area.
- It was decided to remove Community Halls from our "To Do" list on the agenda from Laois PPN.
- The issue of Parking on Footpaths to be discussed at a future event.
- Michael Cobbe suggested that the Census 2020 should include a question relation to Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Laois PPN are to contact the Census Statistics Office and propose that this question be included.
- The 2nd Plenary of the year is to be held 15th October in the Midlands Park Hotel and will cover the topics of insurance, plastics and will also act as our secretariat elections.
- Minutes of council meeting are to be made available at monthly secretariat meetings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Chairperson

Date:

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