



Laois Public Participation Network

Minutes of Meeting of PPN Secretariat

Monday, 24th June 2019, at 8:00pm

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

Present: Mr. Paddy Buggy - Chair
Mr. PJ Campbell
Mr. Michael Cobbe
Mr. Donal O'Shea
Mr. Robbie Quinn
Mr. Mick Dowling - Chair

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2019 were proposed by PJ Campbell, seconded by Mick Dowling, confirmed and signed.

Disability Report Launch Feedback: The launch took place on Tuesday 21st May last. A forum needs to be established. Get the stakeholders back together in one room and let them to decide where do we go from here. We need to contact as many people as possible to take part. Mid Sept was suggested as the proposed date. All PPN representatives and elected members were issued with a copy of the report.

National Secretariat Update: Robbie Quinn is representing Laois PPN on the National Secretariat and gave an update of the inaugural meeting. Some of the points he noted were as follows:

- Seccession planning
- In favour of the flat structure
- National Advertising
- Linkage Groups expenses linked to reps reports.
- If Robbie is unable to attend a meeting Laois PPN are able to send an alternative in his place.
- Next meeting is scheduled September 2019.

Robbie will forward a copy of minutes once received.

Vision for Wellbeing Statement: Suzanne advised those present that Social Justice Ireland have agreed that Laois PPN host one event to cover all MD's in order to create a vision for wellbeing for Laois. The secretariat noted that the event should be a max of 2 hours, and we

need a cross section of groups from each MD. Max numbers 30. Laois PPN to give attendees an incentive to attend ie meal. This was proposed Robbie Quinn and seconded by Mick Dowling.

Budget: Suzanne gave a brief overview of the PPN budget as of 26.06.2019

Schedule of Events: Suzanne provided the secretariat with a list of event/meeting that Laois PPN have taken part in. The secretariat suggested that both the budget and schedule be made available to member organisation via e-mail, website and social media.

Any Other Business:

- Michael Cobbe asked in relation to an update on the appointment of the Laois PPN Support Worker. Suzanne advise that interviews for a temporary panel had taken place but Laois PPN have not been advised of any appointment as of yet.
- Robbie Quinn suggested that Laois PPN should link payment of expenses to the submission of reps reports. This is to be put on the Agenda of the July meeting.
- We should send a letter to all Elected Members providing them with a list of project that Laois PPN are undertaking.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th July 2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____ / _____ / _____