

Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí

Cork County PPN News Letter Issue 32 10th of February 2022

To Cork County PPN members,

Upcoming events and news are listed for your information

Cork County PPN News

1. To view past newsletters go to Latest News - Cork County PPN

2. PPN Linkage Groups

We are delighted to announce the setting up of our linkage groups. Linkage groups are an essential layer of the PPN. They 'link' our Representatives up with our Members. They facilitate input from members into council committees via the Representatives. Put simply, they give Representatives an mandate from our members. Without linkage groups, Representatives won't have the connection to members and might not know how to best represent them. So they really are the link that holds everything together. They will be steered by our Representatives and meet quarterly (online).

We would like to invite our members to join one or more of the following 5 linkage groups:

- Community Safety, Crime and Policing
- Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Housing, Planning and Transport
- Arts, Tourism, Heritage and Sports

If you do wish to join please email ppn@corkcoco.ie or call 0214 285340. To find out more about our linkage groups check out our website Linkage Groups - Cork County PPN

3. HOT OFF THE PRESS: Check out our new animation What is Cork County PPN? - YouTube. A short video explaining what we do 🗢 Thanks to standpoint media for their gorgeous graphics

PUBLIC CONSULATIONS

All current Active Part 8 Public Consultations can be found here: Active Part 8 Development Consultation | Cork County (corkcoco.ie)

1. Part 8 Proposed Refit of Roof of Fermoy Swimming Pool

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection and/or purchase at the locations outlined above (see Point No. 1 above) on each day during which the said offices are open for the transaction of business (excluding Bank Holidays) for a period of 4 weeks from 16th December 2021 and ending on 28th January 2022.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development, may be made by using the online submission form on www.yourcouncil.ie or, in writing, to; Fermoy Municipal Districts, Courthouse Road, Fermoy, Co. Cork. P61AW63 before 4.00pm on 11/02/2022

2. Part 8 Proposed Development and Upgrade to Charleville Courthouse

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection and/or purchase at the locations outlined above (see Point No. 1 above) on each day during which the said offices are open for the transaction of business (excluding Bank Holidays) for a period of 4 weeks from 27th January 2022 and ending on 24th February 2022.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development may be made by using the online submission form on www.yourcouncil.ie or, in writing, to; Director of Services, Municipal Operations & Rural Development. C/o Charleville Area Engineers Office, Cork County Council, Old Cork Rd Charleville, Co. Cork, P56CD53. No later than 4.00pm on Thursday 10th March, 2022.

3. Part 8 Proposed Amendments to the Draft Cork County Development Plan attached.

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The public consultation period starts on Tuesday 18th January, 2022 and finishes midnight on Tuesday 15th February 2022. Please click on the Link to Proposed Amendments to the Draft Cork County Development Plan Please don't hesitate to contact Planning Policy Unit for further information / clarification on 021 428 5900.

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4. Part 8 Proposed Development of Public Toilets, Rathgoggan Middle, Charleville.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection and/or purchase at the locations outlined above (see Point No. 1 above) on each day during which the said offices are open for the transaction of business (excluding Bank Holidays) for a period of 4 weeks from 3rd February 2022 and ending on the 3rd March 2022.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development may be made by using the online submission form on <u>www.yourcouncil.ie</u> or, in writing, to; Director of Services Municipal Operations & Rural Development C/o Charleville Area Engineers Office Cork County Council Old Cork Rd Charleville Co. Cork. P56CD53

No later than 4.00pm on Monday 21st March, 2022.

5. Part 8 Proposed R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends, Innishannon, Co.Cork

Plans and full particulars of the proposed development may be inspected below or at Planning Department Floor 1, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC, subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions, from Monday 7th February 2022 until Friday 25th March 2022.

Submissions or Observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made using the online submission form on www.yourcouncil.ie or, in writing to Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 K335 or emailed to part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 8th April 2022.

As per Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening determination has been made and a determination has been made that an EIA Report is not required. In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice (Friday 4th February 2022), apply to An Bord Pleanala for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64, Marlborough Street, Dublin, 1.

All submissions or observations should be clearly marked: Project Title: "R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends."

Funding:

1. Cork County Council are delighted to announce that applications for funding are now open as part of our €1.8m Community Fund Scheme. The scheme is administered locally by the eight Municipal Districts and each year provides financial assistance to a range of different community, sporting and voluntary organisations under three distinctive fund types: The Capital Fund, Community Contract and Amenity Fund. Applications close at 4pm on Tuesday, 15th February 2022. Link

2. The Government announce €100 payment to all domestic electricity accounts. The scheme will be operated by the Distribution System Operator (ESB Networks) by virtue of its existing interface with all electricity suppliers. ESB Networks will make payments to the individual energy suppliers. Link

3. The Community Monuments Fund 2022 is open for public applications until 17:00 on Tuesday, 15th February 2022. Malcom Noonan, Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, has launched the 2022 Community Monuments Fund, which will invest €5 million in the protection and promotion of archaeological heritage in 2022 - a significant increase on the €2 million allocation made available for the Scheme in 2021, which saw eight successful projects in the county of Cork. Applications and any queries in relation to this grant scheme should be addressed to heritage@meathcoco.ie

The Community Monuments Fund has 3 Streams:

- Stream 1 will offer grants up to €85,000 aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments
- Stream 2 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that are aimed at
- identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access. • Stream 3 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for enhancement of
- access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments.

4. Cork County Council has allocated over €700,000 to community groups from across the county under Phase 2 of a €3.5 million fund.

With €500,000 allocated every year over the last 7 years, Cork County Council established the Community Development Initiative to fund local community development projects, with supports ranging from €1,000 to €25,000 per initiative.

Cork County Council received 241 applications with 132 successful community groups approved for funding this week by the Council's three Local Community Development Committees. The projects approved range from the refurbishment of community halls, the upgrading of walkways, equipment purchases such as tables, chairs and mowers, plus many more vital items which will improve the quality of amenities for all residents of Cork County.

The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Gillian Coughlan congratulated the successful groups while reiterating the Council's commitment to community development, "I know how tough the last 18 months has been for all groups and how important community and voluntary groups are, not only are they an asset to their own communities but they are an asset for Cork. This fund highlights the support of Cork County Council while recognising the tremendous work and commitment given by all involved in projects which improve the prosperity of both people and places."

Chief Executive of Cork County Council Tim Lucey also highlighted how the Community Development Initiative was an example of the Council's continuing commitment to local community collaboration, "Through our 3 Local Community Development Committees, we are committed to improving the range and quality of community based facilities which will assist in providing the very best quality of life offering to our citizens. The Cork County Community Development Initiative, in cooperation with Local Development Companies, offers groups who may not have access to some of our other sources of funding the opportunity to deliver on their ambitions for their communities."

5. Rethink Ireland is committed to supporting social enterprises across Ireland from idea to expansion through The Social Enterprise Development Fund (SED).

The SED Fund was created in 2018 by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and supported by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The Social Enterprise Development Fund 2022 now provides vital supports to a wide number of social enterprises across the sector tailored to their stage of development. In 2022, the fund offers

1. Up to 8 Awardees an Awards package of €30,000:

- Cash grants of €22,500 A Business Support budget worth €7,500
- A place on the Accelerator Programme
- 2. Up to 20 Awardees:
 - Cash grants of €10,000
 - Business supports worth €4,500 A place on the Accelerator Programme
- 3. Start your Own Social Enterprise Business Course.

• Up to 50 participants on the course The opportunity to pitch for a cash grant on completion

Further details are in the attached brochure and on our website which also included links to online information webinars on the SED Fund. Rethink **Ireland**

6. The 2022 Wind Farm Community Funds (excluding Grousemount Wind Farm) are now open for applications until March 13th, 2022. For a full list of Wind Farm Community Funds, please click here.

The fund is available to community and voluntary groups, non-profit groups or organisations with a charitable status. The Wind Farm Community Funds will prioritise projects and initiatives that support and benefit the areas surrounding ESB wholly owned and co-owned wind farms, in the following categories:

- · Education and skills. Health, safety and wellbeing.
- Environment and habitat conservation.
- Energy efficiency and sustainability. • Culture and heritage.
- Recreation, sport and social inclusion.
- Tourism (Raheenleagh & Castlepook only)
- Covid-19 related supports

Getting started on your project ideas early will greatly assist with your application, as a well-developed project is key to a successful outcome.

It is essential to note that applications from groups that do not submit required documentation with the application form e.g. planning permission, planning exemption, confirmation that you have liaised with your local authority or owner permission, may not proceed to evaluation.

Applications may made online at www.communitybenefitfunds.ie, please ensure you take some time to read the Fund Guidelines, prior to submitting you application. If you are registered from a previous call, you can use the same user name and password to apply to the 2022 fund. If you have lost or forgotten your password, please go to the "Forgot Password" tab, or contact SECAD.

If you do not have a current constitution for your group please click here to download a template constitution, to edit and adapt to suit your group.

If you register as a new user and do not receive the confirmation message within a few minutes of signing up, please check your spam or junk mail folders, just in case the confirmation email was delivered there instead of your inbox. If so, select the confirmation message and click Not Spam, which will allow future messages to get through.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact SECAD, Elaine Barrett ebarrett@secad.ie or Eilish Walsh ewalsh@secad.ie, Tel: 021 - 461 3432 email: info@secad.ie

7. Cork County Council has announced new funding opportunities for creative projects in towns, villages and rural locations. It is part of efforts to support performers and bring live events to communities right across the County of Cork. The Council is administering three government funded schemes that aim to support artists, performers and community groups. Applications are now open for the Creative County Cork Grants Scheme, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme.

As part of the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme, Cork County Council hopes to host another series of outdoor events in towns and other locations from April 1st to June 30th 2022. It is seeking expressions of interest from performing artists including ensembles, bands or individuals as well as promoters, producers, venues and festival organisations. Link

8. Clann Credo - Community Loan Finance is hosting an information evening online for all sports and community groups who may require loan finance to develop local sporting and activity facilities.

This online event will give you:

- Practical advice on how to use loan finance effectively
- Top tips on applying for a Clann Credo Community Sports Loan • An introduction to your local Clann Credo representative
- Advice from clubs who have combined grants and loans to develop their facilities in the past

Your club or group may need loan finance to prove you have the necessary 'own funds' or 'match funding' required by grant aid funds like the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme.

Or, you may have received a grant, but didn't get the full amount you applied for. A Community Sports Loan from Clann Credo can make up that gap in finance. Link

This Weeks News

1. St. Joseph's Community Association and Cork City PPN invites applicants for the post of PPN Resource Worker.

Purpose:

To support the work of the Secretariat to continue to develop the PPN in Cork City as an effective structure to promote public engagement and participation via the environmental, social inclusion and community sectors in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

PPN Key Objectives:

Facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner through the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary sectors on decision making bodies. Strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside / participate. Link Provide information relevant to the environmental, social inclusion and voluntary groups and acts as a hub around which information is distributed and received. Link

2. The wheel weekly newsletter, Link

3. The Government has today published Town Centre First - a major new policy that aims to tackle vacancy, combat dereliction and breathe new life into our town centres.

Town Centre First contains 33 unique actions which will give our towns the tools and resources they need to become more viable and attractive places in which to live, work, visit and run a business.

The policy is underpinned by multi-billion euro investment spread across major Government schemes such as the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF), the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), Croí Conaithe (Towns) Fund and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Link

4. Cork County Council is delighted to announce a FREE online Sustainable Gardening course that is suitable for beginners and more advanced gardeners alike. Horticulturist Aoife Munn will be delivering this course which will be lively, interactive and covers everything from pollinator planting, creating wildflower areas to growing vegetables and much more. This course is particularly interesting for Tidy Towns groups, Allotment Holders, Green Schools Coordinators and those wishing to really reduce their impact on the planet. The course will run every Thursday morning at 10am for 5 weeks beginning 10th February 2022. Numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Register online at the following Link

5. Grow Remote are running free training programme for people looking to

upskill and land remote employment. This course is led by the world's largest employers, with direct access to them.

We have short information sessions coming up on the following dates:

• Feb 16, 2022 01:30 PM

6. The Upskill Academy is a series of online Workshops and Masterclasses delivered by Uplift and Act Now campaigners. The workshops are designed to allow those new to campaigning to build skills, confidence and campaign strategy, design and delivery, or for those more established campaigners who want a refresher on campaign theory and practice as they begin a new year of activism.

The Masterclass and Strategy Sessions are designed to assist experienced campaigners to hone their skills and think more strategically and creatively with their campaigns.

Choose the training or workshop that best suits your needs and sign up on Eventbrite.

Workshop 2: Getting the most out of Digital Tools for Campaigning Digital tools have never been more important to campaigners. This workshop will show you what Uplifts tools can do to make your campaign fly - including reaching new supporters, engaging them in the campaign for the longer term, getting noticed and achieving impact.

Tuesday, 15th February 2022 at 18.00-20.00

For more information and to sign up, please click here

7. The Irish Research Council in collaboration with the Health Research Board (HRB) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are working towards the launch of the DOROTHY COFUND programme which will break down barriers between different academic disciplines by driving collaboration between researchers through funding research which will shed light on public health crises from wide-ranging perspectives. 25 fellows will be recruited through 36-month fellowships with all nationalities welcome, including all researchers based in Ireland. Submissions will be made via Smartsimple submission portal and the call is due to open in Q4 2021. You can learn more here.

8. Women for Election have two taster events coming up online in the next two weeks. 'Be the Leader' - a masterclass in leadership and confidence, and 'Introduction to Politics' you sign up to this free online workshops by clicking on the Link

8. The Arts Council's Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme, managed by Create, offers awards to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together on projects. The AIC scheme is open to artists from any of the following artform disciplines: architecture, circus, street art and spectacle, dance, film, literature (Irish and English language), music, opera, theatre, visual arts and traditional arts.

The aim of the AIC scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists. It is essential that consultation take place between the artist and the community, so that both parties are involved in deciding on the nature of the project's realisation. Group ownership of the art should be maintained at every stage.

We are pleased to announce that Round One of the AIC Scheme is now open for applications, with a closing date on the 28th March 2022, at 5pm.

This Round includes: Research and Development Award (without mentoring) Research and Development Award (with Mentoring) Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring) **Project Realisation Award**

Full details of the awards, and how to apply Link

9. The EEAC Network, together with the National Economic and Social Council (NESC), invite you to the joint webinar "Wellbeing: a new yardstick for economic performance and welfare". The webinar will take place on February 15th 2022 from 9:30am to 11:00am GMT / 10:30am to 12pm CET / 11:30am to 1:00pm EET. Please <u>click here</u> to consult the programme.

10. The Commission on Taxation and Welfare has been tasked by government to independently consider how best the taxation and welfare systems can support economic activity and promote increased employment and prosperity in Ireland.

The Commission wants to hear from as many people, groups and organisation as possible to ensure that a diverse range of experiences and perspectives inform the development of the report of the Commission, which is due to be presented to the Minister for Finance in July 2022. You don't need to be an expert on tax and/or welfare policy for your opinion to be valued.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Open Public Meetings on either 2 or 9 March 2022.

Both meetings will take place virtually using Zoom. For an optimum experience, it is recommended that you download the Zoom Client software: https://zoom.us/download

You can register for the meeting date of your choice using the links below. Mar 2, 2022 19:00

Our Future Tax & Welfare Open Public Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar: Link

Mar 9, 2022 19:00 Our Future Tax & Welfare Open Public Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar: Link

Please note the closing date for registration is Friday 25th February 2022

Personal data collected will be processed for the sole purposes of managing this event/seminar/meeting. We will not share your personal data with any third parties, nor process it for any other purposes other than your attendance in relation to this event.

11. Muintir na Tire weekly Newsletter, Link

10. The Cork County Council are delighted to be involved in the roll out of Broadband Connection Points. The basic concept of BCP's is that publicly accessible buildings be developed at a number of locations throughout the country so that the public living in the local communities can be provided with interim, but immediate, access to high-speed broadband throughout rural Ireland until such time as properties in the area are served directly by the fibre being rolled out under the National Broadband Contract.

This will enable people living in the area to go to the selected locations and access broadband for a range of uses including remote working, general access and keeping in touch with family and friends. The BCP service will remain active until such time as high speed broadband is available at the premises in the locality of the BCP. A list of the locations are below and the date of roll out is to follow.

Broadband Connection Points

Map Ref No.	Eircode	BCP Name
1	P12 CD51	Aghabullogue Community Centre
2	P51 EP49	Aubane Community Centre
3	P51 F9PX	AVONDHU BLACKWATER PARTNERSHIP LTD
4	P67 W562	Ballindangan Community Centre
5	P51 DP95	Ballydaly Community Hall
6	P75 W660	Bere Island Heritage Centre
7	P47 CH60	Caheragh Community Centre
8	P61 DT88	Castlelyons Community Centre
9	P47 YR96	Castletownkenneigh Community Centre
10	P72 KF65	Clogagh Community Hall
11	P81 P627	COLÁISTE PHOBAL CLÉIRE
12	T23 NH22	Courtbrack Community Centre
13	P56 H267	Dromina Community Centre
14	P51 W024	Glash Community Centre
15	P75 V067	Glengarriff Community Centre
16	P36 RC43	Inch Community Centre
17	P12 F447	IONADH ÁISE
18	P51 FK44	Laharn Heritage Centre
19	P85 W840	Lissavard Community Centre
20	P75 K253	Mealagh Valley Community Centre
21	P43 DX99	Riverstick Community Centre
22	P81 AE02	Sherkin Island Community Hall
23	V35 E895	T.O. Park Community Hall
24	T34 RR58	Whitechurch Community Centre

