Upcoming events and news are listed for your information **Cork County PPN News** 1. Ukraine Refugee Response from NASC Currently efforts are focused on securing safe accommodation for everyone fleeing Ukraine. If you have a spare room or a vacant property that you would like to make available, you can do so through the Irish Red Cross Pledge campaign. The Irish Red Cross pledge campaign is supported by the Government. If you don't have accommodation but you can interpret or offer other supports, NASC would be glad to hear from you. In the coming

weeks, Nasc will be supporting communities hosting refugees and we may be able to match your skills with a community or a family in need. Link

2. To view past newsletters go to Latest News - Cork County PPN 3. 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

find out more about our linkage groups check out our website Linkage **Groups - Cork County PPN** 4. HOT OFF THE PRESS: Check out our new animation What is Cork standpoint media for their gorgeous graphics

If you do wish to join please email ppn@corkcoco.ie or call 0214 285340. To

County PPN? - YouTube. A short video explaining what we do County PPN? - YouTube. A short video explaining what we do 5. 'Help Protect Cork's Rivers, Lakes & Coastal Waters' Cork County PPN and the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) will co-host a lunchtime event entitled 'Help Protect Cork's

Rivers, Lakes & Coastal Waters' on Friday the 11th of March. This event forms part of the public consultation for community groups in Cork County on the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2022 to 2027).

The 1 hour event will take place via Zoom Date: Friday 11th of March, 2022 Time: 13:00 to 14:00 hours More info and link to join on our website **Link**

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 R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends,

Plans and full particulars of the proposed development may be inspected below or at Planning Department Floor 1, County Hall,

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

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

Innishannon, Co.Cork

Street, Dublin, 1.

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 Pleanála 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

All submissions or observations should be clearly marked: Project Title: "R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends." 2. Part 8 Proposed Housing Development - Phase 3 Carrig Rossa, Rossmore, Co. Cork two-bedroom house.

 The construction of 2 no. residential units, each being a two storey New access and parking to connect to existing road. · Hard landscaping including boundary walls, footpaths and street Soft landscaping including green areas, planting and tress. Connection to public and private existing utilities. All associated site works

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection and/or purchase at the locations outlined above (see Point No. 1

Submissions or observations with regard to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made in writing to the

transaction of business (excluding Bank Holidays) for a period beginning on

above) on each day during which the said offices are open for the

Director of Services, Housing Directorate, Floor 4, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork no later than 4.00pm on 12th April 2022.

25th February 2022 and ending on 29th March 2022.

School Campus management.

to the junction with Carrigane Road;

subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

17:00 on Friday April 8th, 2022 as follows:

at www.yourcouncil.ie or

Funding:

applicant.

Measure 1:

stage of development. In 2022, the fund offers

2. Up to 20 Awardees:

following categories:

contact SECAD.

· Education and skills.

Culture and heritage.

Covid-19 related supports

· Health, safety and wellbeing.

 Environment and habitat conservation. Energy efficiency and sustainability.

 Recreation, sport and social inclusion. Tourism (Raheenleagh & Castlepook only)

which will allow future messages to get through.

– 461 3432 email: <u>info@secad.ie</u>

Cash grants of €22.500

work in the areas it covers.

Carrigtwohill Train Station;

Castleview;

Location:

3. Part 8 Proposed R611 Cork Pedestrian Crossing & Active Travel Link to **CETB Site**

An overview of the proposed development includes the following elements: • Installation of approx. 70m long 3-4m wide footpath linking an existing footpath along R611 Cork road and the recently completed pedestrian/cycle path within school grounds. Alteration to the existing footpaths, alteration to the existing boundary fences, installation of the controlled gate to be operated by the

And all ancillary works as required to deliver the proposed scheme.

The land acquisition is necessary from private landowners.

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, Eircode:T12 K335 or emailed to part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie and must reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on Friday 15th April 2022.

4. Part 8 Proposed Carrigtwohill Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Initiative - Public Realm Infrastructure Bundle, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork

Main Street from the junction at Castlelake Avenue (Castle Square)

Carrigane Road from the junction with Main Street to the junction with

Station Road from the junction with Main Street to the junction at

• Cluain Cairn, An Fána, Castle Close, Castle Avenue;

 Wises Road/Main Street junction: Wises Road/Oakbrook Link Road (Access Road to Castlelake)/IDA Industrial Estate Access Road junction; • N25 Junction 3 and lands adjoining this junction. • In public and private land within the Townlands of: Carrigtohill, Terry's-Land, Tullagreen and Killacloyne. Plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection, or to purchase for a fee of €15 per set, from Friday 25th February 2022 until Friday 25th March 2022 at the following venues: Below in the 'Additional Documents' section. Planning Counter, Ground Floor, County Hall, Cork between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 on each working day, subject to COVID-19 Cork County Council Area Engineer's Office at Ballinglanna, Glanmire

and Cobh Municipal District Office, Carrig House, Cobh, Co. Cork between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00 on each working day during which the said offices are opened for the transaction of business,

Submissions or Observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made on or before

• In writing clearly marked: 'Part 8 – Carrigtwohill URDF Initiative – Public Realm Infrastructure Bundle', Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Infrastructure Implementation Team, Cork County Council, Floor 3, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC

1. The CLÁR Scheme 2022 has been launched by the DRCD. This scheme makes provision for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas. It promotes sustainable development and it aims to attract people to live and

· Online submission form on Cork County Council's website

There is a 25% National increase in funding for 2022, and it covers the following Measures: Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities Measure 2: Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport Measure 3: "Our Islands" Measures 1 is administered through the local authority, and can be applied

Measure 2 & 3 are to be submitted directly to the Department by the

The updated Measure 1 will support a variety of capital interventions that contribute to the enhancement of existing, and/or the development of new, accessible Community Recreation Facilities. Applications can also include small scale renovation works to community facilities. The list below provides an indication of the types of interventions that may be supported, but is not

for by the LA in consultation with groups in local communities

We will be promoting this scheme on CCC's website and on our social

media platforms. These should be live later this week .

exhaustive: Multi-Use Gaming Areas (MUGAs)/Astro-Turf Facilities **Skateboard Parks** Playgrounds Handball Alleys **Tennis Courts Basketball Courts**

2. The Government announce €200 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

The closing date is the by 4pm on Friday 25th March Link

3. 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

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

 A Business Support budget worth €7,500 • A place on the Accelerator Programme

• Up to 50 participants on the course

• Cash grants of €10,000 Business supports worth €4,500 • A place on the Accelerator Programme 3. Start your Own Social Enterprise Business Course.

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

• The opportunity to pitch for a cash grant on completion

4. 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

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

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,

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

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

5. New Bursary Scheme for the Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022/23. The Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin TD, has recently announced a new bursary scheme, in partnership with the Royal Irish Academy, for the final phase of the Decade of Centenaries. The objective of the bursary scheme is to encourage new local research and local history studies, and a meaningful

examination of local, regional, and national events during the Struggle for Independence and Civil War period. It is a timely opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution of local historians in furthering fields of study concerning local events and related themes during this period. Applications for the 2022 scheme are now open. For further information and scheme guidelines, please visit Link. A list of suggested research themes to assist applicants can also be found there. The closing

6. The Wheel have announced their new Grant applications are now open under the Training Links programme. Training Networks, with a minimum of 10 members, are invited to apply for grants ranging from €10,000.00 to €50,000.00. There is a fund to the value of €270,000.00 available under this programme. Applications remain open until 5pm on Friday, 29 April.

date for applications is Wednesday, 27th April 2022 at 5.30pm.

You can download the application form Link

This Weeks News

While the content of both workshops is the same, the first workshop is aimed at smaller (non-complex) organisations while the second workshop is aimed at larger (complex) organisations. One can register via Eventbrite. 23rd March Link and 29th March Link 2. The IPPOSI are looking for PPN members that would be interested in becoming members of a Citizens' Jury to hear the arguments for and

They are now seeking 25 people who are broadly representative of the Irish population to join our Citizens' Jury, listen to experts, learn more about

An initiative of IPPOSI, a patient-led alliance of patient organisations, scientists and healthcare companies, in collaboration with the RCSI Public Patient Involvement Office, our jury will meet both online and in person in June 2022. It will hear 'testimony' from 'expert witnesses', before coming together in person in Dublin to arrive at their 'verdict'. Jurors will receive a

If you are over 18 years, and resident in the Republic of Ireland, and would like to find out more, please visit www.ipposi.ie, before the closing date of

against genomics, and to deliver their judgement.

genomics, and share their views around key issues.

€400 gratuity for their participation.

March 23, 2022

twenty years.

register for this free **Link**

1. Carmichael is running two FREE training workshops for charities and non-profits which may be of interest. These workshops are funded by the Community Foundation for Ireland as part of a wider Covid-19 Fund for Recovery. The aim is to help to strengthen the sector, and build resilience and sustainability in these challenging times. Registration is open to all nonprofits. Please note, a maximum of two people from any one non-profit can register and is also limited to a maximum of two workshops per person.

3. Transport and Mobility Forum Cork are holding their Annual Mix Your Mode Seminar on Wednesday the 6th of April from 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Full webinar schedule and registration details available soon on www.transportandmobilityforum.com. 4. Town Centres First Policy. The Government has 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 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. For the first time, designated towns will gain their own dedicated Town Regeneration Officers, who will be crucial to driving future development. The policy also contains a range of actions designed to achieve key objectives such as social and economic revival in towns, the provision of housing, as well as addressing challenges like vacancy and derelict buildings. The actions also support the protection of our

environment, as well as the heritage and culture of our towns. Link

5. Cork Nature Network is delighted to celebrate the first World Rewilding *Day* with a talk on the reintroduction of the lynx in the Iberian Peninsula. The talk presents an amazing story of how the Iberian lynx numbers increased from less than one hundred to more than 1,000 in the span of

The Iberian lynx had been verging towards extinction since the 1900s. However, the species was reintroduced in 2015 after a programme of captive breeding and reintroduction into the wild. Join us on this remarkable journey which explores the return of a species back to its environment, through the efforts of remarkable conservationists.

This free event will take place on Zoom on the 20th of March at 7:00 pm. To

6. National Tree Week 2022. National Tree Week, organised by the Tree Council since 1985 and in partnership with Coillte since 1989, is a weeklong programme of events to celebrate all things trees and this year takes place from March 20th to 26th. It is a week to be proud of our trees; to learn about their folklore and their practical applications and to appreciate how important a healthy and diverse tree stock is particularly important given increasing concerns regarding Climate. All proposed Tree Week events can be registered on the Tree Council's website https://treecouncil.ie/registeranevent and to ensure maximum exposure and promotion it is advised that event details are registered on the website as early as possible. Over 40 groups from throughout County Cork were allocated trees as part of Tree Week 2021 by Cork County Council and interest in National Tree Week 2022 suggests it will be the benchmark for years going forward. For groups looking to avail of trees for planting and or simply to find out more about our trees and Tree Week itself, email corkheritage@corkcoco.ie or phone 021 4285905.

7. Reminder on Hedgecutting and the Law. The National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is reminding the public the cutting, grubbing, burning or other destruction of "vegetation growing in any hedge or ditch" between 1st March and 31st August is prohibited. The prohibition is contained in section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976*. Suspected breaches are investigated by the NPWS and An Garda Síochána. If you see what you suspect to be a hedgecutting offence you can report it to your local NPWS office (see

8. Cork City Council and Carbery Housing Association in collaboration with the Institute of Technology, Sligo and GLAS Energy Technology has almost completed the procurement element of the RED-Wolf system installation for 15 no. properties located across Cork City and County. It is anticipated that installation works will commence in April 2022 and will be completed by June/July 2022. All Irish partners within the RED WOLF project including the tenants who occupy the properties look forward to a successful installation and learning about this innovative energy project. As well as proving the Red-Wolf Concept, and providing an alternative to carbon intensive fossilfuels, the project provides an opportunity for the Cork City Council and the Housing Association to improve the habitability of the properties concerned

www.npws.ie/contact-us) or your local Garda station.

and the quality of the lives of the tenants. Link

11. The wheel weekly newsletter, Link

This Round includes:

Project Realisation Award

education, and digital business.

15. Tidy Towns Newsletter, Link

date of roll out is to follow.

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2022. Link

9. The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today (25th Feb 2022) announced almost €18.5 million to benefit rural towns and villages the length and breadth of the country. The funding is being provided under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme as part of Our Rural Future and places a strong emphasis on projects which tackle vacancy and dereliction by bringing landmark town centre buildings back to life. Link 10. Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has today announced over €850,000 in funding to support 19 rural regeneration projects across the country. The investment, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, aims to breathe new life into rural communities, support remote working, tackle vacancy and dereliction enhance town centre living. This strand makes funding of up to €50,000

available to local authorities to assist them to contribute to a pipeline of significant, well-developed projects which will subsequently progress to construction stage with the help of more investment in the future. Link

12. The Irish Environmental Network is running a Citizens Assembly on

Biodiversity. The event is on the 22nd of March between 11am-5pm. To register your interest, please email: office@ien.ie. Please let us know if you are planning to attend in person or online to help us plan for the day.

13. 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.

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.

Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)

Group ownership of the art should be maintained at every stage.

Research and Development Award (without mentoring) Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)

Full details of the awards, and how to apply Link

14. .IE Digital Town Awards are now live! People and towns across Ireland are being called on to enter the annual .IE Digital Town Awards 2022, which celebrate the digital achievements of local towns and citizens across the country. Now open for applications, the .IE Digital Town Awards has a total prize fund of €100,000 across 14 categories to honour local towns and people

that, through digital projects and innovation, have contributed to enhancements in areas such as e-health, digital tourism, community,

Ireland's trusted online .ie address. Award categories 10 of the awards will be for digital projects in local towns. Two special awards – Digital Changemaker and Digital Rising Star. Digital Hero Award - a person in your community who is an unsung hero working tirelessly on initiatives to promote the digital enhancement of your

Entry to the Awards is free, applications close at 5pm on Friday 25 March

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

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

The .IE Digital Towns Awards 2022 is an initiative of .IE, the managers of

16. Muintir na Tire weekly Newsletter, Link 17. 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

the fibre being rolled out under the National Broadband Contract.

The overall winner will be selected from the category winners.

Broadband Connection Points

BCP Name

Aghabullogue Community Centre

Ballindangan Community Centre

AVONDHU BLACKWATER PARTNERSHIP LTD.

Aubane Community Centre

Ballydaly Community Hall Bere Island Heritage Centre

Caheragh Community Centre

Eircode

P12 CD51

P51 EP49

P51 F9PX

P67 W562

P51 DP95

P75 W660 P47 CH60

P61 DT88 Castlelyons Community Centre P47 YR96 9 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 P75 V067 15 Glengarriff Community Centre P36 RC43 16 Inch Community Centre P12 F447 IONADH ÁISE 17 Laharn Heritage Centre 18 P51 FK44 P85 W840 19 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