

Cork County PPN Secretariat Meeting – Tuesday October 8th at 7pm

Attendees: Pauline Dwyer (Chair), Doug Lucey, Brid Coakley, Ena Howell, Donal Kissane, Gavin Falk, Tom Howard, Noel Forde

Apologies: John Fuller, Judith Gilbert, Carol Harpur, Tadgh Quill Manly, Liam McCarthy, Jose Ospinsa, Sean Kelly

Staff: Morrin Drislane (Coordinator), Noelle Nally (Support Worker & Minute Taker)

Agenda:

1. Welcome, apologies, ground rules:

MD introduces acting chairperson Pauline Dwyer. Apologies read out.

2. Agenda (Draft) Accept? Accepted by Brid Coakley, Seconded by Ena Howell.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising: Accepted by Noel Forde, seconded by Gavin Falk.

4. Correspondence: Email from Donal Kissane dated 07/10/2024 read out, MD responded to points therein. DK requested that his email be circulated to the group, and the contents to be minuted.

DK requests MD's responses to his letter be minuted.

DK requests any missing minutes of meetings to be published on the Cork County PPN website.

"[...] completely inappropriate that people would investigate an issue they are involved in" DK comment he requests to be minuted.

"Members are trying to brush under the carpet" DK comment he requests to be minuted.

DK's complaint has been escalated to the DRCD, and he requests this be minutes.

MD explains to Gavin Falk the Complaints Sub-committee in question, and their decision.

"Under the Constitution, an Irish citizen has a right to their good name." DK comment he requests to be minuted.

Dk requests a copy of the report by Brendan Schute, and requested this be minuted.

DK requests a copy of Cork County PPN Annual Financial Report approved by Cork County Council to be provided at the Plenary, in a larger font.

DK requests that Reps be involved at MD plenary meetings in the future.

DK requests that the term "defamatory correspondence" be minuted.

MD noted that "dysfunctional" comment in DK email dated 07/10/2024 was "Very rude and unfair / inappropriate" and MD asked for this to be minuted.

DK rejected this statement.

A vote was taken to determine if the issues had been dealt with appropriately, as the issues had been with numerous times previously. This request is seconded by Pauline O Dwyer and goes to the Secretariat for a vote.

Vote is passed by Secretariat, Noel Forde & Doug Lucey abstained, due to being new to the Secretariat - they were not on the Secretariat when the issues discussed arose.

Action: DK's complaints listed in his email dated 07/11/2024 cannot be brought up at Secretariat level again in future, as per decision and vote taken at the meeting - proposed by Noel Forde, seconded by Pauline O Dwyer.

5. Sub-Committees: Updates

6. Grievances/ Complaints: n/a

7. New Groups: Accepted

8. National Secretariat Network: Update from Liam McCarthy – Not given as LM send his apologies

9. Support Worker Updates:

Noelle Nally introduced herself and provided updates on training, relaunched newsletter and website updates

Tom Howard noted LEADER EOIs are being looked for. DK suggested PPN Newsletter be posted to Facebook as well as being circulated via Salesforce.

10. Coordinator Updates: MD gave date of Lord Mayor's Awards 2025.

MD advised Ombudsman set to come to Autumn Plenary.

Rep training taking place 5th & 7th November

Reminder re: SPC nomination deadline

SPC Policy Submission to be circulated

Discussed 6 month rotation of Chair – Plenary to Plenary

We will look to rejig finance committee

Gerry Moore has resigned from PPN.

Request that new Secretariat member vacancies be advertised

Request by Gavin Falk that letter go out to out-going Chair to thank them

11. Point 11 stuck from agenda/minutes- DK queried what the point was, and asked that this query be minuted

12. SPC Submission & Elections – Linkage Groups – Thematic Groups

13. Municipal District Plenaries : Update

14. AOB – The need for PPN representation on Municipal District Councils to make us more relevant was proposed by TH and seconded by DK .

Suggested Plenary Agenda item – how the Cork County PPN would work with MD Councils

15. **Next scheduled meeting:** 12 November 2024