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Reporting Template

For Galway County PPN Community Representatives on various bodies/committees

Representative's Name	Mark Green, Aodán mac Donncha
Name of committee from which the Rep is reporting	Planning, Environment, Agriculture & Emergency Services SPC
Date of the meeting	28 th April 2021 – online using Teams - 12 attendees
Key issues discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of meeting 18/11/20 - approvedUpdate on the County Development Plan process (Valerie Loughnane, Senior Planner). – Draft Plan distributed to Councillors end of March. Workshops held by planning team to enable members to understand the new format of the plan. Full council will discuss the draft plan in a series of meetings this week and next week. Any amendments will be incorporated and the plan made available to the public on the website and in selected locations around the county by the end of May. Submissions on the draft plan by the public will be open until mid-August. On MG's request, Valerie Loughnane will contact PPN Planning SPC reps when the plan is made public, to arrange a workshop for all non-councillor SPC members, and a workshop for PPN members, both to be held mid-late June to allow sufficient time for responses.Anti-Dumping Initiatives (Ann Dolan, Environment Dept) - An application for 2021 funding for ADI's will go in 5th May. Initiatives include Clean-ups, Community Warden magnetic van signs, Bulky good collection (with City Co), Bikes for Arica, Lawrencetown Boardwalk, Fines App (on-the-spot fines), barrier to stop illegal dumping in SAC. All 3 civil community sites accept paint. CCTV still not permitted due to GDPR. Drones OK but costly and too much admin. District court fines too small and cost/time to prosecute too great. Need dedicated court day for litter cases and higher level of max fines. Agreed to contact government.AOB. Unfinished estates - stop developers getting further planning approvals. Legislation available but leaves council open to being sued so no council has used it. Site Resolution process and phasing of development (in new CDP) the current best options. Trees on roadside responsibility of landowner not council. Need felling licence and no cutting March-Sept unless immediate danger (who defines?).
Key Decisions Made	Set up workshop for SPC reps. Set up workshop for PPN members
Action(s) required from Galway County PPN for next meeting	Feedback from members on CDP draft plan Feedback on anti-dumping initiatives above.
Date of Next Meeting	23 rd June 2021