



**Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe**  
**Public Participation Network Galway County**

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**Galway County PPN Secretariat Meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 10am**

***Online via Microsoft Teams***

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**Attendees:** Mary Mullen, Aodán Mac Donnacha, Vincent Lyons, Jarlath Canney, Carmel McGrath, Nicola Johnston, Dan Dowling, Patrick McHugh.

**Apologies:** Tom Madden

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**AGENDA**

*Welcomes*

*Proposal of minutes from previous meeting (2/2/2023)*

*Updates*

*Expenditure Proposal*

*Secretariat Vacancy*

*DRCD National PR Campaign*

*Community Vision for Well Being*

*Update from Chair*

*AOB*

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## Welcomes.

Aodán welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Proposal of minutes from previous meeting

02/02/2023 Proposer: Vincent Lyons, Seconder: Jarlath Canney.

## Updates.

- PPN Re-Registrations began February 2023. Department guidelines require re-registration every 3 years. All groups registered prior to 2021 were sent re-registration link. Excellent response from groups.
- Climate Action Team GCC- PPN are a part of this – CONNECTED Project presentation to the PPN (Connected project aims to build an easy-to-use toolkit for communities to assist them in taking actions to build low-carbon societies) 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7pm with Vincent Carragher the coordinator for the CONNECTED project.
- Annual Report of our activities in 2022 available on PPN website.
- Public procurement training to be finalised next week – Mary Mullen to keep secretariat informed of it's progression.
- There are currently 1,214 groups registered with the PPN.

## Expenditure Proposal.

The PPN received a proposal from the Community Department to collaborate on a crime prevention initiative as follows:

At present, there is 1 Property Marking Machine for County Galway which was purchased through a collaboration between all Independent Councillors for the County, and is operated through a collaboration between some Men's Sheds and An Garda Síochána.

The LCDC has now received an application under the Community Enhancement Programme for purchase of a second Property Marking Machine to be shared across a further 5 Mens Sheds in the East of the County, with representatives from the Men's Sheds to be trained in its use and make it available to community groups and individuals across the respective areas of the County.

In order to provide a Property Marking Machine for the West of the County, it is proposed that the PPN join this initiative and purchase a Property Marking Machine to be on long-term loan to Men's Sheds in the West of the County, with appropriate training to be arranged, and promotion of this initiative on a joint basis between An Garda Síochána, PPN and Galway County Council.

Purchase of this equipment will cost in the region of €8,000.

Department confirmed the expenditure does not come under the remit of PPN financial controls. Dept have advised of other funding available. Aodán explained how this had come up at a JPC meeting also, highlighting the importance of such machines. Patrick informed the group that SICAP does buy capital equipment and give this on loan to groups. Patrick suggested the PPN could collaborate through providing training/ awareness programme to groups on the use of the machine/ safety measures groups can take to protect their equipment. The PPN could collaborate with GRD, Forum Connemara and An Garda Síochána in delivering this. **Mary Mullen to bring this suggestion to Mary McGann for discussion.**

### **Secretariat Vacancy.**

EOI has been sent out to Social Inclusion Pillar – no response as yet. Deadline was 10<sup>th</sup> March. Secretariat agree to extend deadline to end of April & simplify nomination form.

Tom Madden's apology noted, Vincent informed the group that due to time constraints Tom wishes to resign his roles on the JPC and the Transport & Infrastructure SPC. PPN will seek nominations in C&V pillar for these roles.

### **DRCD National PR Campaign.**

National PR and Communications campaign underway nationwide. This is being run rolled out through the Department.

Vincent will take part in a radio interview with Connemara Community Radio this evening at 7pm, promoting Galway County PPN & encouraging groups who have not already done so to register.

Press Release issued to each PPN, quotations submitted – awaiting response from Alice PR on final version.

Posts shared across social media. Mary Mullen to touch base with Alice PR to get final version of Press Release & include this in newsletter/ website.

### **Community Vision for Well Being.**

Mary Mullen to set up a meeting with Harriet from Social Justice Ireland to discuss progression. Secretariat will be invited to this meeting – working group. Mary to contact Mary McGann for input.

### **Update from Chair.**

Aodán gave the group an update on his activities.

### **AOB.**

Reminder of Reps Forum taking place Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 2pm in Centrepoint office.

Secretariat discussed the resource worker role & need for permanent position for retention of staff.

**MEETING ENDED:**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm (Chairperson: Carmel Mc Grath)**