



# Agenda & Minutes

## Sligo PPN Secretariat

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

In attendance: Pippa Black, Aisling Smith, Pat Benson, Michael Bell, Joan Swift, Sarah Wetherald

Apologies: Brendan Lynch, Mark Kupczak

Item	Discussion and Action
Welcome	Chair Joan Swift welcomed members. Noted apologies from Brendan and Mark
Minutes	Minutes agreed. Proposed by Michael Bell and Seconded by Pat Benson
2025 Workplan & Budget (Project updates)	Sara W took the committee through the workplan to date and outlined what projects are upcoming. The committee agreed to proceed with the PPN Podcast as outlined and there was an agreement that an open call to go to all members to gauge interest in featuring. The management of the podcast will go to PPN member Sligo Food and Furniture Bank.
Reps support tender	The Secretariat agreed to proceed with Amicitia as the successful tender for this initiative. Sarah to notify them.
Update from National Secretariat	Joan updated on key discussions from the national group including; Need to ensure PPNs embedded in Local Govt Reform The creation of a national oversight unit The issue of PPNs not being utilised to source community membership for the new Community Safety Partnerships Finding the balance between public representation as the core aim of PPNs and outreach work which engages communities with the PPN in the first place. PPNs no longer able to avail of meeting space in Trinity Point so there is currently no govt space for regular PPN meetings.
SDG mapping issue	Sarah outlined that this initiative is already underway with ATU as part of the Power to Change. The aim is to engage with a student who will explore how the PPN member groups align with the SDG targets. This will be used to host a workshop with members to highlight how the work they already do is supporting Sligo to work towards the goals and to outline how they can better embed the SDGs in their work going forward. SCC since approached the PPN about sending a survey out to members to create a map on the SCC site. The concern is that many members right now are not aware enough of the SDGs to meaningfully take part and so there is a reluctance to do this until the PPNs own

	project is complete. Agreement from Secretariat to continue with the ATU initiative as opposed to handing over of data to SCC in the immediate.
<b>Meeting Minister Calleary</b>	Sarah outlined that PPNs from the North West will be meeting with Dara Calleary on 9 <sup>th</sup> May in Ballina and extended the offer for one Secretariat member to attend if interested.
<b>Elections</b> <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/slipoPPNSec2025">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/slipoPPNSec2025</a> )	Agreement that PPN elections to open immediately. First call to be left open for 1 month If any seats remain open after this period then the vacancy is to be left as an open call with the first eligible nomination being accepted.
<b>AOB</b>	Sarah and Aisling outlined recent discussions with regard to the DPO accessibility training and an approach to SCC to take on the training. Next step is a formal letter to go to SCC. Pat gave a brief update on the very successful Parkinsons evening. Sarah detailed that the 6 places for the National conference had now being taken. Request from Aisling and Pippa to be listed on a wait list.
<b>Next meeting</b>	TBC