



Agenda & Minutes

Sligo PPN Secretariat

Tuesday 21st January 2025

In attendance: Joan Swift, Pat Benson, Brendan Lynch, Aisling Smith, Pippa Black, Mark Kupczak, Michael Bell, Sarah Wetherald.

Item	Discussion and Action
Welcome	Joan welcomed all to meeting
Minutes	Minutes passed
2025 Workplan & Budget (Project ideas Tenders and existing commitments)	<p>Sarah took committee through the proposed 2025 plan to date, outlining projects and predicted budget spend to end Feb.</p> <p>3 existing tenders : community outreach, PPN reps support, website support</p> <p>Projects include: presentation to council, plenary, research on community group time constraints, SPC training.</p> <p>Discussion around delayed podcast – agreement to progress with idea but to look at other delivery methods.</p> <p>Update on DPO training – pilot session to take place with HSE managers on 31st January.</p> <p>Action Following this session draft and testimonial to be put together to send to SCC. Agreement of PPN budget of €2500 to support roll out in community sector.</p> <p>Proposal for thematic housing group to invite Dr Lorcan Sirr to present at a local housing symposium.</p> <p>Action PPN staff to extend invite and find out cost and availability. Budget of €3000 for event agreed.</p> <p>Action Joan to discuss possible initiatives with Sligo Cycling Campaign and revert back.</p> <p>Action Agreement for Sarah to work with Pat to progress proposal around creating a model template for the establishment of Parkinsons support group across NW region.</p> <p>Upcoming Events; 7th February – Regional SPC training 9th February – Plenary 10th February – Presentation to Council 27th February – Power to Change Launch</p>
Presentation to SCC	<p>Discussion around draft presentation.</p> <p>Agreement for Joan as Chair to present –</p> <p>Action Sarah and Joan to meet to finalise</p>

	<p>Input from group : closer alignment to LECP / Sligo 2030, stress move towards collaboration not competition, highlight work PPN is doing to help SCC achieve key targets, include infographic on number of members and value.</p> <p>Stress PPN is more than just a database.</p>
Garavogue Response	<p>Discussion on the approach from a collective of Residents and other concerned groups regarding the proposed Garavogue Bridge.</p> <p>Discussions around impact on local wildlife and general liveability within the area if progressed. Concerns regarding lack of planning or thought to subsequent traffic management and impact and the current SCC approach which seems to be to build the bridge first and then deal with traffic issues as they emerge.</p> <p>In order to pursue, important that PPN get a better sense of the concerns of member groups.</p> <p>Action 1 – draft email to be developed to go out from individual college reps to relevant college members. Mail to ask if their group has any concerns on development and what they are. Responses to this will give the Secretariat clearer ideas as to direction to take and best use of SPC process.</p> <p>Action 2 – issue to be sent as case study to inform SPC training delivered on 7th February</p>
2025 Plenary event with SGK	<p>Overview of event; 4pm open 4.30 plenary formalities – presentation by Joan 5.15 Networking and food</p> <p>Groups of reps to circulate and talk to people about ideas for future projects, issues, concerns etc</p> <p>Play area for kids</p> <p>Food by Global Kitchen</p>
Elections and SPC training	<p>Soon to be 4 places open on Secretariat. Agreement to wait until after plenary event to formally open. To promote the opportunities at the plenary.</p>
AOB	<p>Autism Friendly Sligo AGM 25th February at Riverside Sarah briefed on new insurance pilot with LAs covering Tidy Towns insurance and the view to this coming to Sligo in April.</p>

Next Meeting – to organise next meeting in person post Secretariat elections