

South Dublin County PPN

Plenary Meeting

Monday 20th May 2024

The Plaza Hotel, Tallaght

7.30 p.m.

In attendance: PPN Members, Elaine Leech, A/Director of Housing, Social and Community Development, SDCC; Maria Nugent, Chief Officer, South Dublin LCDC; Edel Clancy, Senior Executive Officer, SDCC; and Jamie Moore, Independent Facilitator.

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Elaine Leech welcomed everyone to the meeting, and wished members well as they set out to elect a new Secretariat. Elaine noted South Dublin County Council will continue to be available to support the PPN as it builds back to full capacity. Elaine handed over to Jamie Moore to facilitate the meeting.

Recap on last meeting

Jamie Moore provided an overview of the agenda for the evening and provided a recap on the last Plenary meeting held in April. This included the nomination process for the new Secretariat, along with the priorities of the new Secretariat in the immediate future. Jamie also provided an overview of feedback from members from the last meeting. This included topics such as communication, sustainable PPN structure, future planning, accessibility and effective representation.

Election of Secretariat

Jamie re-outlined the role of the Secretariat and the election process. Once formed, the secretariat would have monthly meetings and be composed of 9 members:

- 3 members from the Social Inclusion Pillar
- 3 members from the Voluntary Pillar
- 3 members from the Environmental Pillar

The new secretariat membership term is to be staggered to ensure all 9 members don't have to step down at the same time.

- 1st person – 3 year term
- 2nd person – 2 year term
- 3rd person – 1 year term

This will assist with the natural selection of new members to the secretariat. The secretariat must report at least twice a year to the Plenary. The immediate focus of the Secretariat will be to

- Appoint a host organisation
- Recruit Staff
- Develop governance and processes such as a constitution and annual reports

- Filling of relevant PPN vacancies

Jamie re-outlined the interim election procedure to elect a new secretariat based on the expressions of interest received. Each candidate had the opportunity to introduce themselves and provided an overview of their motivation to be part of the Secretariat.

Voting for the Secretariat takes place within the relevant pillar membership, where an election is required. 2

PPN members to observe the counting of votes – (Sinead and Steven). Edel Clancy and Maria Nugent (both SDCC) collected and counted the votes. Once validated, Jamie announced the results of the votes and asked for the PPN members to propose and ratify the following members to the Secretariat:

Social Inclusion Pillar: Noreen Byrne, NCCDP; Rasheed Ismail, Clondalkin Global Garden; and David Kortukohan, NCBI.

Community Pillar: Lesley Barrett, Saoirse Domestic Violence Services; Declan Doyle, Older Persons Council; and Enda Creegan, Abbeydale and Abbeywood Residents Association.

Environment Pillar: Justin Byrne, An Taisce

Jamie proposed a panel be formed of the unsuccessful candidates to fill relevant pillar vacancies should they arise into the future. This was ratified by the Plenary.

Discussion on PPN membership, pillars and registration:

Following a discussion regarding groups being allowed to change pillars e.g. From social inclusion to environment – Eoin Kelleher and Pauline Foster agreed you should be able to move between pillars if your group comes under both as it can exclude groups from sitting on various committees if they choose the wrong pillar. A process will be put in place for registration of new groups which will be signed off by two people to ensure groups work under the governance of the pillars. There is currently no PPN staff to update the members database. This will take time to complete and will be revisited in the future.

Next Steps and close

Jamie thanked the attendees for their contributions and patience with this process, emphasising that the re-establishment of the PPN will take time. Jamie congratulated the newly elected secretariat members and noted the next steps would include an Induction Process in June and Secretariat meetings over the Summer.

This concluded the meeting.