

8.00 Minutes & Matters Arising

Apologies from Fiachra, Damian, Sandra and Savina. Michael chaired the meeting and welcomed Deborah Leahy from Cavan County Council as their PPN Liaison Officer. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and proposed by Sridevi and seconded by Sandra.

Engagement with Council Liaison: There was a discussion on the lack of notice to the PPN membership on community grants. Deborah detailed the format of how the grants are advertised and assured that they will do their best to make the PPN aware of pertinent info in the future. She emphasized that the staff should keep an eye on the Council website, social media and the Anglo Celt. There was also a discussion around community safety and that the PPN should link in with Amanda, the new Community Safety Officer.

Staff Report: Daniel gave the staff report (as contained in the Secretariat Pack). Discussions were had on several points, including the September 20th Cross Border event, the Environmental Network (led by Secretariat going forward), the Meitheals and a request for Secretariat to submit their travel claims now that mid-year has approached.

Finance Report: Finian was not present but submitted a detailed report that was proposed by Sridevi & seconded by Rafaela.

Secretariat Resignations & Elections: Lisa Hogan and Evija Nwaneri have resigned their positions. These will be advertised to the relevant memberships over the summer.

Workplan Midyear Update: Daniel gave an overview of the workplan with feedback on how each portion is progressing. The MD Meitheals are wrapping up, the Environment plan is going well. The Social Inclusion portions haven't fully materialised while the Reps caucus has been put on WhatsApp without any meeting yet. Admin tasks are on track but no work done on the proposed Community Recognition project but now one of the two secretariat members who proposed this has resigned.

Meitheal Feedback: An update was given on the Meitheal in Ballyconnell. Cootehill and Mullagh are forthcoming and a report will be completed on all.

AOB: There is an emergency response meeting in Laois in October where PPNs will be encouraged to attend and talk about their contributions to supporting community responses to emergency situations.