

FIRST MEETING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE AND PLANNING LINKAGE GROUP

13 October 2020, 7.30 – 9pm (on Zoom)

Facilitator: Secretariat member, Jack O’Connor

Those who joined the meeting:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brian Thompson, St. Mary's Adult Education Group 2. Brian Vandamme, Doras Luimní 3. Ger Boyce, ISL Hub 4. Jack O’Connor, LPPN Secretariat/ Kantoher Development Group 5. John McNamara, ACM Community Development Society Ltd 6. Madeleine Lyes, Limerick Pedestrian Network 7. Mary Kiely, ISL Hub | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Maurice O’Connell, Abbeyfeale Community Council 9. Trish Forde Brennan, Limerick Grow It Yourself 10. Vidette Ryan Molyneaux, Limerick Dragons 11. Yvie Murphy, Moyross Circle of Friends 12. PPN staff, Mo Foley Walsh and Mary Casey 13. Senior Executive Officer in Economic Development Directorate, Limerick City and County Council, Pat Fitzgerald joined for part of the meeting |
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1. A presentation on PPN structures and communications was made by Mo Foley Walsh using the content of the ["About Limerick PPN Linkage Groups" document](#)
2. Pat Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Officer in Economic Development Directorate of Limerick City and County Council presented on the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC (Presentation available on Chattergroup and [LPPN website](#))

There was a discussion following this presentation which is covered briefly here:

Question/issue	Responses/actions
1. PPN representatives receiving agendas and supporting documentation very close to SPC meeting dates and therefore not having time to consult with Linkage Group or each other	Pat noted the issue and said efforts would be made to send out documentation earlier Jack O’Connor to bring the overall issue to the Secretariat who can raise this with the PPN liaison person in the Council
2. Biodiversity, environment and climate change priorities must be embedded in economic development and planning processes	The Limerick Development Plan presents the opportunity to do this. All SPC’s are informing this key overarching policy
3. Can PPN reps bring forward notices of motion?	Normally notices of motion come from discussions at the full Council where for example they say the issue is of an economic nature and therefore is better explored in more detail by the EDEP SPC. However, PPN reps can put items on the agenda – assuming agreement from the Linkage Group for same

4. Can PPN reps attend workshops set up for the SPC members	As SPC members, PPN reps can attend workshops. Workshops are private meetings to progress discussions on policy matters that are being addressed by the SPC.
5. An agenda item for the SPC meeting on 14 October is the following motion: <i>I will move at the next meeting that the Council de-list all Protected Structures that fall under the Derelict Sites Act for obvious reasons.</i>	There were different views on the matter of protected structures and the specific example of a derelict building in County Limerick was discussed. It was agreed that looking at issues from the different points of view was very valuable as things may not be as straightforward as first appear. It was noted that the PPN reps cannot be expected to arrive at one conclusive decision or stance, but do have a role to represent the different perspectives that are presented by the Linkage Group membership

3. Discussion on next steps for the Linkage Group:

- a) It was strongly agreed that the Linkage Group provides a valuable space to hear the different perspectives on issues – and moreover, to understand the reasoning behind the views.
- b) Ongoing appropriate communications can continue between Linkage Group members on Chatter.
- c) A rotating facilitator for the linkage group is suggested
- d) A terms of reference is needed. Trish Forde Brennan agreed to prepare a draft with PPN staff and the current facilitator which can be posted on Chatter for further comment
- e) The Linkage Group should meet in advance of all scheduled SPC meetings to discuss items on the agenda.
- f) The next scheduled SPC meeting is 14 December.
- g) Therefore the next Linkage Group meeting has to be before that and the agenda will cover the linkage group terms of reference and SPC agenda. Facilitator is Jack O'Connor
- h) The Linkage Group will meet on Thursday 10 December on Zoom:

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