

## Summary of Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment Linkage Group Meeting, 3/2/2021

**Platform:** ZOOM

**Start time:** 7:30. **End time:** 9pm

### **Attendance:**

Facilitator Catherine Dalton – PPN secretariat

Liz Gabbett – Maigne Rivers Trust – PPN SPC Rep - Note taker

Tom Tarpey – Limerick Bird Watch

Yvie Murphy – NCCWN Limerick Women’s Network

Michelle Hayes – Environmental Trust Ireland – PPN SPC Rep

Helena Kelly – Garryowen Residents Association

Trish Forde Brennan – Limerick Grow it Yourself

Caillum Hedderman - Ballybricken 46th Scout Group – PPN SPC Rep

### **Minutes**

1. Introductions from all present
2. Facilitator going forward. Liz Gabbett will facilitate the next linkage group meeting. The facilitator role will be rotated among the members.
3. Terms of reference. Catherine reviewed the terms of reference of the linkage group.
4. Summary of last linkage meeting was given.
  - Outcomes for the CABE Linkage Group meeting 26th November 2020 7.30-9pm**
  - a. People were given a presentation on the PPN structures and communications
  - b. Dara McGuigan of Limerick City and County Council explained the role of the CABE SPC
  - c. PPN reps presented their statements of outcomes (from last 2 CABE SPC meetings)
  - d. SPC meeting on 8th December -
  - e. Catherine Dalton remained on as facilitator for the CABE linkage group up
  - f. Trish Forde Brennan presented the Community, Leisure and Culture Linkage Group proposal for next plenary - that SPC agendas be made available to linkage groups at least 10 days in advance of the SPC meeting
5. Statement of outcomes from CABE SPC 8<sup>th</sup> Dec presented by PPN Rep Liz Gabbett (available on chatter group)
6. Linkage group priorities:

- a. Michelle Hayes asked for:
    - i. More assistance for the PPN reps in their representative role
    - ii. Baggot estate is hidden, it needs signage to direct people to it
    - iii. A dog park, e.g. suggested location - Punches cross
  - b. Helena Kelly of Garryowen Residents Association highlighted the work and objectives of the association, the issues they face and the support they need for:
    - i. Plans for community gardens
    - ii. Sharing knowledge between generations
    - iii. Practical measure for social inclusion of all community members of all abilities
    - iv. Being positive about Limerick
    - v. Bins
    - vi. Cleanup and maintenance of St. Patricks Well in Garryowen
  - c. Tom Tarpey of Limerick Birdwatch highlighted:
    - i. the need for council budgets dedicated for biodiversity provision, to erect and maintain signage of nature spots around limerick city and county
    - ii. maintenance of wildlife areas – litter picks, path maintenance for safety and accessibility
  - d. Trish Forde Brennan of Limerick Grow it Yourself
    - i. Provision & maintenance of safe green areas within Limerick city for people to relax and recharge in – e.g. Tony Clarkes urban garden on Thomas St.
  - e. Request from all members to the PPN administration staff:
    - A document describing the pathway on how to bring a motion from a linkage group to SPC agenda
    - Request to council to provide a list their funding opportunities for the year ahead with the relevant dates highlighted.
    - Request to council for a staff member to do a training session on how to apply for council funds.
  - f. Action for all linkage members - to use the salesforce Chatter to highlight the priorities of their group.
7. Request for facilitators from PPN CAFE linkage group to facilitate the community conversations on the Climate Action Plan. Training will be provided.
    - a. Two volunteers for the role: Helena Kelly & Caillum Hedderman
    - b. Tuesday 16th March agreed for Climate Conversations Session
  8. Request from Urban, Community and Social Inclusion linkage to CAFE linkage group requesting their support of their statement regarding the distributor road from Coonagh to Moyross that is to be presented to the Limerick Council, Limerick Mayor and Limerick Chamber.

All CABE groups present support the statement. The majority requested an amendment to paragraph 4. i.e. remove “We note that sections of this road project that serve middle and upper class constituents have been completed without issue.”

9. Linkage group meetings for 2021– next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> of March 7:30 – 9pm. In future the CABE linkage meeting will be 12 days in advance of each SPC, therefore our meeting dates for 2021 are:

Linkage Group Meeting	SPC Tuesdays
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	09/02/2021 FEB
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	13/04/2021 APR
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	05/10/2021 OCT
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	07/12/2021 DEC

**10. AOB**

All present thanked Catherine Dalton for facilitating the linkage group meeting.