

Meeting: PPN Limerick Plenary meeting

Those present: List at end of the minutes

Date: 27th November 2025

Apologies: List at end of the minutes

Venue: Dooradoyle Council, Chambers, Limerick

LPPN = Limerick Public Participation Network

LG = Linkage Group

LCCC = Limerick City and County Council

DRCD = Department of Rural and Community Development

SPC = Strategic Policy Committee

EDEP = Economic Development Enterprise & Planning

Agenda item	Detail	Action	Who	When
1. Welcome address.	<p>PPN Limerick Facilitator Patrick Fitzgerald Welcomed all PPN Members to PPN Limericks' s third Plenary Meeting of the year.</p> <p>PF confirmed Standing Orders for Plenary meetings and that the meeting did not currently have a quorum.PF brought the groups attention to DRCD issued a circular - CVSP 1/2022 – which advises procedure when this occurs. The group present agreed to go ahead with the Plenary meeting.</p> <p>Noted that there is a QR code to view the documents online.</p>			
2. Standing Orders for Plenary	PF confirmed Standing Orders for Plenary meetings.			
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3. Minutes of last Plenary meeting	<p>Patrick Fitzgerald noted June 2025 Plenary meeting minutes taken as read.</p> <p>Proposed by Linda Ledger</p>			

	Seconded by Sean Kelly			
4. Matters arising	<p>Patrick Fitzgerald went through matters arising with PPN Limerick members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Fitzgerald noted training for Groups. After receiving feedback from PPN Limerick members from the last Plenary meeting. Patrick Fitzgerald noted he would like to deliver and research the training and deliver the training within the PPN remit in 2026. Details of the training would be in Workplan and budget. Patrick Fitzgerald noted Members in attendance will have A copy of PPN Limerick's "Glossary of terms and acronyms available this evening. As requested in the previous meeting. It is a Plain English guide for new members. A Guide to PPNs document will be developed in Q1 of 2026. RE: proposed Market quarter and Cruises Street Upgrades had no consultation and was unable to view documents. PF asked DT to email information to PPN@limerick.ie. As PF would like to bring it to the attention of Secretariat members. PF suggested writing a letter from the Secretariat members to the Director as requested from DT. PF suggested putting onto the agenda for the next Secretariat meeting. Patrick Fitzgerald noted as Resource worker was ill for an extended period this did not occur. Question as to whether we need to name explicitly in Constitution that Reps will attend Plenary Meetings. Declan Hehir asked how many representatives attended tonight's Plenary, Nine representatives were in attendance. LB proposed send an email with dates for 2026 Plenary. Brian Leddin noted if there is 280 members in Limerick should they have to attend. Brian Lennon was part of PPN Limerick in order to attract and while forum. Noted not going to get attendance if theirs no reason for the members to attend. Brian Thompson noted there was a special duty for representatives and they put themselves forward and if they don't turn up, they should depart from PPN Limerick. Mark Ryan noted on funding applications it is a tick box exercise, and it might not be possible for everyone to attend. There is a 7/10 days to display a motion. Would there be a platform to display? LB suggested PPN Limerick have a YouTube Channel/ PPN Limerick Website that it could be displayed. 	<p>Training</p> <p>A Guide to PPNs document will be developed.</p> <p>Motion tabled</p> <p>PPN Limerick Representatives attending PPN Meetings.</p> <p>Dates set for 2026. Notify Representatives</p>	<p>PPN Limerick</p> <p>LB, COR</p> <p>By Dave Tobin</p> <p>PPN Limerick</p>	<p>2026</p> <p>First quarter of 2026</p> <p>Next Plenary Meeting</p> <p>2026</p>

	<p>Declan Hehir asked why is Salesforce not being used? Patrick Fitzgerald suggested discussing that in a later discussion within the meeting.</p>			
<p>5. Secretariat Update</p>	<p>Patrick Fitzgerald noted PPN Limerick meeting in September was unavoidably cancelled and gave a Secretariat update.</p> <p>The Secretariat continues to function effectively and is meeting regularly with 5 meetings so far this year and 2 update meetings</p> <p>PPN Limerick gave our annual report when requested in May. National report is not available yet. PPN Limerick received 5 nominations for the Council Committees and 2 for the Community Safety Partnership in this round. The nominations are for</p> <p>Climate Action Biodiversity & Environment - Environment/Conservation Pillar - Seán Mcilpatrick An Taisce Limerick</p> <p>Economic Development Enterprise, Tourism & Planning - Environment /Conservation Pillar - Brian Leddin An Taisce Limerick</p> <p>Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage & Culture SPC - Community/Voluntary Pillar Eileen McMahon Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy School</p> <p>Local Community Development Committee Environment/Conservation Pillar Darragh Boyce An Taisce Limerick</p> <p>Local Community Development Committee Social Inclusion Pillar Tanya Dunworth Thomondgate Residents Association</p> <p>Patrick Fitzgerald noted all are deemed appointable and ran unopposed and asked the Plenary present to ratify them?</p>	<p>Prepare a report for the next full council meeting where they will be appointed to their committees.</p>	<p>LB</p>	<p>January 2026</p>

	<p>- All members agreed. Patrick Fitzgerald thanked the nominees and advised that Lorraine will prepare a report for the next full council meeting where they will be appointed to their committees.</p> <p>Patrick Fitzgerald noted we now have 5 SPC seats Vacant and 3 Secretariat We will seek nominations again in the new year. It was noted as seen in the report we have delivered and supported more events than any previous years. We were lead in several LCCC consultations / delivered political advocacy training from Rothain and created links for training with the Irish Council for Civil Liberties. Our own meeting with Mayor John Moran was very well received.</p> <p>PPN Limerick delivered practical training for fundraising skills/ financial planning and / grant applications training.</p> <p>PPN Limerick will build on this next year as discussed in the Workplan/ budget. Our workplan and budget as always follows the 4 principals shown in the workplan.</p> <p>Patrick suggested that a community event be added such as engaging with lifelong learning week.</p> <p>Martha Potter suggested the capacity building training, if a practical as possible could assist groups who do not have budget for necessary training.</p> <p>The Workplan and budget for 2026 was adopted.</p>			
<p>6. Irish Cement Committee Update</p>	<p>Patrick Fitzgerald gave an Update Re: Irish Cement Castlemungret Community Liaison Committee.</p> <p>In April 2018, An Bord Pleanala granted permission to Irish Cement Ltd., for a development to facilitate the use of alternative fuels and alternative raw materials in the cement manufacturing process at Mungret Cement Factory. The grant of permission was subject to 13 conditions. Conditions 11 and 12 relate to the</p>			

	<p>establishment of a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and the establishment of a Community Gain Fund (CGF) respectively.</p> <p>The Community Gain Fund was to be established at a rate of €1 per tonne of alternative fuels/alternative materials utilised (Current estimated value of the fund is €38,000). The Community Liaison Committee, once established, would have responsibility for the administration of the Community Gain Fund.</p> <p>Limerick City and County Council was given responsibility for the establishment of the CLC. An Bord Pleanála mandated that the Committee “shall comprise 7 members having an Independent Chairperson, 2 local Community Representatives, 2 Elected members of the Local Authority, 1 official of the Local authority and 1 representative from the operators of the cement works.”</p> <p>The CLC will have responsibility for the administration of the community gain fund account to be set up in accordance with condition 12 and for decisions on projects to be supported by the fund in addition to acting as a liaison committee with the local community in relation to ongoing monitoring of the operation of the cement works.</p> <p>Following a Request from Limerick City and County Council it was agreed that it would be appropriate for two Secretariat members to sit on the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) on an interim basis during its establishment phase.</p> <p>Once the committee is fully established with its procedures and Terms of Reference in place, an election will be held through the PPN Plenary to select formal representatives in line with PPN policy.</p> <p>The two Secretariat Members nominated to serve on an interim basis are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack O’Connor • Sean Kelly <p>In line with PPN procedures, a Linkage Group associated with this representative role is now set up, to ensure that interested members can stay informed and contribute to the committee’s work. Members can join this Linkage Group by emailing ppn@limerick.ie.</p>			
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	Declan Hehir spoke of salesforce being a great platform to keep in touch with the other members and expressed surprise that others found it difficult. Lorraine stated that she had a lot of people with issues with it.			
8. AOB	Proposed motion received by Dave Tobin re: Formally Inviting LCCC Officials to each Plenary going to be discussed in the next Plenary 2026.	February Plenary		
9. Closing remarks	PF thanked all members for attending the final plenary of 2025.			

Attendees

PPN member group/organisation	Pillar	Municipal District	Name of Secretariat member
Secretariat members			
1. Glin Going Strong Club	Community	Newcastle West	Patrick Cummins
2. Limerick Community Education Network	Social Inclusion	Limerick Metropolitan	Patrick Fitzgerald

3. BGM Community Support Services Centre	Community	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Declan Hehir
4. Foynes and District Community Council	Community	Adare-Rathkeale	Sean Kelly
5. Northside Family Resource Centre	Social Inclusion	Limerick Metropolitan	Mark Ryan
6. Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autum School	Community	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Eileen McMahon
PPN member group/organisation	Pillar	Municipal District	Name of representative(s) who attend
1. Limerick Pedestrian Network/ Limerick Cycling Campaign	Community/Environmental	Limerick Metropolitan	Dave Tobin
2. Step Forward Disability Group	Community	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Martha Potter
3. Limerick Migrant Forum	Social Inclusion	Limerick Metropolitan	Khurram Iqbal (Raja)
4. Limerick Migrant Forum	Social Inclusion	Limerick Metropolitan	Vadivel Raj
5. GOSHH	Social Inclusion	Limerick Metropolitan	Verena Tarpey
6. Mungret Saint Pauls Gaa	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Fintan Hynes
7. Tait House Community Enterprise CLG	Social Inclusion	Limerick Metropolitan	Michael Quilligan
8. Limerick Cycling Campaign	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Pat Fitzpatrick
9. St. Mary's Adult Education Group CLG	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Brian Thompson
10. Kilmurry Arts & Heritage Centre	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Marian Hurley
11. Step Forward Disability Group	Social Inclusion	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Maureen Browne
12. Limerick Cycling Campaign	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Farron Flaherty
13. St. Munchins Community Centre	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Linda Ledger
14. Limerick Migrant Forum	Social Inclusion	Limerick Metropolitan	Kate Njoku
15. Thomondgate Residents Association	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Tanya Dunworth

16. Womensshed Limerick Dooradoyle /Raheen	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Annette Murphy
17. An Taisce	Environment	Limerick Metropolitan	Brian Leddin
18. An Taisce	Environment	Limerick Metropolitan	Seán Mc ilpatrick
19. An Taisce	Environment	Limerick Metropolitan	Darragh Boyce
20. Limerick Seniors Forum	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Noreen Waters
21. Meadowbrook Residents Corbally	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	David Buckley
22. Meadowbrook Residents Corbally	Community	Limerick Metropolitan	Karla
Apologies			
23. Tournafulla Tidy Towns	Community	Newcastle West	Jennifer Jean
24.			
Also in Attendance			
Caroline O'Reilly LPPN Support Worker		PPN Limerick	
Lorraine Broderick LPPN Resource Worker		PPN Limerick	

Record of the meeting taken as a fair and accurate reflection of the discussion and adopted at subsequent plenary meeting:

FACILITATOR: Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date: _____