



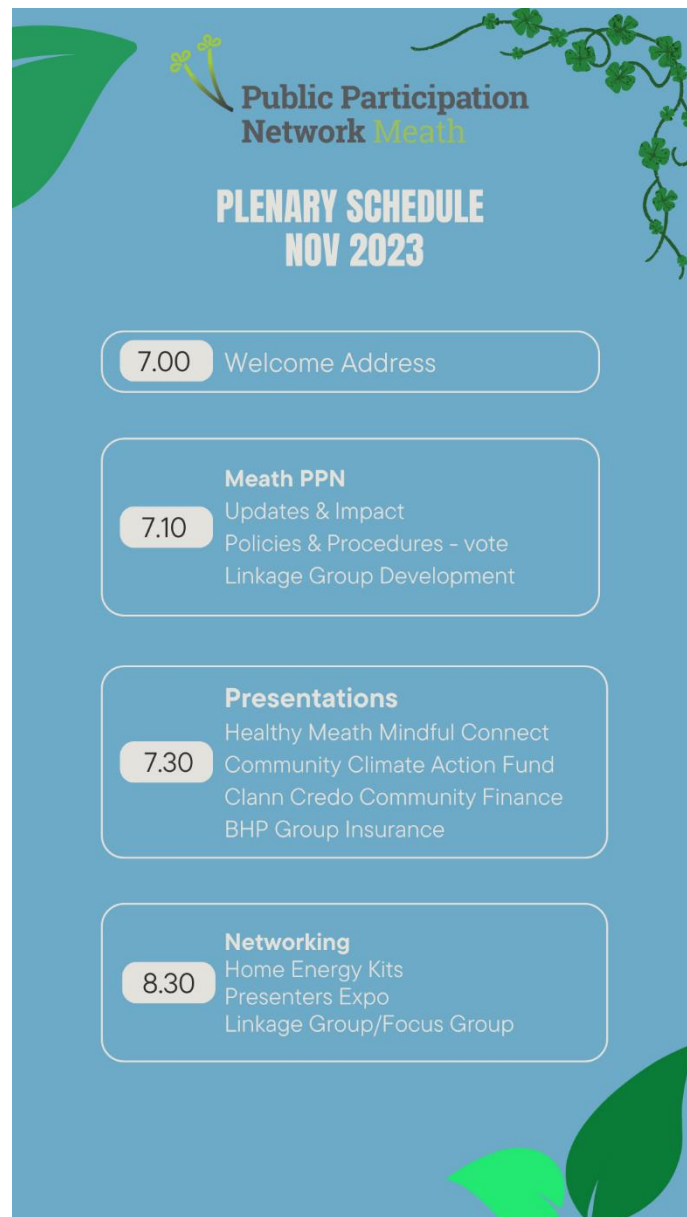
Public Participation Network Meath

Report on Plenary of Meath PPN

30th November 2023

Wilkinstown Community Centre

1. **Chair of the Plenary:** Eilish Devine, Na Fianna GFC, Trim MD
2. **Agenda:** circulated before event



3. **Registration and Welcome**

At the Plenary of Meath PPN, held on 30th November 2023 in the Wilkinstown Community Centre, 51 people were in attendance, representing 39 different groups from across the Meath PPN network. **See Appendix 1.**

4. **Opening Address**

Leas-Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council, Cllr. Paul McCabe gave the opening address to the Plenary ([speech here](#)) before handing over to the Chair of Meath PPN, Eilish Devine.

5. Governance & Administration

The Chair officially opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance before introducing the Secretariat and outlining for attendees what had been achieved since the last Plenary.

With the passing of the Constitution by a significant 91.5%, policies and procedures (*distributed to all members on 9th November 2023*) were introduced which would further complete the governance requirements of Meath PPN. As only 39 groups were present on the day (6.4% of total membership) and given the Constitution went to an online vote, a decision to hold the policies and procedures vote online was suggested from the Secretariat. This would allow groups time to read, discuss and decide. **See Appendix 2.**

The Chair finished by outlining the development of further policies and procedures as referenced in the Constitution, to be presented at the next Plenary.

The development of Linkage Groups with a facilitator about to be appointed was noted, with the opportunity for groups to input ideas into current SPC categories as a means to start these conversations at the development stage.

6. Presentations

The next section of the day focused on four presentations from different departments and organisations.

Healthy Meath ([Presentation Here](#))

Aisling O'Donnell, Healthy Meath Coordinator, spoke about the Mindful Connect Ambassadors Programme which will create a network of organisations and empowered people to work together to improve mental health in the community. There was also information on micro grants and supports available to community groups through the current round of Healthy Ireland funding.

Community Climate Action Fund ([Presentation Here](#))

Anne O'Brien discussed the Community Climate Action Programme 2021-24, €811,000 is allocated to Meath. The aim of the fund is to support community climate action projects that reduce carbon use and promote sustainability. Projects may be small, medium or large under themes of Home/energy, Travel, Food & Waste, Shopping & Recycling and Local Climate & Environmental Action.

Clann Credo Community Finance ([Presentation Here](#))

Martina O'Moore discussed Clann Credo provides loan finance for community groups to access grant funds like LEADER, CLÁR and the above CCAP. Grant funds often require groups to have their own funding or a draw down clause after completion of works. Clann Credo can help provide that finance with a loan that is tailored specifically for community groups.

BHP Insurance ([Presentation Here](#))

Martina Westphal spoke about the range of options available to community groups, charities and not-for-profits when it comes to insurance needs and risk solutions.

Garret O'Brien, Meath PPN Secretariat member, followed with a request for attendees to discuss insurance needs and too complete a survey on same.

7. Networking, Linkage Groups and Presenters Showcase

Following light refreshments, groups were invited to network amongst each other. This has been a key component missing from PPN events. Peer led and shared learning is vital to the continuous improvement of community provided services across the county.

PPN groups were reminded to complete the suggestions for the 4 different Strategic Policy Committees which will inform the development of Linkage Groups in 2024.

All presenters had tables available for attendees to gather further information or ask specific questions.

At the end of the evening a raffle was held before the November Plenary was ended and everyone wished a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Appendix 1 – List of Groups in Attendance:

Ballinlough Women's Shed	Hillside View Housing Association
Moynalty Steam Threshing	Dunshaughlin Tidy Towns
Moynalty Active Retirement	Kilskyre Pride of Place
Kells Men's Shed	Coastwatch Europe
Ballinlough GFC	Meath East Community Association
Beechmount Residents Association	Na Fianna CLG GAA
Broomfield District Residents Association	NE Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force
Navan Cycling Initiative	Drewstown House Trust
Athlumney Bridge social Club	How Are You Feeling Outreach
Thai/Asian Community Meath	Ratoath Tidy Towns
Meath Film Collective	Athboy Men's Shed
Drumconrath Community Alert	Sonairte
Drumconrath CDA	Lough Lunasa
Dunboyne Men's Shed	Wilkinstown Community Centre
Dunboyne Tidy Towns	St. Mary's Villas Residents Association
Flexibus	Moynalty Community Council
Friday Night Soccer	Manorlands Residents Association
St. Colmcille's GAA	Gardening Dynamic
Bhulf Tón GAA	Youth Work Ireland Meath
Girley Bog Meitheal	

Appendix 2 – Policies & Procedures Result:

Meath PPN Policies & Procedures

December 1, 2023 at 1:00pm – December 8, 2023 at 1:00pm
(GMT+01:00) DUBLIN

Ended

Actions ▾

109 ballots submitted of 607 eligible voters (29 opened) – 18%

Results

Graphed Results

Vote by Vote

Voter Audit

Admin Audit

Export Results ▾

Do you approve the Policies & Procedures as presented to the Plenary on November 30th 2023?

PLURALITY 104 votes tallied and 5 abstentions

Yes

104 votes 100.00%

No

0 votes 0%

Yes wins with 100.00% of the vote.

Policies & Procedures

Policies ratified by the online vote can be found here: [Policies & Procedures](#)

Photos





