DLR PPN SECRETARIAT MEETING

8th April 2024, 5.00 - 6.40 pm, online

In attendance: Viola di Bucchianico, Tony McCarthy, Kay Gleeson, Gavin Harte, Aileen Eglington, Bill O'Dea, Sharon Perry, Colette Downing, Simone Sav

1. Call to order.

The meeting was facilitated by Simone Sav

2. Declaration of conflict of interest:

A member of staff advised the secretariat that they were in the process of drawing down a mortgage and asked if this constituted a conflict of interest in relation to Item 6. The secretariat advised that this change would not impact the employee and that there was no conflict. No conflict was declared.

3. Review of previous meeting minutes and matters arising

Discussion

Simone advised that the Secretariat log of meeting actions had been reinstated and circulated - No other matters arising.

Actions/Agreed

Proposed Tony McCarthy— Seconded: Aileen Eglington

4. Review of Membership Applications

Discussion

Secretariat approved membership for the following:

Loughlinstown Pitch & Putt Club

Glasthule Buildings Estate Management

RCCG Excel Parish Limited

Dun Laoghaire Lions Club

Moreen Blackthorn Estate Management

Actions/Agreed

Staff will process memberships and relay Secretariat decisions and queries to groups.

5. Spring Network Meeting

We are ready for Thursday; we will be there at 6 and set up the room with lists. Finger food 3 options. All documentation required has been sent to members. 60 registrations to date. The meeting will open with networking and finger food as per the agenda.

Actions/Agreed

Simone and Colette will organise registration and liaise with the venue.

Simone will present the Annual Impact Report 2023, Draft Workplan 2024, Draft Budget 2024 and the Draft Strategic Plan.

6. Meeting with SSP

Discussion

Meeting with SSP – Thanks to Tony and Gavin for attending the meeting with Sinead Sherwin and Sandra King.

There was no mention of an increased hosting fee. PPN made it clear that we require monthly access to our expenditures and wages. The draft minutes need to be amended to reflect the decisions at the meeting and then agreed.

Financial reporting – When the figures for the first quarter of 2024 were received they were provided in an Excel workbook, there was a sheet in this book with figures allocated to the PPN for example part of a Zoom subscription for an employee of SSP, a charge for a Key, repairs to the Blackrock office etc., none of which were incurred concerning PPN activities. No invoices or approval requests or any notifications were made to PPN. Simone sought clarification by speaking to Clare O'Neill the new SSP Financial Controller who advised that she was told by the CEO to send on all that was coded to the PPN. There have been no changes to the way financial information was requested by the PPN the changes are on the side of the host organisation.

A. SLA for 2024 – Tony and Simone to work on the draft for the agreed period of May to December 2024 so that the SLA will be in alignment with MOU, funding etc.

Actions/Agreed

Simone to seek further clarification.

SLA 2024 Tony and Simone to commence work.

7. DLR Festival of Inclusion Event

Venues - ICC did not work out as they will not permit signs and banners — also strict about smoking on the grounds and we cannot enforce

Mount Merrion Parish Centre - there were some logistical issues regarding catering, no projector/screen, etc. We went back to the Talbot Hotel, and they agreed to provide the

Actions/Agreed

Staff to continue to liaise with the council and to promote event and registration. Simone will notify the membership.

venue and refreshments within our budget of 3k in line with the funding from the Council. Staff are meeting Siobhan and Elaine, Social Inclusion Festival organisers in dlr to look at groups to be featured. We have identified the Community dept and others re council grants – Age Friendly Home project – Social Prescribing – Rural Leader Fund.

Event date – 15 May 7-9pm Wednesday. Suggestions: Climate Action in dlr County Council – Women's Collective DLR, and Sports Partnership – "Hello How are you" day is the 15th May could also be included, DLR Integration Forum. Simone to follow up with suggested participants.

8. DLR Community & Volunteer Awards 2024

The deadline was extended to 10 April 2024.

Actions/Agreed

9. Updates:

Correspondence received – Communications are being logged on the Secretariat Actions workbook

PPN Worker's meeting – 21st March PPN worker's meeting, nothing additional to report as the DRCDs report was already circulated. The worker's retreat is 25 and 26 April in Trim.

Training - PPN Summer School with DCU – getting the schedule firmed up there is another meeting this week. Date 27-30 May 2 sessions every day, morning in person, evening online.

Festival of Funding DLR – 10-13 June We have secured speakers - Monday we have a speaker in Dundrum - Sandra Kelly will do 11th June in the hotel she will have people from other council departments to talk about their funding We were going to ask some groups who received funding to give a talk.

We have spoken to the Capital Credit Union and Clan Credo they are both going to do presentations with q and a. Suggestion that we speak to Core Credit Union as they do the east of the county. - Thursday 13th to have a digital fundraising platform to come and give a talk.

Actions/Agreed

Simone and Colette to attend PPN workers retreat.

Suggestion - A group called Business in the	Simone to follow up with Core CU and Business
Community may be able to assist us may be	in the Community
worth following up with them. It is a	
philanthropic scheme that delivers funding.	

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Strategic plan – Any feedback on the designed presentation – Secretariat said they were happy with the report.	Simone to present 5 year plan at Spring Network meeting for ratification.

11. Date of next meeting		
13 May 2024		