



Draft Kildare Public Participation Network Plenary Meeting Minutes

Date: 10th November 2026 **Location:** Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge

Attendees:
Kildare PPN Secretariat Members: Anne Crowe (AC- Facilitator), Anthony Egan (AE), Imelda Chawke (IC), Stephine Obijias (SO), Martin Kelly and Dermot O’Donnell (DOD)
Kildare PPN CLG Members: Liz Deniffe (LD) and Naomi Scott Hayward (NSH)
Member Organisations: Forty-four (Details available upon Request)
Staff: Grainne Fleming, (GF), Grace Clarke (GC)
Apologies: None

No	Item	By	Action
1	<p>Welcome & Introduction</p> <p>The Secretariat Facilitator (AC) welcomed everyone and gave an agenda overview. Two members stated they had not received the agenda. One member advocated continuing with the agenda and holding the motion until later (Agreed).</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>Pro: PJF 2nd: DOD</p>	
2	<p>Plenary March 2025 Minutes to be ratified</p> <p>The Secretariat Facilitator (AC) read the minutes. One member requested that “problem / delay with the Solicitor be inserted”. Minutes adopted</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>Pro: AE 2nd: MG</p>	<p>Insert line to minutes</p>
3	<p>Overview of 2025</p> <p>Staff member (GF) gave an overview of the workplan for 2025, including Governance & compliance, Capacity building, Participation in decision making and Administration & communication.</p>	<p>GF</p>	
4	<p>Ratification of Policies / New Secretariat and Representatives</p>	<p>GF</p>	

	<p>One member expressed her dissatisfaction with the policy ratification process, suggesting that policies should be ratified one by one, with changes clearly highlighted for members.</p> <p>The following Secretariat members and representatives were ratified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Imelda Chawke (Naas Women's Shed) 2. Martin Kelly (Newbridge Access and Disability Group) 3. Dr. Stephanie Obijiaku (Ada Igbo) 4. Patricia Foley (Sallins Biodiversity Group) <p>The Secretariat Facilitator reminded people that at each Plenary people are invited to join the Secretariat</p>		Amendment to the Election Policy and Representative's Charter to be highlighted and presented for ratification at the next Plenary meeting
5	<p>Update on the Progress of the Kildare PPN CLG</p> <p>The CLG Leaders gave a comprehensive overview of the decision to move towards an independent Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) and an update on progress made.</p>	CLG	
5	<p>Motion (Background and Vote) Motion</p> <p>"Following agreement by the majority of Secretariat members, it is proposed that, in light of the absence of any transfer of undertakings over the past three years and the resulting lack of confidence in the current structure, Kildare PPN CLG be formally dissolved with immediate effect. It is further proposed that negotiations be initiated with Kildare County Council regarding the assumption of responsibility for the future hosting of AC the Kildare PPN, while safeguarding the continued independence and integrity of the network"</p> <p>The Secretariat Facilitator gave a background to the motion.</p> <p>Outcome: One member proposed withdrawal of the motion from tonight's agenda and that it is revisited at a later date when more information is provided.</p> <p>Questions, Answers & Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An AGM of the CLG is scheduled for Nov 24th, 2025. • Members expressed frustration and disappointment with the length of the process, lack of alternatives, lack of updates from the CLG, frustration with the Department. 	AC	The withdrawal was agreed by a show of hands (34 groups in favour).

6	Advisory Group Meetings & Feedback Due to time constraints, the scheduled Advisory Group meetings did not take place.		
Meeting concluded at approx. 10:00pm			

Date of next Plenary Meeting: Q1 2026 (TBC)