

Minutes of Meeting 12 of Kildare / Meath Community Forum (13th of Sept)

Mulvaneys, Dunboyne

Meeting started 7.05pm

In attendance

John Lawlor (Naas serpents), **Willie Rattigan** (Kilcloon Community Centre), , **Patrick Lynch** (Red Road Residents Association), **Karen Mahon** (An Taisce, Meath), **Fionnuala Corcoran** (Kilcock Tidy Towns) **Eddie Julian (Twomilehouse Community Centre)**

Apologies:

Philip McCormack (Batterstown Village Enhancement Association), **John Kennedy** (Clane Community Council), **Anne Cowley** (Twomilehouse say No Action Group),), **Allan Shine** (Kildare Chamber of Commerce), **Rose Donovan** (Straffan Community Association), **Damien O Reilly** (Meath County Council), **Sharon Langan** (Naas Serpents basketball)

Also in attendance – Bobby McCormack (Independent Chair from Development Perspectives), **Grainne Duffy** (EirGrid), Marjan Boers (**Meath Partnership**), Aidan Mealiffe (**Meath Partnership**)

A quick round of names was completed to ensure everyone knew who everyone was.

Minutes of last meeting (24th of April) were shared for review. No queries arose. Minutes proposed by Pat L and seconded by Willie R.

The agenda was outlined for the meeting by Bobby. Bobby relayed to the group that the report from Evan isn't available yet but will be shared once available.

Project update:

Grainne gave a quick update on the situation currently. No news from ABP. No submissions were made to the process outside of statutory agencies. This was seen as a positive. 1st Q or 2024 is the tentative timeline for news. Grainne will keep the forum updated.

Guest presentation from Marjan and Aidan (Meath Partnership re Leader funds)

The slides presented by Marjan and Aidan are now available to the forum members. Following the slides there were a few questions from forum members about needing to own land for a project proposal / timeline for funds / amounts of co funding / de minimis funding. Marjan and Aidan stayed on to answer questions at the end.

Next meeting:

There is a provisional hold on the 13th of November at 7pm for an online meeting. However, the attendance at the last two forum meetings has been low so can you please come back to Bobby to confirm your intention to attend that meeting. If 10-12 confirm attendance then we will go with that date and time. The next meeting will have a guest input from SEAI.