

North Connacht Community Forum

Minutes of Meeting 9 on the 1st of May at 7pm via Zoom

Attending:

Tommie Killeen (Conn Rangers FC), **Susan Heffernan** (Mary Robinson Centre), **John O Hara** (Mayo County Council), **Joe Murphy** (Roscommon County Council), **Kieran Gallagher** (Swinford Amenities Development CLG and Athletic Club), **Angela Wallace** (North Mayo, West Sligo Heritage Group),

Also in attendance –

Bobby McCormack (Development Perspectives and Chairperson of the Forum) / **Avril Wilson** and **Eoghan O Sullivan** from EirGrid. **Nuala O Connell** and **Katie Kearns** (SECAD)

Apologies:

A quick round of introductions took place in order to ensure everyone knew each other and our guests from SECAD.

Housekeeping guidelines was run through by Bobby. This concerned muting microphones / reising questions / using the chat space etc

Minutes: Neil Cruise (MCC), **Pat Towey** and **David O Gara** (Ballaghaderreen Mens Shed)

Meeting minutes for meeting 8 were proposed by Susan Heffernan and seconded by Tommie Killeen. Mins of meeting 7 were also proposed and seconded.

Matters arising.

An amendment to meeting 7 mins was agreed after Cllr Joe Murphy spotted an omission which concerned potential investment in Ballaghadeereen.

Agenda:

Bobby presented the agenda and running order of the evening.

Project Update – Avril and Eoghan indicated that there was no substantial project update

Developing the Community Benefit Fund Strategy

Role of the Forum in Strategy Development

Community Consultation Process

These 3 points were addressed by Nuala and Katie from SECAD. Slides will be sent to all of the forum members by SECAD.

Cllr Joe Murphy and Cllr Joe O Hara both complimented SECAD on their previous efforts. Angela Wallace asked about the current timeline of the project which Avril addressed.

Bobby asked about the difference between regular forum meetings and consultations organised by the fund administrators. Katie clarified this. Tommie raised a comment about support more generally.

Next steps

SECAD to distribute slides from this evening in a mail to all of the forum members

AOB

No AOB.

Bobby thanked people for attending and the meeting was ended at 8.15pm