

North Connacht Community Forum

Minutes of Meeting 5 – Thursday the 13th of October @7pm in person (Swinford Amenity Park)

Present: Pat Towey and David O Gara (Ballaghaderreen Mens Shed), Kieran Gallagher (Swinford Amenities Development CLG and Athletic Club), Sean O Sullivan (Conn Rangers FC), John O Hara (Mayo County Council), Joe Murphy (Roscommon County Council), Laura Dixon (Mayo County Council), Joe Drury (Charlestown Development Association), Philip Durkin (Swinford Community Park)

Also in attendance – Bobby McCormack (Development Perspectives and Chairperson of the Forum / Eoghan O Sullivan (EirGrid)

Apologies: Angela Wallace (North Mayo, West Sligo Heritage Group), Susan Heffernan (Mary Robinson Centre), Anne Kearney (Bonnifinglas Graveyard Committee), Neil Cruise (Mayo County Council), Patricia Cassidy (Charlestown Swimming Pool), Mags Downey Martin (Ballina Chamber of Commerce), Patricia Madden (Community Resource Centre)

Bobby kicked off the meeting at 7.05 and thanked Swinford Amenity park for hosting the meeting.

Apologies were given and a round of introductions was provided

Minutes

The minutes of the 4th meeting were perused. PT and DOG were the only members that had attended and it was postponed,

Matters arising

No matters arising

Agenda

Bobby presented the agenda for the evening

Project Update - Eoghan

Eoghan OS gave an update on the project and talked about where the project is at and where we go from here. Planning will be submitted in the Q 1 of 2023. **Subsequently, it was evident that planning was submitted in June 2022.** PD, JD, PT, LD raised some questions for clarification. Bobby indicated that the routing and a video link will be provided in the follow up mail and mins to provide some clarity on questions being put forward.

Capacity Building – Bobby

Bobby put the 17 SDGs out on the ground and did a basic input on what the goals are, why they are important and how they connect to the Community benefit fund. This toed into the next part of the forum life cycle – capacity building

Membership – Bobby

Bobby invited the forum to be as inclusive and comprehensive as possible and asked if other groups / orgs could or should be represented. Some conversation followed.

Date and time of next meeting – Bobby

It was agreed that the 6th meeting of the NC community forum would be in mid to Late Jan 2023 and would look at a project update and the introduction of capacity building.

AOB – None

Bobby thanked everyone for their participation and involvement and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.