



Leitrim PPN Plenary Pack

PPN Election Report and Ratification

In February 2021, the Secretariat undertook to conduct a selection process for the filling of 15 PPN vacancies that had arisen or that would soon arise. An independent consultant, Jamie Moore, was appointed to support the Secretariat to undertake the selection process.

The vacancies were as follows:

- **Secretariat:**
 - 2 Social Inclusion seats
 - 2 Environmental seats
 - 2 Community and Voluntary seats
 - 1 Manorhamilton MD seat
- **Local Community Development Community**
 - 1 Community seat
 - 1 Social Inclusion seat
- **Leitrim Local Development Company**
 - 1 Female Manorhamilton seat
 - 1 Disability Interest seat
 - 1 New Communities seat
- **Housing, Community and Culture SPC**
 - 1 Community and Voluntary seat
 - 1 Social Inclusion seat
- **Economic Development and Planning SPC**
 - 1 Social Inclusion seat



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The selection process consists of a nomination period, election period and ratification of the results. The nomination and election process is complete and this report is presented for ratification.

Nomination Period

The nomination period was open from 8 March 2021 to 29 March 2021. The following methods were utilised to promote nominations:

- A dedicated web page on the PPN website: www.leitrimppn.ie/elections
- A range of posts on Leitrim County Council social media channels (Facebook and Twitter)
- 5 targeted e-newsletters (emails to members)
- Outreach and queries via email and phone

Following the nomination period, candidate details were verified. The verification process found:

- 31 nominations in total were received across 15 vacancies.
- 9 of these were either ineligible, withdrew their nomination or were duplicate nominations.
- No eligible nominees were received for 2 vacancies in relation to the Leitrim Development Company: The Disability Interest seat and Female Manorhamilton MD seat.
- This resulted in 22 eligible nominees across 13 vacancies.
- Of these, there was 7 vacancies where 7 individual nominees received, meaning no elections were required for these seats.
- This left 15 candidates in contention for 6 seats.

Election Period

The election period was open from 9 April 2021 to 23 April 2021. The election was conducted online and each PPN member received a voting link with the relevant seats in which they could cast a vote in. The seats up for election and voter eligibility was as follows:

- Economic Development and Planning SPC (Social Enterprise seat)



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- All members can vote
- Housing, Community and Culture SPC (Community seat)
 - All members can vote
- Leitrim LCDC (Community seat)
 - Only Community electoral college members can vote
- Leitrim PPN Secretariat (2 Community seat)
 - Only Community electoral college members can vote
- Leitrim PPN Secretariat (Manorhamilton Municipal District seat)
 - Only Manorhamilton MD area members can votes

The nominees and electorate for LCDC and Secretariat seats is directly linked to the electoral college the seat belongs to. The nominees for SPC seats are generally linked directly to an electoral college but the electorate is all colleges.

In order to ensure PPN members only received a vote in the elections they were eligible to cast a vote in, the electorate was split as follows:

- Community Electoral College Members in the Manorhamilton Municipal District Area could vote in all 6 seats.
- Community Electoral College Members in the Carrick-on-shannon and Ballinamore Municipal District Areas could vote in 5 seats but not the Manorhamilton MD seat on the Secretariat.
- Social Inclusion College and Environmental College Members could vote in the 2 SPC elections.

57 member organisations cast a vote in the election. 10 Duplicate votes were case, where this was the case, the first vote cast was taken as the final vote – this was communicated to members in advance. 2 votes were not counted – a test vote by the administrator and a vote cast by an organisation that was not a PPN member.

The full list of successful nominees is:



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Secretariat			
Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Social Inclusion	Mary	Atumonyogo	Leitrim International Community Group
Social Inclusion	Brigid	McGourty	North Leitrim Womens Group
Environment	Mella	OBrolchain	Leitrim Local Environmental Network
Environment	Aedín	McLoughlin	Good Energies Alliance Ireland
Community	Máirín	Martin	Ballinamore Area Community Council Ltd.
Community	Frank	Cadam	Co. Leitrim Percy French Society
Manorhamilton MD	Gerry	Creamer	Caislean Hamilton CLG
LCDC			
Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Social Inclusion	Lola	Gonzalez	Leitrim International Community Group
Community	Seamus	Regan	Leitrim Village Development Company
Local Development Company			
Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
New Communities	Patricia	Clarkson	Leitrim International Community Group
Disability	Vacant		
Manorhamilton Female	Vacant		
Housing, Community and Culture SPC			
Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Social Inclusion	Oluwakemi Aina	Fawehinmi	Leitrim International Community Group
Community	Pauline	Moran	Lahard Residents Assosiation
Economic Development and Planning SPC			
Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Social Enterprise	Hugh	Mc Gurrin	Bee Park Field Committee



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Ratification

The successful nominees (apart from the Secretariat) have been put forward as interim appointments to the relevant committee in the interest of having active representation where possible. This interim measure is in place until formal ratification by the PPN Plenary. Once ratified by the PPN Plenary, the appointments will be ratified by members of Leitrim County Council where appropriate.

The PPN Secretariat proposes the ratification of successful nominees.