

# Kilkenny PPN Representative Report

<b>Date:</b> 27/03/25	<b>Time:</b> 2.00pm-3.30pm	<b>Venue:</b> KCC Chambers
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**Reporting Representatives Name:** Brian Hamilton – Environmental Rep (An Taisce)

**Committee:** SPC 1 Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy

**Were you in attendance at the last Committee Meeting?** Yes

**Did you consult with the wider PPN / Linkage Group before this meeting?** Yes

**Please outline the key issues discussed at the meeting:**

- Correction of Minutes re KCC involvement with Grennan Island Mill and Thomastown Swimming Area
- Digital Policy of KCC particularly re Digital Skills and inclusion of the public. Presentation of the new Library at the Abbey Quarter as a focus for this.
- Artificial Intelligence policy for KCC no proposals yet. Effect on planning policies?
- New act in October for the Planning Regulator.
- Ferrybank Local Area Plan
- LECP 2023-2028 update
- Accessible Toilet facilities in Abbey Quarter
- Presentation by Denis Malone re Planning Objections

**Were any decisions made at the meeting?**

- Investigate proposal for toilets in Abbey Quarter with new structure attached to Historic Gable
- **Are there any actions to be taken as a result of this meeting? Who by?**
- Abbey Quarter Toilets KCC

**Did you or another PPN representative make any contributions to this meeting?**

- Irish Farming Organisation Sean Cummins explained position on Dairy Farmers re objections. I made representations on A.1. Policy, Accurate ownership maps for planning purposes. Abbey Quarter Toilets Role of Planning objectors in social society

**Do you require feedback from the wider PPN Network / Linkage Group on any issues raised? (specify issue)**

- Climate change issues re water quality. Heritage issues re biodiversity

**Are there any issues / difficulties for you as a representative of the PPN arising from this meeting?**

- A robust discussion between myself and the Chair re Planning objections by An Taisce

**Any other comments? Do the linkage group require circulation of SPC1 minutes in advance?**

<b>Date of next Meeting:</b> 19/06/2025 2.00 – 3.30 KCC Chambers
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