

## RTN Update 22nd March 2013

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A Chara,

As you are aware the Executive of the RTN met yesterday in Tullamore. (Minutes will be circulated shortly)

The Agenda of the meeting was as follows;

1. Minutes of National Meeting 7th February 2013
2. Minutes from National Meeting 13th February 2013
3. RTN Finance
4. RTN Membership
5. Notes from NTA Meeting 28th February 2013
6. Briefing Note from NTA 20th March 2013
7. RTN Nominees onto 3 working groups
8. Update from ILDN Meeting 19th March 2013
9. SIPTU request for rep from RTN

I'm writing a quick update from the meeting but focusing on points no **5, 6 and 7**;

The RTN received a briefing note from NTA on Wednesday which was circulated to the Executive in advance of Thursday's meeting. Also received from Anne Graham was draft Terms of Reference for 3 working groups that they want the RTN to nominate representatives onto;

**1. School Transport Services Subgroup; 2. Health Related Transport Services subgroup; 3. Service Mapping Subgroup**

It was agreed by the Executive that the RTN felt that no meaningful consultation is taking place between the RTN and the NTA and that the RTN could not nominate any members onto the subgroups until consultation began.

It was also agreed to write to Minister Kelly to welcome his reported comments on our submission but to also outline that recent developments (briefing paper) have highlighted a lack of cohesive engagement between the Department, the NTA and the RTN. There is a significant variance in the information being received by the RTN from the Minister and from the NTA to date. Therefore the RTN have requested that a meeting between the RTN, the NTA and chaired by the Minister is needed as soon as possible.

With this in mind please find attached the following documents for your information;

1. Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 7th February 2013 - approved yesterday
2. Minutes of the National meeting held on 13th February 2013 - approved yesterday
3. Briefing Note received from Anne Graham, NTA by the RTN on Wednesday 20th March and distributed to Executive for yesterday's meeting
4. Letter drafted and sent yesterday by Executive to Minister Kelly (we also sent him copy of NTA Letter and briefing note received from NTA)
5. Letter drafted and sent yesterday evening to Anne Graham and Gerry Murphy NTA

**New Chairperson - Fiona O' Shea, SITT      Vice Chairperson - Padraic Smyth, Baltibus**

At yesterday's Executive meeting Kevin Traynor offered his resignation and this was accepted by the Executive. Please see attached info from Kevin's letter;

***"In light of recent developments and having discussed my position with the executive committee, it is with deep regret I have tendered my resignation as Chairperson of the R.T.N. at the executive meeting of the 21st of March. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the executive and the general membership for their help and support during my tenure.***

***I would like to congratulate the new Chair Fiona O' Shea and Vice Chair Padraig Smith on their appointment and to wish them every success in the future."***

There has been no reply as of yet from the Minister's office or the NTA to the letters emailed yesterday evening.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Kind regards,

Alan

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**Letter to Minister Kelly 21st March 2013.doc**

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**March 2013 Briefing Note Following Meeting 28th February 2013 final.docx**

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**Minutes of the Rural Transport Executive Meeting held on Thursday 7th February.docx**

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**Minutes RTN National Meeting 13th Feb 2013.doc**

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