

IRELAND TASKFORCE

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More information:



THE PURPOSE

Bringing together key national stakeholders interested in developing the "Smart Village" definition and related concepts in Ireland as well as identify regional and national supports for Smart Villages.

MEMBERS

11 members: CAP Network Ireland, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Volunteer Ireland, Digital First Day, Derilinx (Open Data), Campus Engage, Kilkenny Partnership, and a selection of key local development partnerships.

OUTCOMES

Smart Villages Definition

Initial discussions emphasised the title should be 'Smart Communities' to include all geographical areas in Ireland that are not considered villages. Other important topics were the definition of SMART, measurement of results, and regional support.

Objectives of Taskforce

We set a list of objectives we aim to achieve, such as scaling of Smart Villages to Regions, use of open data and cross theme integration for development.

MAIN CHALLENGE

We have limited time for these discussions and most stakeholders cannot be present at all meetings.

ACTIVITIES

February 13th, 2024

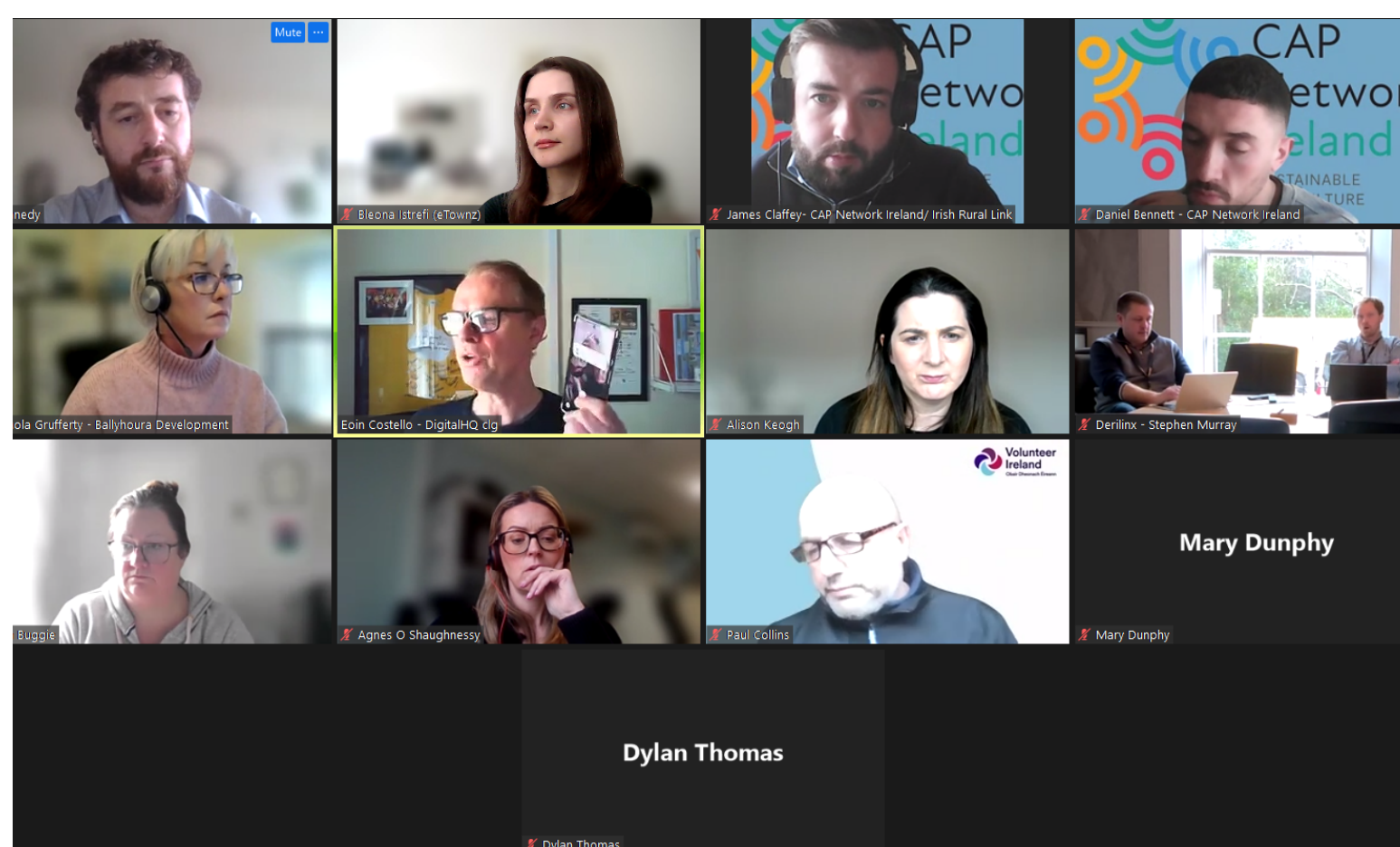
Initial taskforce meeting to measure the interest in forming an Irish Smart Village Taskforce and agree on membership.

March 6th, 2024

We discussed 6 objectives of the taskforce and shared a survey with the members to collect feedback on the impact of each objective.

March 7th-March 16th, 2024

Preparation of the Final Report on Irish Smart Village Taskforce from the previous meetings and survey results.



IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY

The Taskforce could achieve the standardisation of terminology and local development themes for Smart Communities, as well as review policy that supports the emergence of Smart Communities in Ireland through CAP Network and other key national organisation.