

Minutes of Climate Change and Energy Strategic Policy Committee

Tuesday 8th December 2020

In attendance: SPC Chairperson: Liam Reilly, Cllr. Marianne Butler, Cllr. Tom Cunningham, Cllr James Byrne, Eugene Conlon, Pat Mulligan,

Officials: Catherine Duff, Director of Services, David Hanratty, Senior Engineer, Padraig O’Hora, Senior Executive Engineer, Brendan McSherry, Heritage officer, Turlough King

Apologies Kevin Callan, Colm Markey, Miriam Simon, Liam Woods.

1. Minutes Adopted

The minutes of the July meeting were adopted.

Proposed by Liam Reilly

Seconded by Tom Cunningham

2. Meeting dates schedule for 2021 was agreed as 2nd Monday in the month and the time set at 16.00hrs.

February , May, September, December

Dates to be inserted on **Decision Time**, including Agenda and Minute, also to be circulated by email.

3. WORK PLAN: Review the Draft Development plan in regard to Climate Change.

A presentation was given by Turlough King Senior Executive Planner on the draft development plan polices that related to Climate change. A question and answer session took place at end of presentation. It was noted that the Local authority had limited powers in relation to agriculture and forestry activities. Correspondence submitted by Eugene Conlon was discussed and it was agreed that Turlough King would circulate information on how to make a submission to the committee members.

4. WORK PLAN: Biodiversity plan.

The Chairperson would raise at next CPG in order that draft **Biodiversity plan** can be finalized .

5. WORK PLAN: Developing a policy in regard to Sustainable Energy Communities for Louth..

Padraig O’Hora presented the existing 2015 policy and a revived draft Energy policy. Discussion took place on the opportunity to connect different groups, the Council taking a leadership role, stating the steps. This will developed following on from the discussions.

6. WORK PLAN: Develop a policy Involving Young citizens in Climate Change policy
Liam O'Reilly agreed to develop this work plan item at future date

7. WORK PLAN: Event at end of year on Climate Change – agreed to put on hold at the moment due to COVID.

A vote of congratulations was proposed by Marianne Butler for Dunleer SEC on their recent success in the SEAI Awards for “Inspirational Energy Community”

Correspondence - Letter from Eugene Conlon Re Draft Development plan

Gencomm to be invited to give Presentation on Hydrogen

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of SPC held on:- Date: January 8th 2021

SPC Chairperson: Liam Reilly