

Minutes of Climate Change and Energy Strategic Policy Committee

Monday 13th July 2020

In attendance: SPC Chairperson: Liam Reilly, Cllr. Marianne Butler, Cllr. Tom Cunningham, Cllr. James Byrne, Cllr. Colm Markey, Miriam Simon, Liam Woods, Eugene Conlon.

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

Apologies Kevin Callan, Pat Mulligan,

1. Minutes Adopted

The minutes of the meeting March were adopted.
Proposed by Marianne Butler
Seconded by Eugene Conlon

**2. Meeting dates schedule for 2020 was agreed and the time set at 16.00hrs.
7th September, 7th 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 discussion took place on the draft development plan and the role of the SPC. It was agreed the primary focus would be on the policy chapter on Climate Change in the Draft plan. The SPC could feed into other areas of the plan that impact Climate Change however this would be secondary. The dates for the development plan process to be circulated by Meeting Administrator

4. WORK PLAN: Biodiversity plan.

Brendan McSherry gave an overview of the draft plan. This needs to be finalized and brought to the Council management team. It will then be issued to the SPC for their review. Guidance of Japanese Knotweed was discussed. An undertaking to have this information on the Council website was given. Brendan explained that the National Biodiversity Database recorded known locations of invasive species.

5. WORK PLAN: Developing a policy in regard to Sustainable Energy Communities for Louth. A discussion took place on the roll out of Sustainable Energy Communities and the successful model of the Dunleer SEC. Going forward new communities will need to be explored such as farming, schools, employers and opportunities through the PPN. Padraig O’Hora will develop 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

7. WORK PLAN: Event at end of year on Climate Change – agreed to put on hold at the moment due to COVID. Eugene suggested a link with Dunleer twinned with a German town.

Gencomm to be invited to give Presentation on Hydrogen

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of Council held on:- Date: 12th October 2020

SPC Chairperson: Liam Reilly