

Minutes of Climate Change and Energy Strategic Policy Committee meeting held via Zoom Monday 29th May 2023

In Attendance: SPC Chairperson Cllr.Liam Reilly, Cllr. Marianne Butler, Cllr. Tom Cunningham, Pat Mulligan, Eugene Conlon, Una Fitzgerald (Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office)

Officials: Joe Mc Guinness Director of Service, Rory Sheehan Climate Action Coordinator, Denise Meegan Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Paula Butterly, David Hanratty, Miriam Simon, Brendan McSherry

1. Minutes Adopted

The minutes of the meeting of 30th January were adopted.

Proposed by Cllr. Liam Reilly

Seconded by Cllr. Marianne Butler

2. Matters Arising

Nothing raised

3. Presentation on Draft National Waste Management Plan by Una Fitzgerald

Una Fitzgerald gave a presentation on the Draft National Waste Management Plan which provided an overview of the structure and content of the plan in the context of the statutory consultation process.

She invited questions and a brief discussion followed.

She also confirmed there is an 8 week public consultation process which opened on 03rd May and closes at 4pm on 05th July 2023. Submissions can be made online through www.mywaste.ie

Cllr. Liam Reilly requested that the Presentation be circulated to all members after the meeting.

4. Afforestation – ‘Creation of Woodland on Public Lands Scheme by Rory Sheehan

Rory Sheehan gave a presentation and a brief overview of the scheme.

He advised that some sites have been identified in Co. Louth which are currently being evaluated and that they hope to have 1 confirmed site by the end of the year.

He invited questions from the members and a brief discussion followed.

Cllr. Liam Reilly queried if community groups and parishes can apply for the scheme.

Cllr. Marianne Butler stated that forestry is a complex issue. She queried if there is potential for a natural burial ground in the county.

Cllr. Tom Cunningham queried the possibility for coastal woodlands being used.

5. Discussion – Community Gardens & Allotments

As Brendan McSherry was unable to attend the meeting, it was agreed that this matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

Cllr. Liam Reilly had to leave the meeting, Cllr. Marianne Butler advised there was no longer a quorum so the meeting could not proceed any further.

6. Review of SPC Workplan

Deferred to next meeting.

Next meeting to take place at 4pm on 24th July 2023 via Zoom.

The minutes confirmed at a meeting of SPC held on:

21 August 23

SPC Chairperson:

Liam Reilly