

Minutes of Climate Change and Energy Strategic Policy Committee

Monday 12th October 2020

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

Officials: Catherine Duff, Director of Services, David Hanratty, Senior Engineer, Padraig O’Hora, Senior Executive Engineer, Brendan McSherry, Heritage officer, Esther Oolayiwola, Assistant Engineer .

Apologies Kevin Callan, Pat Mulligan, James Byrne, Colm Markey, Miriam Simon, Liam Woods.

1. Minutes Adopted

The minutes of the July meeting were adopted.

Proposed by Eugene Conlon

Seconded by Marianne Butler

**2. Meeting dates schedule for 2020 was agreed and the time set at 16.00hrs.
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 process. The dates for the development plan process to be circulated by Meeting Administrator and date of next SPC meeting to be reviewed if there is not sufficient time to make a submission.

4. WORK PLAN: Biodiversity plan.

Brendan McSherry gave a presentation on the draft **Biodiversity plan**. The plan was then discussed by the members of the SPC and agreed to take it to the next stage. It was agreed Chairperson would raise at CPG in order that draft **Biodiversity plan** can be finalized.

5. WORK PLAN David Hanratty, Senior Engineer gave a Presentation on Water Quality that had been developed by LAWPRO.

6. 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 on financing options for communities. Padraig O’Hora will develop following on from the discussions.

7. 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

8. WORK PLAN: Event at end of year on Climate Change – agreed to put on hold at the moment due to COVID. Note 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: 8th December 2020

SPC Chairperson: Liam Reilly