

Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 4
Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy
Held on 1st October 2021 at 11.00am
Remotely by MS Teams

- In the Chair:** Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh (on behalf of Cllr David Fitzgerald)
- In Attendance:** Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. Joe Lyons, Cllr. Maria Dollard, Mr Alan Dunney, Mr. Noel O'Donoghue, Mr. John Hurley, Mr James Murphy
- Also Present:** Mr. Sean McKeown, Director of Service; Ms. Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer, Mr Thomas Brennan, Executive Engineer, Ms Joan McLoughlin and Ms Claire Prendergast, Assistant Staff Officers.
- Apologies:** Cllr David Fitzgerald
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Cllr David Fitzgerald was unavailable due to a family bereavement and Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh was acting chair for the duration of this meeting.

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- Family of the late Julia Ryan.
- Family of the late Eugene Brett.
- Family of the late Billy Dalton.

Item 1 Declaration of interests
None reported.

Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes
Proposed by James Murphy, seconded by John Hurley and agreed: *"the minutes of SPC4 meeting held on the 25th June 2021, are hereby adopted,"*

Item 3 Matters Arising
Sean McKeown acknowledged this meeting was originally scheduled for 10th September 2021 and was postponed as awaiting publication of the draft River Basin Management Plan. The Plan is now available for public consultation until 31st March 2021.

Sean also addressed the matter in relation to a Changing Facility at the Abbey Quarter development which was raised at the last meeting. The Mayfair building will be accommodating Library Headquarters and a changing facility cannot be accommodated at this location. However, a changing facility will be incorporated in the next URDF funding application with a view to providing a facility at a suitable location.

Item 4 Climate Action Update from Alan Dunney, Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)
Alan Dunney made a presentation on Local Authority Climate Action.

Contributions were received from Cllr Joe Lyons, Mr James Murphy, Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr Deirdre Cullen and Cllr Maria Dollard. Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh suggested that this presentation be presented to all elected members at a future Council meeting.

Item 5 Draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP)

Sean McKeown advised that Carol McCarthy, Catchments Team Manager, Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO), will make a presentation at the next SPC on the Draft River Basin Management Plan.

The Draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) was published earlier this week and will be open for public consultation until the end March 2022. The final RBMP will be adopted by the elected members before the end of 2022.

Contributions were received from Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Joe Lyons, Mr James Murphy, Cllr Deirdre Cullen and Mr John Hurley.

Item 6 Casual Trading Bye-Laws

Anne Marie Shortall made a presentation on the Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws for the County which included proposals for new casual trading bays in various locations around the county. Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh thanked Anne Marie Shortall for her presentation and a discussion took place about the locations and finer details of the issuing of casual trading licences.

Contributions were received from Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Deirdre Cullen and Cllr Maria Dollard.

Item 7 Progress Report by the Director of Services.

It was noted that the Director of Services progress report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Sean McKeown gave a brief update on RMCEI, Anti-Dumping initiative, Animal welfare standards committee, Columbarium Wall, Tidy Towns, Litter Management Plan and the Bio-diversity Park at Dunmore.

Item 8 Any other business

None

Item 9 Date of next meeting

Friday 3rd December at 11am, location to be confirmed.