



Report to the Protocol Committee for noting and referral to the City Council

Councillor Name	Mary Freehill
Conference/Seminar Name	AILG Annual training Conference
Conference/Seminar Topic	Climate Action – solving global Challenges through local leadership
Venue/Location	Longford
Date (s) of Conference	4 th & 5 th March

Brief Summary

The conference started on Wednesday 4th evening. Duncan Stewart spoke on the challenges we face everything from need for bus lanes to 30 kl outside Dublin to the steps we need to take to protect our wild life.

On Thursday 5th Geraldine Dunne spoke on green procurement and Eric Ehigie on dangers of politicizing the climate crisis, the most interesting was Kieran Mulvey on climate change – challenge to communities. He highlighted the problem of the number of agencies that need to be consulted. The challenge to incentivize companies to locate to midlands – 24k travel daily from midlands to Dublin to work. He also spoke about the technocratic stranglehold and how people feel isolated from decisions.

In the afternoon we had “Women’s Local Government Network meeting. It didn’t really amount to much as there was agenda other than sharing stories.

We had our seminar dinner at 8p.m and Jim Gavin Former Dublin Football manager spoke about motivation.

Conference Report Sheet

Recommendations

I think it might have been better to have had workshops and that the women's session had been better thought out where we could have discussed putting together a work for the coming year.

Kieran Mulvey's comments about people feeling isolated from decisions is one that could be taken up by the executive

Declaration

I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.

Signed by

Date

Mary Freehill

14 May 2020