

**Minutes from the Climate Change Subcommittee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020, via Zoom @ 11.00 a.m.**

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In attendance: Cllr Claire Byrne (Chair), Cllr. Joe Costello, Sabrina Dekker (DCC Climate Coordinator), Michael Goan (Architect's Association), James Nolan (Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept., DCC), Robert Moss (PPN Rep/An Taisce), Cliona Kelliher (Environment & Transportation Dept. DCC)

1. Cllr. Byrne began with introductions and an outline of the purpose of the sub-committee and first order of business was to elect Chair. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Byrne would be elected.

**Cllr. Claire Byrne was duly elected Chair of the Climate SPC Sub Committee.**

2. Michael spoke about the serious issue of emissions and how we need to focus our energy on quickly meeting targets. Sabrina mentioned the wider issues that are incorporated into the DCC Climate Action Plan, such as Flood Resilience and Nature Based Solutions. Codema are due to issue an Energy Mapping report which will be available soon. Moving away from fossil fuel is a key aim and 400,000 heat pumps are to be introduced to Dublin by 2030. There will be consultation done with other regions in tandem with this.
3. Cllr. Costello suggested that the Dublin Agreement be added to the terms of reference. This was agreed by all. It was also suggested that the quorum be increased to 4 and that in the absence of members, that consensus decisions can be made via email or other electronic methods.

**Quorum to be increased to 4.**

**\*Note: Subsequent information re quorum, i.e. that quorum refers to Councillors only, means that a quorum of 4 is unlikely to be possible so the quorum will remain at 2.**

4. It was agreed that a report would be prepared for each SPC and that there would be a meeting of the sub-committee before and after each SPC. An earlier time of 10.00 a.m. was agreed for future meetings. We should also refer to Dept. documents such as the Climate Change Bill and Program for Government.
5. We need to work with Dublin Business interests also and Cllr. Byrne mentioned that Dublin Town have an interest in developing sustainability practices. Robert Moss suggested that we could get in touch with greenhospitality.ie to see what training might be provided and what best practice is. Sabrina mentioned our own Modos program - <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Management-Development/Modos-Circular-Economy.html> and also <https://www.climate-kic.org/>
6. Funding and capacity are likely to be a barrier to quick action and support from central government is essential. From a DCC perspective, we need to have clear KPIs at Departmental Level (J.N.) Codema are focusing on energy emissions and the report which is due, will be useful. The EPA also have documents to be released soon.

7. The City Development Plan is a key document and the private sector will also refer to the Development Plan so Climate Action goals should be embedded within this. It is also imperative that L.A.s have input into any legislation pending.
  
8. Sabrina and James are working on a draft document in relation to the Climate Change legislation – this will be circulated once done. We also have a role as a sub-committee to make submissions on the Development Plan (Cllr. CB) Cllr. Byrne will meet with Eamon Ryan this week to discuss various issue and will revert.

**Next Meeting Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 10.00 a.m.**