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## MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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1. Minute of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Order: Agreed**

2. Matters Arising

**None**

3. Correspondence – CNFE

**Order: Noted**

4. Chairpersons Business

The Chair advised the Committee that an additional meeting of the Committee will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to look at Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy.

**Order: Noted**

5. SuDS – Padraig Doyle, Senior Engineer

Members thanked Padraig for his presentation and raised the following questions / issues

- Is it more likely that householders will opt to have solar panels installed on roofs rather than green / blue roofs (JC)
- Will SuDS be built into the proposed annual 5% increase in the tree canopy (JC)
- Delighted that the issue of storm water overflows is being addressed (MF)
- Would it be possible to introduce SuDS / Green roofs in residential estates (MF)
- Is there an obligation on householders to comply with SuDS regulations when converting gardens for parking (MF)
- Could a study be undertaken to examine parking run offs (TC)
- What can be done to tackle baby wipes etc. (TC)
- Is the requirement to have green / blue roofs based on occupancy levels (RM)
- Large developments with underground parking – can tanks be installed for rainwater harvesting (SS)
- Has there been feedback from the construction industry in relation to green roofs (JL)

- Have green roofs been installed on DCC property (JL)

Padraig Doyle responded

- Photovoltaic panels work more efficiently when they are sited on green / blue roofs
- Parks have installed tree pits that designed for SuDS and mostly working well
- Residential parking is a long standing problem in terms of water run offs, new parking must be permeable.
- Green roofs are policy for new developments
- We are trying to encourage people to do the right thing
- Greening of tarmacked areas in residential estates is being examined
- Irish Water will be publicising the problems with baby wipes
- The green / blue roof policy is for new development with roofs in excess of 100 sq. metres
- Bringing harvested water into a building can be problematic
- We encourage water reuse through irrigation
- This far there has not been resistance from the construction sector

**Order: Presentation Noted**

6. Rainwater Harvesting – Robert Moss, PPN

Members thanked Robert for his in depth research project and associated presentation. Members raised the following questions / issues.

- Is there another way to pressurise the water system other than the use of electricity (PB)
- Is there a filter system (PB)
- Is there a national emissions factor for treated water (PB)
- Are grants available to individual householders to install rain water harvesting systems (NOM)
- This committee should support a pilot scheme for rain water harvesting installation (MF)

Robert Moss responded

- There is a filter system with rain water harvesting systems.
- The carbon emissions for treated water is available for the Sustainable Energy Association of Ireland's website
- Grants are currently not available to individual householders for the installation of rainwater harvesting systems.
- The big win would be to install rain water harvesting systems in apartment complexes.
- Rainwater harvesting systems enable the ability to measure exactly how much water is required for flushing toilets and will show how much treated water can be saved.

**Order: Presentation Noted, revisit at a future meeting of the Committee**

7. Climate Actions Update – James Nolan, Senior Executive Officer

Members thanked James for his presentation / report and raised the following questions

- Will the visit to Seoul include officials and Councillors (JC)
- What is the position on the One Stop Shops for Climate Action (JC)
- Concerned that there is a low take up on the Crumlin Climate Initiative (MF)
- There should be constant widespread marketing in relation to the Climate Emergency (MF)

James Nolan responded

- The attendees for the Seoul visit is being finalised
- The closing date for the Crumlin initiative has not been reached, perhaps there will be an increase in the up take.
- The resourcing requirements, how it will work and the locations of the One Stop Shops for Climate are being developed.

**Order: Presentation Noted**

8. Nature Based Solutions – Les Moore, Parks Superintendent

Members thanked Les for his presentation and commended the Parks Division for the ongoing work being carried out greening the City.

Members raised the following questions / issues

- Will the five concerts scheduled to be held in St. Anne's Park have any impact on the biodiversity and wildlife (DH)
- What is the position on the provision tree pits in Clans areas of Donnycarney (DH)
- Can the central meridian on Clanbrassil Street be re-examined (MF)
- There is an opportunity to green Bishop Street.(MF)
- Would like to see the de-commercialisation of Wolfe Tone Park.(MF)

The Chair suggested that questions should issue to Les via email as the Agenda is very tight, which was agreed.

**Order: Presentation Noted**

## 9. Flood Resilience –Gerry O’Connell, Senior Engineer

Members thanked Gerry for his presentation and raised the following questions

- What is the status of the flood defence provision in Clontarf (JL)
- It has been nearly 2 years since the Consultative Forum on Clontarf flood defences has met. When is it likely to next meet (DH)
- Wondered if Gerry is concerned that about the low number of submissions in relation to flooding as part of the Draft City Development Pan Public Consultation (MF)
- Do insurance companies contribute to the cost of providing flood defences. (RM)

Gerry O’Connell responded.

- Contract documents are being prepared (for flood defences) when in place liaison will take place with Councillors, residents and other stakeholders with a view to progressing the project.
- It is likely to be September before further consultation takes place
- No contribution is given by insurance companies

## 10. A.O.B.

Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### **In Attendance**

#### Members

Councillor Janice Boylan  
Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber of Commerce  
Trevor Clowry, Public Participation Network  
Councillor Joe Costello  
Councillor Mannix Flynn  
Bernie Guinan, Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland  
Councillor John Lyons  
Robert Moss, Public Participation Network  
Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí  
Councillor Michael Pidgeon (Chair)  
Sally Starbuck, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland  
Councillor Catherine Stocker  
Councillor Michael Watters

#### Also in attendance

Councillor Heney

## Officials

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer

Liam Bergin, Executive Manager

James Nolan, Senior Executive Officer

Marina Hennelly, Senior Engineer

Padraig Doyle, Senior Engineer

Gerry O'Connell, Senior Engineer

Les Moore, Parks Superintendent

Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer

Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

## **Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

**Chair, Climate Action Environment &  
Energy, Strategic Policy Committee**

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**