
**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29th MARCH 2023.**

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2022

Order: Agreed

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Correspondence – CNFE

Order: Noted

4. Chairpersons Business

The Chair advised the Group that Codling Windfarm, a project off the coast at Greystones have been in contact with a view to presenting to the SPC as it is anticipated that the generated electricity will be landed at or near the Poolbeg SDZ

Order: It was agreed to invite Codling Windfarm to present a future meeting of the SPC

5. Meeting Dates 2022

Order: Noted

6. Posters Protocol (Protocol Attached)

The Chair informed the Committee that the Protocol was referred back from the City Council seeking additional changes / information

- (i) Number of posters permitted to be increased to 250
- (ii) The requirement to supply specific streets where posters can be erected to be changed to general area, i.e. Raheny, Inchicore, etc.
- (iii) The issue around insurance to be clarified

Order: (i) and (ii) agreed

Law Agent to advise in writing on the insurance requirement and specifically address the issue of insurance and liability

7. Climate Action Update, Liam Bergin, Executive Manager & Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Co-Ordinator

Members thanked Sabrina for the report and raised the following questions issues

- Where are the main challenges for the Council to achieve carbon neutrality
- Is there further information on the collaboration with Belfast City Council
- What is the position in relation to retrofitting social housing flat complexes
- Did the City Council have representation at Sharm el Sheikh (COP27)
- Has COP27 made a difference to this report
- What linkage is there with this SPC and the Dublin / Belfast Economic Corridor
- Is it possible to have a presentation from an attendee at the COP27 conference
- Can a distinction on the “ongoing” status of the actions be made, i.e. where exactly the actions are at?
- What is the position on the 100 Climate Neutral Cities

Sabrina Dekker / Liam Bergin responded

- The main challenges lie in the transport area.
- Ireland will be signing up to the Integrated Carbon Inventory System which will ensure carbon monitoring
- The Departmental guidelines on retrofitting are being followed
- A block of social housing flats has been identified for retrofitting it is likely to be a year before work commences
- The purpose of the Belfast collaboration is to promote circular economy initiatives
- The City Council was not represented at COP27
- The City Council expression of interest for 100 Climate Neutral Cities was accepted.
- Should have more detail on 100 Climate Neutral Cities early next year.
- To achieve a circular economy it is necessary to link in with the Dublin / Belfast Economic Corridor Group
- Not sure in COP 27 added additional urgency
- Frank McGovern from the IPA attended COP27 and can be asked to present to the Committee

Order: Noted

8. Bulky Household Waste Collection Service – Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer

Order: Item Deferred

9. Litter Bin Sensor Project Trial - Barry Woods, Senior Engineer

Members thanked Barry for his presentaion and raised the following question / issues

- Will the changes in work practices be problematic
- Where will the trial take place
- The routes identified, are they high footfall or suburban
- Will bins in parks be included
- What is the project timeline
- Could a map be provide on the Citizen Hub where members of the public can report full / overflowing bins

Berry Woods responded

- Discussions are ongoing with work representatives / unions which are progressing well so far.
- Two routes are being trialled 1 on the Northside and 1 on the Southside
- Will revert to members with streets involved
- Where there is high footfall bins are emptied daily, the trial will cover areas where emptying is not required on a daily basis.
- We hope to commence the trial before Christmas
- The sensors are being fitted next week
- Every litter bin has a QR code which when scanned can be reported as needing attention

Order: Report Noted

10. Seagulls litter nuisance – Barry Woods Senior Engineer

Members thanked Barry for his report and raised the following questions / issues

- Happy that an attempt is being made to address this issue
- Not sure the bag option will work
- Has underground waste collection infrastructure been considered
- Could the trial also include domestic customers
- Will the new system provide for waste segregation
- What happened to the collapsible bin proposal
- Can Talbot Street be included in the pilot area.
- It is important the domestic customers are included in the trial
- Concerned that the bag concept will be a cause of litter rather than a solution
- Underground waste infrastructure is very successful in other European Cities
- There should be consultation with disability groups
- Who will provide the gull bags.
- Any communication should not blame the problem on wilklife

Barry Woods responded

- It is difficult to put waste collection infrastructure underground owing to the amount of services already in situ
- We will look at bags / caddies for dry recyclables / food waste
- We will examine the inclusion of domestic customers
- The trial is being run in conjunction with waste operators

- There will be communication from DCC and the Waste Operators
- Caple street has been picked for the trial
- We will look at Talbot Street
- The Waste Collectors logo will be on the gull bags

11. A.O.B.

Cllr. Flynn referred to the windfall tax being levied on energy companies and queried in the Waste to Energy Plant is liable for this tax

Order: Noted, report to issue to Cllr. Flynn

In attendance

Members

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

Apologies

Councillor Claire Byrne
 Robert Moss, Public Participation Network

Absent

Councillor Janice Boylan
 Councillor Michael Watters

Officials

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief executive
 Liam Bergin, Executive Manager
 Barry Woods, Senior Engineer
 Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Co-Ordinator
 Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer
 Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer
 Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer
 Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer

Cllr Claire Byrne
Chair, Climate Action
Environment and Energy
Strategic Policy Committee