

Minutes of the Climate Action Subcommittee Meeting held on 26th January 2021, Via MS Teams

In Attendance:

Members:

Cllr. Claire Byrne (CB)

Cllr. Joe Costello (JC)

Robert Moss (An Taisce) (RM)

Michael Goan (MG)

Officials:

Céline Reilly (CR)

James Nolan (JN),

Sabrina Dekker (SD)

Cliona Kelliher (CK)

0. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020

Order: Agreed

1. Cllr Byrne gave quick update on Climate Bill. Revised amendments are being worked through and should be available within the 1st couple of weeks in February.
2. Cormac gave a presentation on Energy within DCC. We are well on our way to 2030 targets and DCC has been leading the way in terms of Energy Performance Contracts. (full presentation to be circulated to members).
Question from M.G – have operations increased in scale? Showing possibility of growth in tandem with carbon reduction can be a powerful message for private business.
Question from J.C. re housing bills. Tenant is responsible for bills but DCC is responsible for retrofitting. Energy users will receive training. Retrofitting and knowledge can help with fuel poverty.
3. Robert Mosse gave presentation on Green Homes which was established in 2006 by An Taisce. Themes can now be expanded and this can work in alignment with

Climate Action Plan. Site visits (for example to Covanta site) or field trips could be a possibility post-covid as part of the initiative. There are also opportunities for business engagement.

Question from J.C. re level of support An Taisce can provide and how DCC and An Taisce might link around this. C.B. commented that the Climate Action Fund might be useful for this project.

Action: (All) Any information on funding streams to be passed on to Robert.

4. Discussions on CDP and community engagement to be adjourned until next meeting. Does this committee want to make a submission to CDP?

Action: Keep both community engagement/CDP as rolling agenda items (CK)

Date for next meeting to be circulated (CK)

Claire Byrne

Chair, Climate Action Sub Committee