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

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2022

Order: Agreed

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Correspondence – CNFE

Noted.

4. Chairpersons Business

The Chair advised the group that Codling Wind Park have been invited to present to the committee.

Order: Noted

5. Codling Wind Park – Pat Sammon & Fiona Campbell, Codling Wind Park

Members thanked Pat and Fiona for the presentation and raised the following questions

- What will be the return on investment on this project **(RM)**
- Who buys the electricity generated and is there a price agreement for that **(RM)**
- How does the price for wind generated electricity compare with the market price **(RM)**
- In relation to the landfall, who are you in dialogue to determine the location **(NOM)**
- Is there a single point of failure from an engineering perspective only having one connection **(NOM)**
- Is the planning authority for all elements of the project An Bord Pleanála **(NOM)**
- Eirgrid will be working in the Sandymount area over the next six years, can the works be done in tandem to minimise disruption **(COC)**
- Could this presentation be given to the South East Area Committee **(COC)**
- Will there be a community fund, what communities will benefit **(JC)**
- For how far away is a 320 m turbine visible **(KS)**

- Will Poolbeg and this project be able to develop concurrently **(CB)**

Pat Sammon and Fiona Campbell responded

- The pricing structure is a work in progress and we are precluded from discussing this.
- The return on investment will depend on the price agreed for the electricity generated
- An Bord Planála is the determining Authority, we interact with DCC, Wicklow CC and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown CC who are statutory consultees
- 1 application for the full farm including all works will be submitted to ABP
- The operations base planning application will go to Wicklow Co. Co
- There will be transitional joint bays to allow for maintenance etc.
- No problem presenting to other committees
- We will be connected to Eirgrid works but our involvement ends at the substation in Poolbeg, Eirgrid would handle everything beyond that.
- It is inevitable that there will some overlap with eirgrid works
- An administrator will be appointed to determine what communities benefit from the fund
- Turbines can be visible for 41km
- We don't anticipate and problems with the Poolbeg Development

Order: Presentation Noted

6. Net Zero Cities – Declan McCormack, CODEMA

Members thanked Declan for the presentation and raised the following questions

- What level of citizen engagement will there be in relation to pathways to climate neutrality **(RM)**
- Will there be multiple scenarios **(RM)**
- Would be concerned with the lack of public consultation **(MF)**
- What level of SPC / Councillor engagement will there be **(JC)**
- Where are smart cities in this project / Cork **(CB)**
- When will the oversight committee be established, will there be Councillor representation **(CB)**

Declan McCormack & Tony Flynn responded

- Net Zero2050 has a representative stakeholder committee established, there were numerous workshops. A similar approach will be used to Net Zero Cities 2030
- There will be extensive consultation
- There will be an outreach to the citizens of Dublin
- The characteristics of areas have to be examined to develop an applicable plan
- There will be multiple actions

- The project is being managed by the City Council, CODEMA have been engaged to develop the plan
- We are looking at using an engagement platform to enable the citizen to make views known
- The Climate Action Plan will be rolled and in tandem to that we will be working on the Net Zero Cities Plan.
- We will put engagement with SPC's on the next CPG Agenda to agree a structure on how consultation with the other SPCs can evolve.

Order: Presentation Noted

7. Climate Action Pam 2024 – 2029 – Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Co-Ordinator

Members thanked Sabrina for the update and raised the following questions

- Are the CAP actions remaining the same **(RM)**
- What are the decarbonisation zone strategy requirements **(RM)**
- The plan should be as concise as possible **(NOM)**
- Will the development of the plan be adequately resourced **(NOM)**
- Summertime is not the best for going to public consultation **(NOM)**
- The LCDC is currently developing the Local Economic and Community Plan, Climate resilience & Circular Economy are surfacing as key objective with this plan is it possible to link in to ensure the 2 plans strategically align **(CM)**
- Social Housing Flat complexes are lacking facilities, bike parking, recycling. It seems that these areas are seen as being in the back waters **(MF)**
- The new plan should contain significant detail on how social housing flat complexes issues will be addressed **(MF)**

Sabrina and Tony Flynn responded

- Actions are changing, it is a work in progress
- The DZ contains energy, transport, transition and biodiversity aspects with consideration for adaptation
- It is intended to set up a climate action office that is adequately resourced to ensure the plan is developed on time.
- Ballymun is also included in the DZ zones
- We will keep the members updated on an ongoing basis in relation to the development of the plan. We are time bound by when the plan has to be ready.
- The statutory requirement for the City Council is to have the Plan adopted by 24th February 2024.
- Both have significant synergies it would be advantageous that the plans agree, we will link in with LCDC

Order: Presentation Noted

8. Circular Economy Hotspot Dublin 2023 – Joanne Rourke, Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office

Is there funding available to attend the Circular Economy Hotspots conference **(RM)**

Tony Flynn responded that DCC will cover the conference costs for those members that wish to attend

Order: Presentation Noted

9. A.O.B.

Mannix Flynn asked if a representative from An Post or ESB could be invited to present to the Committee in relation to the experience and lessons learned with moving to an electrified fleet

Order: Noted, revisit when EV charging is an Agenda item

In attendance

Councillors

Members

Councillor Claire Byrne

Councillor Claire O'Connor

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 Carolyn Moore

Robert Moss, Public Participation Network

Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí

Councillor Karl Stanley

Councillor Michael Watters

Absent

Councillor Janice Boylan

Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber

Officials

Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager

Brian Hanney, South East Area Manger

Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Co-Ordinator

Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer

Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer

Joanne Rourke, Administrative Officer

Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

Outside Bodies

Declan McCormack, CODEMA
Patrick Sammon, Codling Wind Park
Fiona Campbell, Codling Wind Park

Cllr Claire Byrne
Chair, Climate Action
Environment and Energy
Strategic Policy Committee
30th March 2023