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**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY  
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023.**

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1. Minutes of the meetings held on

- (i) 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- (ii) 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023
- (iii) 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Order: Agreed, minutes for 5<sup>th</sup> September to be amended to reflect Cllr. Daithi Doolan's attendance**

2. Matters Arising

**None.**

3. Correspondence – CNFE

**None**

4. Chairpersons Business

**None**

5. Dublin City Council Community Climate Action Programme – Dean Eaton,  
Community Climate Action Officer

Members thanked Dean for his presentation and raised the following questions

- Delighted to see community lead grass root change, (CM)
- Is the Community Climate Office adequately resourced (CS)
- More information on the time lines and the criteria for applying / awarding of funding (JL)
- Are you open to meeting various community groups (JL)
- Hope areas of disadvantage will not be left behind (MF)
- Larger groups are used to applying for funding, I hope smaller groups won't miss out. (AC)

Dean Eaton responded.

- The office is presently adequately resourced at the moment (admin support / intern)

- The programme will be launched towards the end of October
- Groups will have 8 weeks to submit applications with a further 2 weeks to allow for the Christmas period
- DCC has 8 weeks to review submissions which we are looking at shortening to engage with applicants
- Part of the criteria will be capacity to deliver and proven track record which could be a bit tricky with newer groups; I will work with them.
- Up to 25% of the funding can be provided up front; projects should be completed in 18 months
- Details on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding is not available but this round could be beneficial to unsuccessful first round applicants.
- I will work with groups from areas of disadvantage
- The Community Climate Team will be available to assist and advise smaller groups
- Groups cannot apply for funding for the same project from different funding sources

**Order: Presentation Noted**

6. Round 4 -Strategic Noise Mapping and Action Plans Agglomerations – Update, Paul Rutherford, Principal Environmental Health Officer & Owen McManus, Senior Engineer

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

- How were the quiet areas identified, can a community put a local park forward for consideration (CM)
- Areas that are designated quiet; will development be restricted around these areas (CM)
- More information on how enforcement can take place. (MF)
- Noise is detrimental to health (MF)
- How many priority areas will there be (JL)
- What road noise reductions measures are available
- Where the health impact data come from (JL)
- Is information available on areas with serious noise pollution (DB)

Owen / Paul Rutherford responded.

- Larger parks with the infrastructure (transportation) were be considered
- We would get to recommend noise restrictions as part of any planning application (PR)
- The maps will identify ambient noise levels and this will require developers to act accordingly
- We should have additional staff by the end of the year
- We should have 10 priority areas
- Reduced speed limits, traffic calming, noise barriers different road surface type can reduce road noise

- Study on health impacts from noise in Dublin has not been but the large number of complaints received would suggest there are definitely impacts

**Order: Presentation Noted**

7. Dublin Waste to Energy update report, James Nolan, Executive Manager

Members thanked James for the report and raised the following questions in relation

- There was reference to emissions not being recorded on 1 day due to a canister entering the facility, can you clarify (CB)
- What happens to the money received by DCC (CB)
- Where is the incinerator data available (CB)
- Will there be further increase in the facilities capacity (beyond 690,000 tonnes) (CM)
- Who has oversight that energy is being produced

James Nolan responded

- A gas canister exploded in the boiler which resulted in data being unavailable for 10 mins. The operator has increased inspections for such items
- Any operator found to be delivering such material (gas canisters) will be excluded from using the facility
- We are using the monies now for the District heating scheme.
- Capacity cannot go beyond 690,000 tonnes
- The EPA has oversight, data is available on the EPA's website

**Order: Report Noted**

8. DWtE Community Gain Fund update report, James Nolan, Executive Manager

Members thanked James for the report and raised the following

- It is good to see the local community benefitting from the facility (CB)

**Order: Report Noted**

9. Dublin District Heating System, James Nolan, Executive Manager

Members thanked James for the report and raised the following

- Would it be possible to set up a Community lead Energy Company to supply District Heating (RM)
- Maynooth University is looking at District Heating (RM)
- Is data centre heat compatible with DH (RM)
- Good to see DH being Progressed

James Nolan and Stephen Cull responded.

- Legislation is being drafted (next year) to determine how it will work.  
Community projects will be encouraged
- DH is compatible with data centre
- Maynooth University should link in with UCD & TUD

**Order: Report Noted**

10. Motion in the name of Councillor Carolyn Moore

*“The Dublin City Council Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the Irish government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. If agreed by this SPC, a letter will be sent to the Minister for the Environment.”*

**Order: Agreed, letter to issue to the Minister**

11. A.O.B.

The Chair reminded Members about the Climate event in the Mansion House on 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Order: Noted**

**In attendance**

Members

Councillor Claire Byrne

Paul Boylan, Dublin Chamber

Councillor Deborah Byrne

Trevor Clowry, PPN

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Bernie Guinan, Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland

Councillor John Lyons

Councillor Carolyn Moore

Robert Moss, Public Participation Network

Councillor Claire O'Connor

Councillor Karl Stanley

Sally Starbuck, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland

Councillor Catherine Stocker

Councillor Michael Watters

Also in attendance

Councillor Anthony Connaghan

Councillor Donne Cooney

Absent

Councillor Janice Boylan

Apologies

Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí

Officials

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief executive & City Engineer

Derek Kelly, Executive Manager

James Nolan, Executive Manager

Paul Rutherford, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Owen McManus, Senior Engineer

Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer

Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer

Stephen Cull, Executive Engineer

Dean Eaton, Community Climate Action Officer

**Cllr Claire Byrne**

**Chair, Climate Action**

**Environment and Energy**

**Strategic Policy Committee**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**