



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC
13th May 2022, Hybrid Meeting, 2.30pm

Attendees Councillors: - Cllr Eugene Cassidy (Chairperson) , Cllr Tom Behan , Cllr Mike Bray , Cllr David Gilroy , Cllr Ronan Moore,

Apologies:

Cllr Joe Bonner , Cllr Gillian Toole

Attendees Sectoral Representatives: - Noel Maguire

Officials: Dara McGowan, Larry Whelan, Jarlath Flanagan , Frances Hughes , David Keyes , Mary D’arcy, Anne O’Brien.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 20th December 2021.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Tom Behan and seconded by Cllr Mike Bray</p> <p>At the Outset Larry Whelan advised the members of the National Environmental Enforcement Priorities for 2022 and which were reflected in the RMCEI report which had been submitted to the EPA in February and specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste collection – Household & Commercial – Household and Commercial Waste Segregation • Construction and Demolition Activity -unauthorised disposal of C & D waste, Article 27 Notifications & Skip Operators. • End of Life Vehicles Directive and Metals Industry -inspection of both authorised ELV sites and unauthorised operators, storage of immobilised Vehicles. • Tackling significant illegal waste activity –illegal dumping, unauthorised operators, man in the van activities. • Multi Agency Sites of Interest -where there are reasonable grounds to believe that there is ongoing illegal activity. • <u>Water: Undertaking Water Framework Directive monitoring, bathing water monitoring and investigative monitoring</u> • Monitor and enforce the drinking water standards in private water supplies • Farm Inspections -upstream of water bodies in priority areas for action

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection of Septic Tanks and other wastewater treatment systems • <u>Air Quality Priorities</u> -Compliance in low smoke zones -Smokey coal • Support ambient air monitoring programme • Respond to Air Complaints • Air Enforcement -solvents, deco-paints, petroleum vapor regulations, air pollution licenses.
2.	<p>To receive a presentation from Hugh Coughlan Regional Co-Ordinator Easter- Midlands Regional Waste Management Planning Office in respect of the preparation of a National Waste Management Plan for A Circular Economy</p> <p>Hugh Coughlan provided a comprehensive presentation which covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Management Act (S 22) • Waste Policy “ A Resource Opportunity” • Regional Structures / Lead Authorities • 3 Regional Plans National Coordination • Coordinated Implementation • Waste Action Plan for the Circular Economy <p>He highlighted the keys challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention • Recycling • Plastics • Textiles • Food • Treatment • Construction • Governance <p>The Members acknowledged the work of the Regional Waste Management Officer. Points made in the discussion that followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling issues in an urban v rural environment. • Kerb side collections • Food Waste • Community composting initiatives • Textile collections • Enforcement
3.	<p>To receive a presentation from Healthmatic on the use of Eco toilet systems designed for public spaces, suitable for reduced mobility users and which operates without the need for access to sewerage or electricity systems and does not use any chemicals.</p>

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	<p>Sean Duignan provided an overview of the services provided by Healthmatic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modular Changes Places : Pre-fabricated changes places delivered and lifted into position on-site as a complete unit. This minimizes disruption of any existing buildings , whilst acceleration build times and improving quality control. • Provision of Public Toilets : Automatic Public Conveniences : Semi-Automatic Public Conveniences: Waterless Toilets. • He advised on Charging : Entry Control : Cleaning : Maintenance • They are currently engaging with a number of Local Authorities. <p>The members thanked Healthmatic and points made in the discussion that followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs associated with installation • Issues in relation to charges.
4.	<p>To receive a presentation on the Preparation of a draft Litter Management Plan for County Meath.</p> <p>Larry Whelan provided an update covering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Challenges • Responsibilities • Objectives • Education & Awareness • Prevention & Control • Enforcement • Community Participation & Partnership • Recycling & Recovery • Signage <p>The Members welcomed the presentation and noted the contents of the draft plan – they recommended that the draft be submitted to the full Council for Consideration and thereafter be placed on public display and invitations extended to the members of the public , community groups etc to make submissions or observations thereon and which would be taken into consideration prior to adoption of the plan.</p>
5.	<p>To receive brief updates</p> <p><u>River Basin Management Plan</u></p> <p>David Keyes provide an update noting the challenges with the plan. He advised that this was the 3rd plan and submissions were received in March 2022.</p> <p>The Members acknowledged the work being undertaken in this area.</p> <p><u>Climate Change & Energy Initiatives</u></p>



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	<p>Mary Darcy & Anne O’Brien provide an updated that covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan : Currently drafting tender for updated CAP to incorporate energy baseline and emissions levels and identifying adaptation and mitigation actions linking into SDGs. • Internal Climate Action Team : Cross sectional MCC team formed to review and make improvements regarding climate action. • Sustainable Energy Communities : 5 currently in Meath (Batterstown : Trim : Kilmainhamwood : Gormanstown : Bettystown • Trim Air Quality Project : Contract signed • Ev Cars : Demonstration planned for Buvinda • Energy Officer : Appointed to oversee selection, design and delivery of internal projects • URBACT Trim : MCC Applied for inclusion . <p>The Members acknowledged the work being undertaken in this area.</p>
6.	<p>AOB</p> <p><u>Including compliance with Ethical Framework for Non-Council Members of Council Committees.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members were updated on the requirements of the framework. <p><u>Designation of additional bathing water areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members were advised of the request for submission and that recent bathing water results were excellent.

Recommendation to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

The Members recommended that the Draft Litter Management Plan be submitted to the Full Council for Consideration and thereafter be placed on public display and invitations extended to the members of the public , community groups etc to make submissions or observations thereon and which would be taken into consideration prior to adoption of the plan.