



12th May, 2021

To each Member of the Environment, Recreation & Amenity SPC

RE: Climate Action Monitoring Group

1. Meeting of Climate Action Monitoring Group – 11th May 2021

The 5th meeting of the Climate Action Monitoring Group took place on Tuesday 11th May 2021.

Present: Cllr M. O'Connor, Cllr N. Murphy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr C Connolly, Cllr J Connolly, Cllr D. Lyons, Ms. E. Hough, Ms. C. Stanley, Mr. D. Mahon DoS, Ms. C. Kilcoyne, SE, Mr. D Redington SEE, Mr. P Batty EE, Mr. Mel Gavin, Mr Vincent Carragher.

Apologies: Cllr. T. O'Flaherty.

Three presentations were heard;-

- **"Update and Progress Report on Implementation of Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024"** from Paul Batty EE (Environment and Climate Change Department)
- **"Sustainable Energy Communities - Local Authority Support for Energy Master Plans"** from Mel Gavin, R&D Coordinator – Contract Research Unit, Innovation Centre, Institute of Technology, Sligo.
- **"Galway Energy Co-op Sustainable Energy Community"** from Vincent Carragher, Energy Engineer, Galway Energy Co-op Sustainable Energy Community.

Update and Progress Report on Implementation of Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024

Galway City Council at the end of 2020 has achieved its 2020 target for savings/energy efficiency. At the end of 2020, the indicator was determined by SEAI to be provisionally 36.9%. Public sector bodies have a 2020 target of 33%. The improvement from 31.6% at the end of 2019 to 36.9% was due in large part to the savings achieved by the upgrade of public lighting in 2020.

A progress report on the implementation of the strategy was presented.

Fáiltítear roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge / Correspondence in Irish is welcome

Sustainable Energy Communities - Local Authority Support for Energy Master Plans

The SEAI and the local authority sector have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for local authorities to provide bridging finance to Sustainable Energy Communities to cover the costs of an Energy Master Plan. The presentation set out how a local authority would procure a consultant on behalf of an SEC for the preparation of an Energy Master Plan and recoup the costs from SEAI.

Galway Energy Co-op Sustainable Energy Community

An overview of the SEC and its engagement with communities and sustainability and decarbonisation projects were presented. Many of these projects are being pursued in the Westside Area and the GEC SEC were promoting Westside as a location for a decarbonised zone (Action 165 of the national climate action plan 2019).

The group member's thanked the presenters for their presentations. The presenters responded comprehensively to Members' queries as part of a discussion after the presentations.

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