

## Climate Action Linkage Group Meeting 23rd June 2020

Chair: Judith Browne

### In Attendance

Niamh Cowdell     Ali Sheridan     Sean Darcy  
Mary Jennings     Deirdre Lane     Fionnuala Corcoran  
Gerry Dornan     Evonne Farrell     Stefan  
Jennifer Whitty     Liz Cullen     Sean Ó Broin  
Julie Smyth     Ann Behan     SuzanneMurphy

### Agenda

1. Update on our efforts to seek clarification on process of putting forward motions at spc meetings.
2. Our motion regarding alternative transport which we have submitted to the chairperson and members of Climate Action spc for discussion at July's climate action spc meeting.
3. What are the key issues you want us to bring up in the areas of biodiversity promotion and building sustainable communities
4. Discuss what will be our decision making process?

1. Jude said she got very little feedback on the process of influencing policy via motions and how PPN influences SPC.

2. As we think there has to be a two week notice on agenda, Jude went ahead and submitted the alternative transport motion as the meeting is 2 weeks from tomorrow, 8th July 10am. It was sent to Councillor Vincent Martin who suggested sending it to Joe Boland to get input on correct wording. It was sent to other councillors also but no response.

Ali read out the Transport motion.

3. Key areas in Biodiversity, Conservation of Peatlands. Jude has spoken to Dara Wyer from KCC, Catherine from IPCC and Mark Curry from Bord na Mona about trying to change carbon emitting bogs to carbon sinks as it is one of KCC's goals. KCC strategy is to find suitable bog lands.

It was suggested to contact Denis Naughton about his plan to flood bogs when he was Minister for Climate action and Environment.

Important to have a just transition for bog wetting, Umeras Restoration Development mentioned for more information, contact in Kc4ca.

It was mentioned that even though Bord na Mona say they are not extracting, they are still looking for licences to do so.

Reducing spraying. Ali said there is an alternative now without Glyphosate that others are using and when the tender is up in Kildare we should change over.

It was suggested to contact Vanessa Liston and the Green Forum in Celbridge as they have did work on this. Ali said she would do that.

Jennifer mentioned the Residents Association in Maynooth wanting to get into promoting sustainability. Residents whatsapp for swapping or giving away items is going well. Deirdre offered to work with Jennifer and Mary on this and other projects to do with the circular economy and putting together a list of all the groups in Kildare that are already practicing this e.g. Zero Waste & Tidy Towns.

An Taisce ran Green Homes on RTE, then EPA pulled it.

Other possible ppn considerations for discussion, promoting eating locally & sustainable diet.

4. Decision making process on what to bring forward to S.P.C.

Look at past motions by S.P.C's so we are not wasting time working on the same things. Deirdre let us know that the IEN are putting together motions from spcs all over the country. Deirdre will keep us updated on progress of this log of motions.

One idea is to be lead by upcoming funding calendar.

It was suggested that one way to decide what to bring forward is by going with suggestions from those who are working on projects or who are willing to help work on a project so that the work is shared out.

We need to consider which training we may need as a group. Wording of motions is important and has to be specific. Should SPC meetings be recorded? some have already been broadcast.

Jude to invite Molly Aylesbury from Carlow ppn to our next linkage meeting to talk through their set up and contributions to date.

Next meeting 21st July.