

PPN Reporting Template

Representative's Name	Ali Sheridan
Name of committee from which the Rep is reporting	Climate Action SPC
Date of the meeting	15 th April 2021 – Special SPC to discuss Decarbonisation Zones (DZ)
Key issues discussed	<p>Welcome by Chair Cllr Peter Hamilton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peter Hamilton shared his involvement in the Maynooth DZ application and therefore stepped out as Chair for the meeting. Cllr Fintan Brett stood in as Chair instead. <p>Joe Boland gave an overview of KCCs work on climate action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new Climate Action Officer will be getting a graduate soon to support her work, particularly around community engagement and activation. ○ Strategic collaborations are a favoured way forward for driving climate action in Kildare. e.g. the Green GAA project which is ongoing. <p>Alan Dunney (Caro) provided an overview of the Decarbonisation Zones and the process and criteria that was used to assess submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kildare is one of only 2 Local Authorities to engage in a public consultation around DZs. ○ A number of excellent submissions were received, illustrating the appetite in Kildare for climate action. ○ Each submission was scored against the criteria and Maynooth has been identified by the KCC team as the initial pilot town for a DZ in Kildare. ○ Other towns will become DZs in the coming years. The overall goal is that every town becomes a DZ. ○ A very strong emphasis will be put on collating the learnings from Maynooth to disseminate to other towns throughout the process. ○ The final decision on whether Maynooth will be the first DZ will be made by Full Council on April 26th. ○ Once a town has been formally identified, a baseline survey of carbon emissions will be conducted and an implementation plan identifying key projects will be submitted before the end of the year. ○ There are no clear guidelines on how DZs are approached, so there is a good opportunity for local communities to get involved and help design the outcomes.
Key Decisions Made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was consensus from the meeting attendees to support Maynooth as the first DZ zone. ○ The final decision will be made on the 26th April at Full Council.

Action(s) required from Kildare County Public Participation Network for next meeting	N/A
Date of Next Meeting	May 12 th . 2021