

**Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City
Community Network (GCCN) Reps**

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Galway City Community Network
Líonra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

Cruinniú /Name of Meeting	Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity SPC
Ionadaí FPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) Name of GCCF Rep (note-taker)	Caroline Stanley
Dáta & Suite Date & Location of Meeting:	City Hall, November 19, 2019
I láthair/ Attendance	<p>Chair Terry O Flaherty Cllr Terry O Faherty Cllr Declan Mc Donnell Cllr Colette Connolly Cllr Owen Hanley Cllr Martina Connor Cllr Donal Lyons Cllr John Connolly Business Colin Ryan Community Brendan Smith Eleanor Hough Colin Caroline! Stanley</p> <p>Council Staff Catherine Jennings ANOther Helen Mc Donagh Carmel Kilcoyne Dermot Mahon Stephen Walsh Eithen Murphy</p>

Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

Accuracy of minutes

Eleanor Hough Busking Bye Laws not mentioned in relation to point of submissions being ignored when the majority of submissions were against the bye Laws

Brendan Smith When Tree Officer will be appointed ,

Deputy for Stephen Walsh not noted in minutes

Dermot Mahon said it is not always accurate as minutes cannot always be verbatim

Each position we recruit ,

Tree Officer budget was sanctioned only recently

Biodiversity Officer will be advertised in the New Year. Hope for full staffing for Recreation & Amenity by end Feb. Working to fill new senior engineer post in Environment, approved in budget.

Terryland Forest Park steering committee and Waterways Forum – no capacity to advance, will come back as staff are appointed.

Deputy position advertised

Approval for funding for waste enforcement officers being approved

Waterways Forum was mentioned and they have still to reply to the submission

Collette Connolly update in writing

Tree Officer was also done

Cllr Terry O Flaherty

Parks and Beech Bye Laws will not go before Council in Dec

Busking Bye Laws 2nd Jan Dermot Mahon ,fine book , meet with Garda

Lenaboy Flooding referred back to roads

Cleaning gullies to help with flooding team appointed

Cllr Donal Lyons Progress to South Park and Kingston master plans

How is the progress on Diving board ...

Stephen Walsh ...Building staff teams. submissions from public were numerous

Consultation with planning dept , supporting the planning dept

Part 8 Planning

Cllr Donal Lyons engineer for Kingston

Dermot Mahon ... sufficient staff appointed next year to support these projects through Part 8 through Procurement

Sports capital engineer appointed

Huge number of projects

Projects cannot be done simultaneously

Cllr Pauline O Reilly ...lists of projects for the next Spc

Brendan Smith cash for cans ? no answer

Dermot Mahon chief executive terminated for a number of reasons variance from National Policy

Information to be circulated on this. Letter received updating us on the issues with Cssh for Cans.. costs etc.

Cans being from county etc..

Corporate Plan Presentation ? missed the name of the person presenting Eithne Murphy

Stakeholders ? This presentation was the engagement process of the Corporate Plan

Community Reps felt this was inappropriate and disappointing form of engagement

Engaged with the Galway City Community network ?

How are we engaging

LECP

Corporate Plan – Framework for annual service delivery plan, business plan

Monitoring feedback from chief executive

Cllr Donal Lyons Cemetary on west aswell as east side

Cllr Collete Connolly Corporate Plan does it have to be used as we are a public body ?

No MONEY FOR CLIMATE ACTION WHEN THERE IS NO MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTIONS

How much is implementable ?

Brendan Smith Monitoring ,engagement and substance

We need a better system of monitoring ?

Dermot Mahon

Required under Local Government Act a statutory document approved by councillors probably one month before

Key issues that need to be reflected in our plan

Broad areas not project specific

Biodiversity, Sustainability, Climate change

Need to guide the work programme

Documentations and presentations need to be out to us within two weeks

Cllr Colette Connolly training needed

Cllr Pauline O Reilly to really represent people we need to have these in advance Climate and Biodiversity Crisis

Too narrow, climate adaptation strategy is too narrow, the strategy needs to be broader to reflect the emergency we are in now

Problems we have with local government full participation

Climate Change Adaptation update from Carmel Kilcoyne PPTs circulated beforehand

Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

Background to the Adaptation Plan

Budget 2020

Proposals include retrofitting to C1 Ber, Green Infrastructure, Energy awareness team, CFRAM, Flood management, Floral projects, Biodiversity and Tree officer 97800k, Pollinator Plan 60k, Climate Change Plan 50k, Promotion of awareness of Green Infrastructure 5k

Projects 2.5m and staff 150k

Cllr John Connolly queried voting on amendments

Collectively voted on it

Climate Resilient Adaptation Strategy

Actions all agreed on

To protect Drumlins in Barna coastal erosion

Need to be put on top of the agenda

Threat of coastal erosion <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Cois.Cladaigh/events/>

Cllr Colette Connolly

Clarification on where the money is coming from

2 million is coming from a breakdown of costings

Retrofitting of houses is lower threshold

Budget breakdowns

CLlr Declan Mc Donnell

Housing losing heat

Tree Audit commenced, internal audit, worrying about trees falling over

Eg Riverside playarea

Insignificant tree planting

Dermot Mahon

4 principle funding CARA OFFICE ENERGY AWARENESS ?

Dept of housing retrofitting DEEP RETROFIT, MAY LOOK AT WINDOWS AND DOORS NEAR ZERO REGULATION

Dept of Climate Action

OPW - CFRAMS

Councillors revenue budget 2020

Stephen Walsh Trees are only cut down if they are a danger to public

Cllr Donal Lyons

Has the amended documentation been circulated

Other forms of generating energy solar power etc....

Led better lights

Cllr Terry O Flaherty noise plan

Cllr Pauline O Reilly

100,000 floral display clarification on what is actually being spent on

Climate Plan for the city needed

Public housing or private housing, retrofitting

Sustainable infrastructure

Proposed Climate Action Monitoring Group, not Adaptation or Mitigation

Carmel Kilcoyne

Adaptation Strategy only one available now, hard copies to come

Discussion on the monitoring group

Ratified by the cllrs at the budget ,any changes on the night

Silver strand will also be in the plan coastal erosion

Tree Audit urban trees concerns assessed , species no longer fit for purpose , housing estates with planting

Tree planting of 20,000 was approved by GCC Stephen Walsh Sustainable management system will be put in place

Looking for sources of funding for other projects re solar panels etc.....community centres ,and city halls

Noise plan 5 year plan required under national legislation really about road noise

Noise contours for Galway City

Relation to floral plan - biodiversity and pollinator friendly planting scheme

Terms of reference discussion

Dermot Mahon

C1 optimal level for many of the housing

New stock is A Rated

No role in private houses ,sustainable services funded

Number of action group together for climate change plan ,50000

Proposal

Climate Action Monitoring Group

Monitoring of other issues

Caroline Stanley :Group needs to reflect the issues across all SPCS, how climate change effects us all as an emergency and members should come from these groups aswell

Sub committee will come from the Existing Envirocaused

nmental Spc , it was noted that substitutes can be made for community reps from other community reps on other SPC's two reps need to be present on these sub committees

Need for Climate Action Monitoring Group to be highlighted across all of the SPC

Agreed for GCCN reps to have subs when needed. Composition 4x councillors + subs, 1x business, 2x GCCN + subs

Stephen Walsh Presentation on Pollinator Plan

Terms of reference of pollinator pLan

Objectives of it ...

Online system to show our activity

Bulb planting scheme which will be ornamental but also variety of pollinator friendly

Planting zoned areas

Pollinator friendly ,native perennial wildflower meadows

Why ?

Planters which are mobile

Food and Habitats threat to our species

Wildlife Acts covers our hedgerow cutting times

Pesticide use should be stopped, many now banned for commercial use

Council minimises the use of herbicides/pesticides and only uses where necessary Video from Waterford Co Co, reduction in mowing, change emphasis from 'neat'

GCC have been doing a lot of it already – signage, challenge between native and ornamental

Eleanor Hough emphasised the importance of increased education and awareness, need to move people away from obsession 'neatness'

Stephen Walsh said they were looking at 'Zoning city' for aesthetic vs pollinator value. SW has picked 18 of 30 actions from AIPP

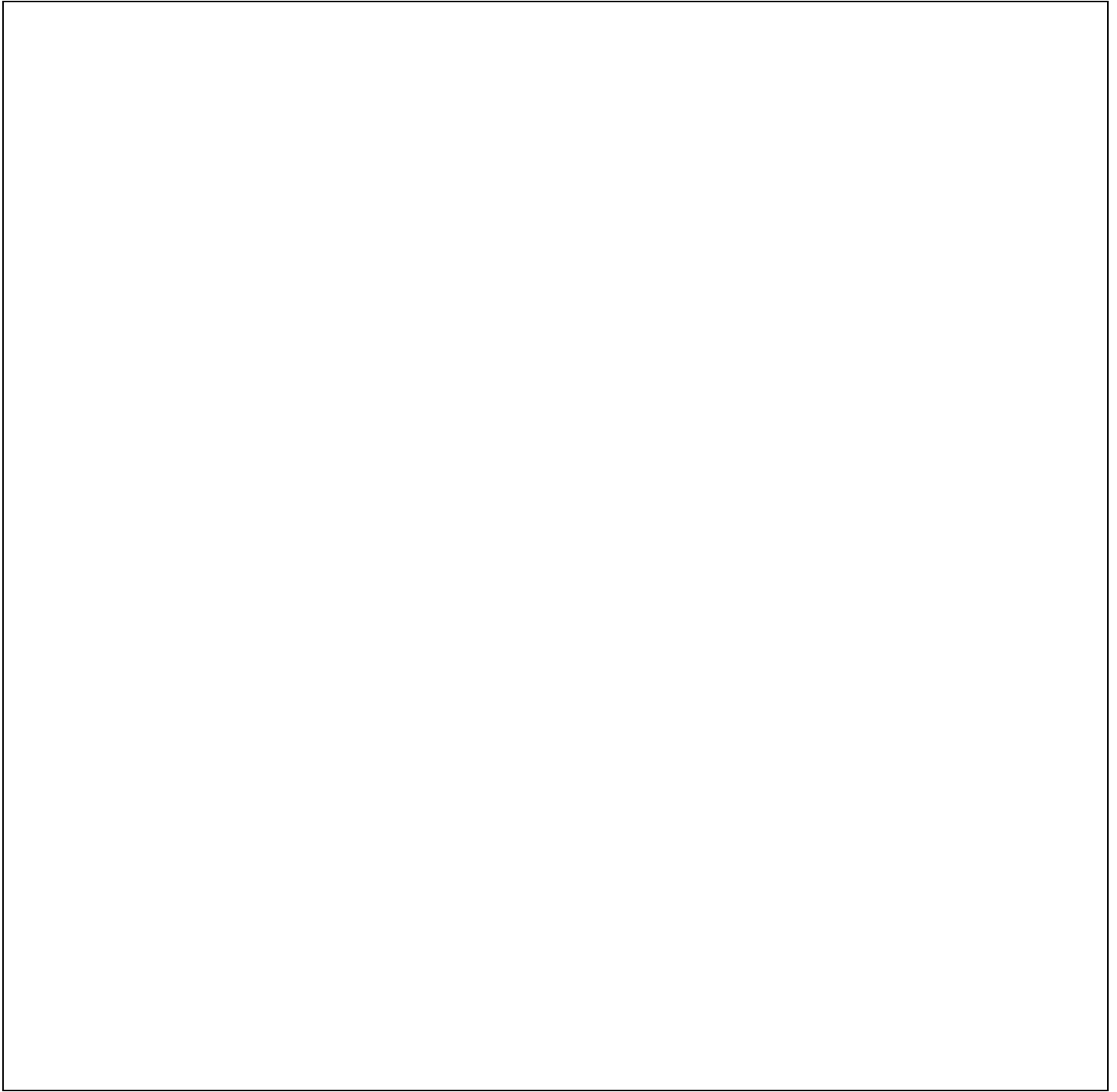
All Ireland Pollinator Plan approved by SPC to go before Council for approval

The full agenda did not get covered

Dates for meetings were proposed, concern re 5 month gap between April and September meetings

Next Meeting Thursday 19th Dec 2.30pm

Work Programme will be discussed



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Socruithe déanta/ Key Decisions Made:

All Ireland Pollinator Plan approved by SPC members

Climate Action Monitoring Group (sub group of Environmental SPC) sub members can come from Community SPCs members or business. Councillors agreed they are all on other SPCs so good representation from them

Gníomhaíochtaí

Action(s) required from GCCN:

Awareness of All Ireland Pollinator Plan

Recreational and Amenity Needs Study

Chief Executive lists for staff which is sent to dept for sanctioning

Biodiversity Officer needs to be pressed as a matter of

Urgency as delays with other appointments

Stakeholder Engagement and How it is perceived to be consultation ?

Climate Action Monitoring Group how do we feed into it

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Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile
Date of next meeting :

Dec 19th

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

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