



3rd November, 2021

**To each Member of the Environment, Recreation & Amenity SPC**

**RE: Climate Action Monitoring Group**

**1. Meeting of Climate Action Monitoring Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

The 7th meeting of the Climate Action Monitoring Group took place on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.

**Present:** Cllr M. O'Connor (chair), Cllr C. Connolly (Mayor), Cllr N. Murphy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. T. O'Flaherty, Cllr D. Lyons, Ms. E. Hough, Mr. P. Greene DOS, Ms. C. Kilcoyne, SE, Mr. D Redington SEE, Mr. P Batty EE.

**Apologies:** Ms. C. Stanley, Mr. Colm Ryan, Mr. J. Connolly.

Two presentations were heard;-

- Presentation from JP Prendergast of the Claremorris and Western District Energy Co-Operative about "**Community Power Projects**".
- "**Update on Implementation of Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024**" from Paul Batty EE (Environment and Climate Change Department)

*Community Power Projects*

JP Prendergast of the Claremorris and Western District Energy Co-Operative gave a very informative presentation on how communities in Co. Mayo & Ireland are owning and successfully developing community renewable energy projects in collaboration with local authorities.

Members of the group thanked the JP Prendergast for his presentation and he responded comprehensively to Members' queries as part of a discussion after his presentation.

It is noted that Cllr Lyons suggested that JP Prendergast should be invited to provide a further workshop for the officials and SPC members on this matter.

### Update on Implementation of Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024

A programme for the implementation plans for 2021-2022 across all departments was presented in the "Update on Implementation of Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024". A list of adaptation actions due to be delivered in Q4 2021 were presented.

Members of the group thanked Paul Batty for the presentation. Most of the questions raised were responded to comprehensively. It was agreed that a written response will be provided for those questions that were not answered in the meeting.

It is noted that members made the following suggestions in relation to the climate adaptation strategy:-

- Cllr. O. Hanley suggested that each department is invited to provide an update to the CAMG on the department's own implementation of the adaptation strategy.
- Cllr. O. Hanley suggested that the terms of reference of the CAMG is broadened to include other groups, specifically youth group Comhairle na nóg and that a representative of Comhairle na nóg be a member of the Climate Action Monitoring Group. Cllr C. Connolly gave an example of Wicklow County Council where a representative of Comhairle na nÓg is a member of Wicklow County Council's Climate & Biodiversity Action Strategic Policy Committee.

### Any Other Business

Mayor Cllr C. Connolly informed the group of her intention to bring Galway City Council signing up to Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the council. Cllr D. Lyons said that it was appropriate to bring this to the next meeting of Strategic Policy Committee.

It is noted that Cllr T. O'Flaherty raised the letter from Phil James to Councillors about the potential of hydropower on waterways of Galway City.