

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Climate Action and Environmental Services Strategic Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Mtek I, Armagh Road, Monaghan on 28th January 2020 at 18.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Noel Keelan (Chairperson of Climate Action & Environmental Services SPC), R Aughey, S. Coyle, P. Treanor, R. Truell
Bernard Treanor, IFA, Patrick McCabe GWS, Brian Duffy, Castleblayney Re Gen, Liam Murtagh, Transition Monaghan, Pat Tierney, PPN Community, Michelle Mayne, PPN Social Inclusion
A.King, C. Flynn, P. McGuinness, K. Duffy, B. Smyth, N. O'Connor, D. Mahon, I. Williamson, M. Kelly, M. McGarvey, S. Finnegan

Apologies: Cllr. C. Bennett

1. Welcome & Introductions

At the outset, Cllr. Noel Keelan and Mr. Adge King, Director of Services Climate Action, Environmental and Water Services, welcomed all present, in particular, new members, to the inaugural meeting of the newly established Monaghan County Council Strategic Policy Committee.

Cllr. Keelan asked each person to introduce themselves to the group and give a brief summary of the organisation they were representing, and in the case of Monaghan County Council staff, their role and remit in relation to Climate Action, Environmental and Water Services. A handout with a concise overview of the functional area of the directorate, was circulated to new members, for information purposes with contact details of this SPC's Meeting Administrator being included.

2. Overview of the Strategic Policy Committee.

Mr. Flynn, A/Director of Services Corporate Assets did a presentation for all members on the roles, remits and responsibilities of the Strategic Policy Committee.

He advised a workshop would be organised in the future, which new members would be invited to attend.

3. Consultation on preparation of Corporate Plan 2020-2024

Mr. Flynn, advised that Monaghan County Council (MCC) were currently preparing their new Corporate Plan 2020-2024 and that it was currently open for consultation. It has envisaged this plan would be presented at the March Council meeting.

4. Draft SPC Standing Orders

A copy of the proposed draft Standing Orders were circulated to the group which, if in order, would be adopted at the March full Council meeting via the CPG.

5. Any Other Business

It was advised that name cards would be provided for the next meeting.

6. To fix dates for future SPC meetings

Cllr N Keelan proposed, seconded by Cllr Treanor, that meetings of the SPC would take place if possible, on Tuesday's of the months of March, June, September, December 2020. It was requested that meetings were held in afternoons or evenings. On consensus, it was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th March, 2020 at 14.00pm.

It was also advised that refreshments would be available prior to this meeting from 13.30pm.

The meeting concluded.