



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

Date: 17.02.2022

Start time: 13:30

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly (Chair), Professor John FitzGerald, Laura Burke (EPA) (for agenda items 1-5 & 7), Patricia King, Andrew Murphy, Prof. Peter Thorne, Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Julie Sinnamon; Prof. Morgan D. Bazilian, Jillian Mahon, Prof. Frank O' Mara (Teagasc), Sineád O' Brien

Agenda Item 5: Shane Finnegan, Michael Briers and Michael Webb, Aiken Communications joined for this item.

Agenda Item 7: Dr. Tara Shine joined for this item.

Apologies:, Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer; William Walsh,

Secretariat: George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Seán O'Leary, Gina Kelly, Laura Marengo, Thérèse Myslinski, Ciara Hilliard.

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 19.01.2022

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Council with a slight amendment to the running order to facilitate external speakers.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest.

2. Adaptation Committee

The Secretariat outlined the process followed in seeking expressions of interest for at least two vacancies on the Adaptation Committee. Expressions of interest were sought through the council website and a variety of networks and closed at noon on Monday the 14th of February 2022

13 Expressions of Interest were received. These were considered by the Assessment Panel (comprising the Council chair and Adaptation Committee chair, supported by the Secretariat) at a meeting on 16th February 2022.

The Assessment Panel reviewed and discussed the written Expressions of Interest received against the criteria indicated in the call, having regard to institutional representation and the appropriate balance of knowledge and expertise most beneficial to the work of the Committee at this time.

The Assessment Panel recommended Dr. Julie Clarke and Mr. David Joyce to Council. Council accepted this recommendation and requested that the Secretariat issue invitations to the nominees to join the Committee.

It was noted that the Council must continue to consider the economic aspects of adaptation, and that Council and Committee capacity and expertise regarding biodiversity should continue to be enhanced, and that any gaps in Committee membership can be reconsidered in the future.

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 24th February 2022.

3. Annual Review 2022 Structure

The Secretariat outlined the proposed structure for the Annual Review 2022 encompassing the legal requirements associated with it, the national and international context of the review and sectoral analysis which will include a set of inventories, indicators, projections, analysis and advice and recommendations.

First draft of chapters will be presented to Council in March with final drafts submitted to the July meeting for approval. Submission of the review to the Minister would be anticipated in late July with full publication in September.

Council approved the proposed structure in principle, with amendments (including additional material in the area of climate impacts) and agreed that the Executive Summary at least should be translated into Irish.

4. Letter to Minister

The Secretariat outlined the contents of the draft letter of advice to the Minister on the heat sector. It was noted that there had been significant public announcements in this sector since the draft letter was first circulated.

Council discussed the letter in detail and it was agreed that an amended draft would be brought to the March Council meeting.

5. Introduction to Aiken Communications

Aiken Communications introduced the company and team to Council. They briefed the Council on their relevant work experience and detailed the plans they currently have for their upcoming work with Council.

Council agreed that the ownership of all communications should reside in house and that the role of the Communications consultants is one of advice and support.

6. Work Programme

The Secretariat gave a verbal update on the 2022 Work Programme including the calendar of events and activities.

Council agreed that the Secretariat would progress options for in person meetings for the May, July and December meetings.

7. COP26 Small Scale Study

Dr Tara Shine outlined the highlights of her report on COP26 giving an overview of the key formal and informal outcomes of the COP.

Dr. Shine shared her insights into the overall process of COP26 and discussed the likely focus of COP27 in November 2022 in Egypt.

Council thanked Dr. Shine for her clear and concise report and recommended that similar reports become a matter of course after future COPs.

8. Chair's Report of Council Activities

The Council noted the report of activities. The Chair reminded the Council of the new procedure regarding accessing submissions on Sharepoint.

9. DAFM Consultation on Forest Policy

Council noted that DAFM has invited Council to participate in bilateral consultation on the proposed forest policy. Council discussed the invitation.

It was agreed that the Secretariat would circulate the date of the meeting (and also those referred to under Item 6) to Council Members.

10. AOB

a) Carbon Budgets approvals process

The Secretariat provided Council with an update on DECC's Consultation on Carbon Budgets and on the contents of the Joint Oireachtas Committee report and recommendations.

b) CCAC Operational Procedures

It was noted that the draft CCAC Operational Procedures are nearing completion with final comments gone back to the legal advisers. Finalised text will be available for the March Council meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marie L. Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp.

signed electronically on 31.03.2022