



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting – DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 24.02.22

Start time: 9.00

Venue: Video conference

Present: Marie Donnelly (Chair for item 1.1); Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair subsequently); Dr. Ina Kelly; Keith Lambkin; Prof. Conor Murphy; Roger Street; Jillian Mahon; Sinéad O'Brien; Prof. John FitzGerald; Laura Burke; William Walsh; John Spink; Julie Clarke; David Joyce.

Apologies: Mark Adamson; Prof. Robert Devoy; Paddy Mahon; Prof. Frank O'Mara.

Secretariat: Seán O'Leary, George Hussey, Gina Kelly, Therese Myslinski, Laura Marenco.

In Attendance: Loïc Henry, ESRI.

Present for item 4: Megan Best; Tamara Hochstrasser; Robert Wilby; Mark Scott; Eoin O'Neill.

1. Opening of Meeting and Introductions

Marie Donnelly opened the meeting by introducing the incoming Chair, Prof. Peter Thorne, whose appointment had been agreed at the January meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Council. The outgoing Chair noted the appointment of three Council members to the Adaptation Committee—Prof. Frank O'Mara, Sinéad O'Brien and Jillian Mahon—and, following an expressions of interest process, the appointment of Dr. Julie Clarke and David Joyce to the Committee. Outgoing Committee members (Prof. John FitzGerald and William Walsh) were thanked for their contribution to the work of the Committee. It was also noted that John Spink was present, deputising for Prof. Frank O'Mara.

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting 25.11.2022

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 25th November 2021 were agreed and signed electronically by the outgoing Chair.

Marie Donnelly left the meeting and Peter Thorne took the Chair.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures to report.

2. Council Update and Committee Arrangements

An update from the Council meetings of the 16th December 2021, 19th January 2022 and 17th February 2022 was provided. The appointments to the Committee and the expressions of interest process were outlined. It was noted that work on the Council's statement of strategy was ongoing, that at their last meeting the Council had agreed that the Annual Review should be completed by the end of July, and that the Council had appointed Aiken Communications as their communications consultants. The first Steering Meeting of the ESRI Adaptation Fellowship took place on 27th January 2022.

3. Work Plan 2022

The Secretariat introduced the proposed work plan for 2022. No objection was raised in relation to the proposed meeting schedule. The Committee asked that a number of items be reflected in the work plan, as follows:

- The Chair noted that in written comments Robert Devoy had asked that adaptation needs for building in low-lying coastal areas be taken into consideration for inclusion in the work plan for 2022.
- International and European developments including the EU Mission on Adaptation, Global Stocktake and the European Climate Change Adaptation Conference in Ireland in 2023.
- Just Resilience and socioeconomic vulnerability.
- Further opportunities to specifically discuss the review of the National Adaptation Framework.
- Addressing the fragmented funding and prioritisation of adaptation actions and the integration across adaptation plans.
- Further information on the ESRI fellowship's work and schedule.
- The monitoring and evaluation of actions.
- Thematic ideas for the annual workshop included Adaptation Priorities, Innovation and Insights (linking with research and academia) or River Restoration for Climate Resilience (which could combine urban issues, rivers etc.).
- Revisions to the structure of the adaptation contribution to the Annual Review 2022 were also suggested.

The opportunity to develop a multiannual work programme to address topics raised in the discussion, having regard to the resources available and the time needed to contribute to the Annual Review was noted by the Secretariat and Chair.

It was agreed that a revised work plan for 2022, reflecting the discussion at the meeting, would be circulated to Committee members shortly after the meeting by email for adoption by silence procedure.

4. Small Scale Studies

The Chair introduced the authors of the three small scale studies commissioned in 2021, reminding the Committee to take the opportunity to ascertain their satisfaction with recommending Council publish the final reports on the Council website as supporting or

background research with the caveat that such research may help inform Council discussions and may not reflect the views of the Council and that authors are solely responsible for their content and any views expressed therein.

Megan Best presented research with Tamara Hochstrasser on 'Detecting and avoiding impasse mechanisms for nature-based approaches to climate change adaptation in Ireland'.

Mark Scott presented his research with Eoin O'Neill on 'Opportunities for individual, household and community level climate change adaptation in Ireland'.

Finally, Robert Wilby presented his paper on 'Well informed adaptation decision making under uncertainty: Evidence to support the development of national and local climate resilience policy'.

Following the Committee's discussions with the authors, the Chair thanked all five researchers for the substantial work they had undertaken. Subject to any minor amendments the authors wish to make on foot of the discussions, the Committee agreed to recommend the reports be published on the Council website as background research but that it is not endorsed by the Council.

5. AOB, Agreed Outcomes and Plans for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the work plan would be revised and circulated via email for adoption. As no objections were raised in relation to the proposed meeting schedule for the year, it was agreed that meeting calendar invites would be issued shortly.

Committee members were invited to send any observations with regards to the updating of the Committee's Terms of Reference to the Secretariat.

It was agreed that how future Small Scale Study reports were to be agreed and published would be discussed at a future meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4th May 2022.



signed electronically on 04.05.2022