



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 22.09.2021

Start time: 10:00

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly, Laura Burke (EPA), Professor John FitzGerald, Patricia King, Andrew Murphy, Professor Peter Thorne, William Walsh (SEAI), Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Dr. Frank O'Mara (Teagasc), Julie Sinnamon,

Agenda Item 3: Professor Alan Matthews; Professor Brian Ó Gallachóir; Dr. Hannah Daly; Trevor Donnellan (Teagasc); Stephen Treacy (EPA); Bill Callanan (DAFM)

Apologies: Prof. Morgan Bazilian; Sinéad O'Brien; Professor Ottmar Edenhofer; Professor Gerry Boyle (Teagasc), Keith Lambkin (Met Eireann)

Secretariat: George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Seán O'Leary, Therése Myslinski; Laura Marengo, Ciara Hilliard

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 02.09.2021

The minutes for the meeting held on the 2nd of September 2021 were accepted with amendment proposed by John Fitzgerald.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Council.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

Laura Burke advised that the European Environment Agency will soon start the process of seeking expressions of interest for the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change. As chair of the European Environment Agency Management Board, Laura may be involved in the evaluation process.

John Fitzgerald advised that he recently visited Irish Cement at Platin, Co. Meath.

2. Status of Commencement of the Act

The Manager of the Climate Change Advisory Council Secretariat advised Council that a commencement order of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 was issued on 07/09/2021.

Additional members are yet to be formally appointed by Government. Ex-officio member changes are now in place.

3. Carbon Budgets – Technical Report

The Carbon Budget Committee attended the meeting for part of this item.

Council had an exchange with the carbon budget committee on the draft technical report. The Chair thanked the Committee for their contributions and excellent work in the preparation of the draft technical report.

Subsequently, Council discussed the draft technical report in detail and agreed further amendments.

Council discussed the letter of proposal to the Minister in light of the most recent amendments to the technical report

The Chair invited any final written comments on both the draft letter and draft technical report to be submitted to the Secretariat by Sunday 26th September for inclusion in the final version.

Council noted that it cannot agree its Carbon Budget proposals nor can it finalise the letter to the Minister until the Regulation under the Act has been agreed and considered by Council. In the event that the Regulation would be in place by then, an extra meeting of the Council would be scheduled for October 1st to finalise both documents.

4. Carbon Budgets – Communications Strategy

Council deferred this item to a future meeting.

5. AOB

It was noted that the Council strategy session is provisionally scheduled for the 19th and 20th of January 2022 and will be led by an external facilitator/s who is currently being procured.

Mark P. Donnelly

Signed electronically on 14.10.2021