



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

Date: 16.12.2021

Start time: 13:30

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly (Chair), Professor John FitzGerald, Patricia King, Andrew Murphy, Professor Peter Thorne, Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Julie Sinnamon; Prof. Morgan D. Bazilian, Sinead O' Brien, Jillian Mahon, William Walsh (SEAI), Prof. Frank O' Mara (Teagasc). Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer

Agenda Item 5: Prof Lisa Ryan UCD, Dr. Ivan Petrov and Dr. Bryan Coyne, Margie McCarthy, Matthew Clancy and Jim Scheer joined for agenda item 5.

Apologies: Laura Burke (EPA)

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

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 18.11.2021

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes

The Chair confirmed that Mazars would speak to all Council members before the end of 2021.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Council.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

John Fitzgerald disclosed that he has been appointed as chair of the Transmission System Operator Monitoring Committee by Eirgrid and CRU.

2. Climate Action Plan

The Secretariat presented a summary document outlining the input from Council members which included a preliminary overview of governance and research organisation.

The Council noted that the Secretariat will represent the CCAC at meetings of the Research and Modelling Inter-Departmental Group co-ordinated by DECC.

The Chair and Secretariat will engage with DECC on how best to monitor the status of actions under the Annex of Actions.

3. Adaptation Committee Meeting

The Secretariat provided a verbal update from the Adaptation Committee meeting on the 25th November. The Council discussed the report on the September 2021 coastal workshop and approved its publication on the Council website.

A paper discussing options for the future composition of the Adaptation Committee was provided to members for discussion. The Council agreed with the approach that was recommended in the document.

Council reflected on the need for balance within the new Committee and suggested that particular thought be given to:

- Gender balance
- International member
- Local authority member
- Economics expertise – particularly adaptation cost/benefit

Sinead O' Brien agreed to take up a position on the Adaptation Committee.

Council members are asked to propose any additional names that they feel would be appropriate to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will propose amended membership at the January Council meeting.

4. Annual Review 2021

The Council noted the review of media coverage of the Annual Review 2021.

5. The Heat Sector

5.1 ReHeat project presentation

Prof. Lisa Ryan (UCD), Dr. Ivan Petrov (TCD) and Dr. Bryan Coyne (TCD) presented the Council funded ReHEAT project. Prof Eleanor Denny (TCD), the co-lead on the project sent her apologies as she was unable to attend.

This project is a review of best practice in policies and low carbon heating technologies for the residential sector with a view to providing informed guidance to the Council on promising pathways for policy and low-carbon heating technology. SEAI's positive input in the steering of the project ensured that duplication was avoided and complementarity enhanced, was greatly appreciated.

The Chair thanked the project team for their work and commented on the high quality and relevance of the output.

5.2 SEAI Heat Study presentation

Margie McCarthy, Matthew Clancy and Jim Scheer from the SEAI attended to present a preview of the results of the SEAI's Heat Study, a large, in-depth review of policy, technologies and analysis in the Heat sector.

The Council thanked the team for their presentation and look forward to the final outputs of the study to be published early 2022 in a suite of reports.

The Council considered that both studies were complementary and briefly considered improvements that could be achieved in the design of policies and measures in the sector that could form advice to the Minister.

6. Budget Update

The Secretariat briefed the Council on the 2021 budget spend and noted Laura Burke's comments on the circulated budget documentation.

The Council noted that Cara Augustenborg is shortly taking up a new post in UCD and as such, will not be in receipt of remuneration for her position on the Council from the date of her appointment.

The Chair committed to provide a short note on developments in the International Climate Councils Network (ICCN) in advance of and during COP26.

The Secretariat will follow up on outstanding Council membership appointment letters with DECC.

7. Work Programme

The Secretariat outlined an early draft of the proposed Work Programme and associated timelines for 2022.

Council noted the contents of the work programme and were asked to submit comments on the work programme and research proposals by the 7th of January 2022.

8. Chair's Report of Council Activities

The Council noted the report of activities.

9. AOB

a) Small Scale Study - Hydrogen

A draft copy of the final report from the Hydrogen small scale study by Dr Niall Farrell was circulated to Council. The report will be presented at the Council's meeting in January.

A draft final report from a small-scale study on Forest Management by Dr. Ken Byrne will also be presented at the Council's meeting in January.

(b) Draft Procedure on Submissions to the CCAC

Council accepted the Secretariat proposal on future handling of submissions to the council.

(c) Meeting on 19th and 20th January 2022

It was noted that a face to face meeting in January is no longer feasible and both strategy sessions and the January CCAC meeting will now take place virtually.

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19.01.2022 (Signed electronically)