



**Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES**

Date: 23.05.2018

Start time: 11:00

Venue: McCumiskey House, Richview, Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 14

Present: Mark Adamson, OPW; Laura Burke, EPA; Prof. Prof. John FitzGerald, Chair; Ciarán Hayes, CCMA; Dr Ina Kelly, HSE; Roger Street, UKCIP, Dr Conor Murphy, Maynooth University; Prof. Gerry Boyle, Teagasc;

Apologies: Jim Gannon, SEAI; Eoin Moran, Met Eireann; Robert Devoy, UCC;

Secretariat: Gemma O'Reilly, Phillip O'Brien, Claire Camilleri.

Presenters: Conor Murphy, NUIM; Siobhan Kavanagh & Dermot McCarthy, Teagasc; Mark Adamson, OPW;

1. Opening of Meeting

Prof. John FitzGerald opened the meeting.

1.1 Minutes of the Adaptation Committee Meeting 23.05.2018

The minutes of the meeting 23rd May 2018 were accepted.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosure of interests were declared at this meeting.

2. Council Update

Council meeting on 28th February was cancelled due to snow. A meeting was held on 23rd March to agree Council Work Programme, which was agreed. The Council budget for 2018 was approved. Outline structure for the Annual Review 2018 was also approved.

At the Council meeting on the 25th April, the Council discussed the National Planning Framework and the National Development Plan. The Council also discussed the Price of Carbon, and agreed that this will be the special chapter in the Annual Review 2018.



A Behavioural Science Workshop was also held and presented by Prof. Liam Delaney, including presentations from SEAI as well.

3. Irish Climate Futures: Data for Decision Making

Dr. Conor Murphy, NUI Maynooth presented material from research highlighting the evidence within the expanded historical record for period of multi-year drought. Dr Murphy also discussed the communication of climate variability to stakeholders to enable understanding and appropriate consideration of risk to existing and future climate. The Committee noted the findings and recommended inclusion of some of the issues discussed within the Annual Review 2018 chapter on adaptation.

4. The 2017/2018 Fodder Crisis

Slobhan Kavanagh and Dermot McCarthy, Teagasc presented on the 2017/2018 fodder shortage. This was driven by poor growing conditions first manifest in the north-west during the late autumn of 2017, and impacting non-dairy sectors and compounded by the extreme weather event in late February 2018. The Committee recommended a short review of the shortage and implications for the sector be included in the Annual Review 2018

5. Flood Risk Management Plans

Mark Adamson, OPW provided the Committee with an outline of Flood Risk Management Plans. Of interest to the Committee was the methodology for consideration of projected climate change. The plans identify a plausible range of climate impacts on sea level rise and increase flow in rivers impacting at risk communities and areas. The Committee recommended information on the Flood Plans be included in the Annual Review 2018.

6. Annual Review 2018

Structure and key messages for the adaptation text for the Annual Review were presented, with feedback provided by the Committee, with additional comments to be sent to Secretariat by Committee members and agreed text to be submitted at next Council meeting.

7. Future Work Programme

The Committee considered potential work programme for remainder of 2018, and it was noted that draft Sectoral and Local Authority adaptation plans were unlikely to emerge in 2018. The Committee would maintain a watching brief on climate and weather events.

The Committee noted the expected publication of the IPCC Special report on 1.5°C, and may consider this and the relevance of its findings to Ireland, at the next meeting.

John J. Kelly 24/10/18