

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment, Climate Action and Agriculture Strategic Policy
Committee held on Wednesday, 20th December 2023.**

Members Present:

Councillor Caillian Ellis (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor Paddy Farrell
Councillor Justin Warnock
Councillor Sean McGowan

Eddie Mitchell (Remote) Agriculture/Farming
John Brennan, Agriculture/Farming (Organic Interest Sector)

Vincent Dwyer, Director of Services
Fintan Coyle, Climate Action Co-Ordinator
Mark Corrigan, Community Climate Action Officer
Patricia Holahan, Staff Officer
Lisa Sweeney, Clerical Officer

Apologies:

Councillor Felim Gurn
Councillor Gerry Dolan
Laura McEnroe, Climate Action Officer

A Meeting of the Environment, Climate Action and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee was held on the 20th December, 2023 and the following items of business were discussed.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of Environment, Climate Action & Agriculture SPC held on 15th November 2023.
2. Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 15.11.2023 (Pages 1 – 2)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Leitrim County Council Water Safety Rescue Equipment [Ring Buoy] Policy.
5. Climate Action Plan
6. Fire Service Update
7. AOB

Cathaoirleach Councillor Caillian Ellis opened the meeting.

1 Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of Environment, Climate Action and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee held on 15th November 2023 were proposed by Councillor Justin Warnock, seconded by Councillor Paddy Farrell.

2. Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 15.11.2023 (Pages 1 – 2)

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4 Leitrim County Council Water Safety Rescue Equipment [Ring Buoy] Policy

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, Head of Finance, advised the meeting on an assessment taking place of all Rescue Equipment under the control of Leitrim County Council. Water Safety Irelands Water Safety Guidance Notes agreed with the LGMA were outlined to the members.

5 Climate Action Plan

Mr Fintan Coyle gave an update on the progress of the Draft Climate Action Plan to the meeting. The Draft Plan is available for inspection in libraries around the county. To date two submissions for Community Climate Action funding have been received.

6 Fire Service Update

Mr Vincent Dwyer gave an update to the member on the Fire Services. Finian Joyce, Chief Fire Officer and James Malone, Senior Fire Officer retired in 2023. Conor Lynch is currently Acting Chief Fire Office and Nathan Cregg is Acting Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer. A Major Emergency Training Exercise took place at St Patricks Hospital in Carrick on Shannon in December 2023. Following the recent agreement in the WRC a recruitment drive will commencing in 2024 to recruit fifteen new fire service personnel for Co. Leitrim.

7 AOB

The next meeting to be scheduled in 2024.
This concluded the business of the meeting at 12.10 p.m.

SIGNED: _____
Councillor Caillian Ellis
Cathaoirleach

SIGNED: _____
Vincent Dwyer
Head of Finance
Water, Environment, Climate
Action and Emergency Services

DATE: Wednesday, 7 February 2024