**CLIMATE ACTION AND PLANNING**

**STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of** **Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting**

**held via Microsoft Teams on Friday, 21st January 2022**

**at 2.30pm**

**PRESIDING**: Councillor Garry Murtagh, Chairperson.

**PRESENT**: Councillor - Uruemu Adejinmi, Gerry Hagan, Peggy Nolan,

Francesca Pawelczyk, Andrew McHugh.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Services

 Mr. Tom Murtagh, Senior Engineer

 Ms. Lorraine McKee – Administrative Officer

**APOLOGIES**: None

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Claire McNabola - Acting

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES.**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Francesca Pawelczyk it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 20th October 2021, as circulated.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**.

None

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None

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**Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022 – 2027.** Presentation by Tom Murtagh, Senior Engineer covering the following headings:

* The river basin management plan
* Condition of our waters, nationally and locally
* Main themes in the plan
* Increased national ambition to halt the decline in water quality and reverse the damage.
* Integrated Catchment Planning – a specific plan put in place for each of the 46 river catchments in the country.
* Greater coordination and collaboration between State agencies, local authorities, and LAWPRO.
* Delivering multiple benefits for nature, air quality, climate change, and local communities.
* Overview of measures proposed
* LAWPRO, in consultation with all stakeholders, will produce templates for the catchment management plans that will be put in place for each of the 46 hydrometric catchments (Rivers Barrow, Nore and Suir in Kilkenny).
* Each local authority will put in place a County level plan.
* Carry out a review of Local Authority Resources to put in place appropriate resources to support individual local authorities in fulfilling their role in water quality protection and restoration.
* The Department, along with the governance tiers, will continually review progress in implementation of measures and the distance to the 2027 target.
* DHLGH will finalise new water and planning guidance.
* Focus on nature-based solutions
* How to make a submission and get involved locally

**Proposed arrangements including fees associated with the recently constructed Columbarium Wall at Ballymacormack Cemetery**

Longford County Council has recently completed the construction of a 40-niche columbarium wall at Ballymacormack Cemetery. The direct costs associated with the construction and engraving per columbarium wall niche is €716. Other costs including direct and indirect costs such as caretaker, administration and future operation and maintenance costs etc of circa €280 are likely to arise. The costs for a similar columbarium wall facility service in Mount Jerome Dublin and Kerry is currently €1200 or higher. For these reasons it is recommended that the price set by Longford County Council for use of this new facility at Ballymacormack Cemetery is €1000 per niche.  It should be noted that this cost per each niche allows for 2 urns and the associated name plate engraving service.

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh the members unanimously agreed to adopt this policy and to send it forward to the full council for adoption.

**Other Issues:**

Francesca Pawelczyk raised the following items which she would like considered for inclusion on future agendas.

* Green Graveyard
* Waste Pollution – Data base set up
* Water Fountains
* Ardagh Clock Tower

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on 20th April.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

 **Claire Mc Nabola**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Claire McNabola**

**Acting Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 20th April 2022.**

 ***Garry Murtagh***

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Chairperson.**