**Kilcock 4 Climate Action – Minutes Meeting 29/10/2020**

**Attachments:**

October Meeting ppt

Kilcock 4 Climate Action Planning

**Attendees:**

Fionnuala Corcoran

Emma Guinan

Mary Dunne

Muriel Medrano

Jackie Rasmus

Anna Handibode

**Apologies:**

Mary White

Dave Dunne

**Agenda Item 1. Overview of PPN, Council etc.**

Fionnuala gave an overview of how Kildare County Council works and how it interacts with the community via the PPN Public Participation Network, Linkage Groups (for our purposes Climate Linkage Group). Members of the Linkage group are voted to be representatives on the SPC Strategic Policy Committee and can influence the work of the SPC thereby influencing policy of the Council.

More information on the PPN <https://www.kildareppn.ie/about-us/> and more information on the Climate Action Linkage group <https://www.kildareppn.ie/climate-action-linkage-group/>

**Agenda Item 2. Update on Climate Action in Kildare**

Fionnuala gave an update on Climate Action in Kildare:

We now have a Climate Action Officer – Stephen Deegan. Fionnuala briefly outlined Stephens role, the role of the Climate Action SPC, the Climate Action Linkage Group spoke about the existence of other Climate Action local groups (like us, Kildare-wide community Group KC4CA). Also noted that Kildare Energy officer just appointed – will be doing Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan

Some initiatives by other group such as KC4CA Kildare communities include a Climate Awareness Trail which we hope to be involved in. Climate Action Officer Stephen Deegan wants to set up a network 0f Climate Action within the county, Fionnuala suggested that we might send him on our Planning ppt for feedback, ideas and perhaps be of use for other communities.

**Agenda Item 3. Local news to be aware of in our plans**

Fionnuala noted that there were 2 recent planning permissions applied for in Kilcock – one for more pitches in GAA and the other for major expansion of warehouses in Musgraves. This may be an opportunity for us along with Tidy Towns etc to push for more biodiversity and sustainable measures such as solar on roof spaces.

**4. Prioritise and plan our projects – see plan ppt**

We went through the Themes and projects that arose from the brainstorming at our first meeting. We discussed the types of projects under several of the themes and considered how easy or difficult it might be to undertake these. We discussed how best to prioritise and talked about how difficult prioritisation is. We want to do things that are effective and measurable if possible, but they also have to be things that people will be engaged with and will get done. We decided to try obtain feedback from the wider group and choose projects that are most likely to be successful. In our discussion we mentioned Freecycle WhatsApp group and Anna has now set this up for Kilcock. Here is the invitation to join <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DyPckUkcLGKK8NhfY0DpIy>

We also discussed the importance of community building and Fionnuala mentioned the KWETB 7 week course on Community Resilience and Capacity building commencing Monday 2/11/20. Both Fionnuala and Anna are undertaking this course.

We also mentioned Green Schools but were unsure if any Kilcock schools are involved in this program. If they are, it may be possible for us to collaborate on projects with them.

**5.AOB**

There was no other business