

Statement of outcomes for PPN representatives on external committees

Limerick PPN representatives on external committees are expected to prepare and sign a Statement of Outcomes for any meetings attended – one statement per committee, rather than one per representative.

This template is to help Limerick PPN representatives who sit on external committees to report effectively to their respective PPN Linkage Groups, the Secretariat and the wider PPN membership. Please complete the template and return to ppn@limerick.ie as soon as possible after the meeting.

Please keep the Statement of Outcomes as brief as possible and note it will be added to the Limerick PPN website.

1. Name of Committee:	Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC
2. Name of Linkage Group:	Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Linkage group
3. Name of PPN Representative(s) on this committee:	Caillum Hedderman, Michelle Hayes, Denis McAuliffe, Liz Gabbett
4. Date of committee meeting:	13 th of Oct
5. Location of meeting:	Online via Microsoft Teams
6. PPN representatives who attended this meeting:	Caillum Hedderman, Michelle Hayes, Liz Gabbett
7. Meeting Agenda (bullet points):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes To consider the adoption of the Minutes of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting that was held on 9 th July 2020. 2. Director’s Report 3. To approve the proposed 2021 dates for the Climate Action Biodiversity and Environment SPC: Tuesday February 9th at 3.30pm Tuesday April 13th at 3.30pm Tuesday 8th June Tuesday 5th October Tuesday 7th December 4. Update on the preparation of a Management Plan for Westfield’s Wetlands (Feidhlim Harty) 5. Update on Grass Cutting Programme 2020 (Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer, LCCC) 6. Update on Review of Use of Herbicides by LCCC (Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer, LCCC) 7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan (deferred from Full Council meeting) I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council engage with Councillors to identify ways to limit the widespread use of election posters, for example, displaying posters at strategic locations in communities as an alternative to widespread poster on poles. 8. Question submitted by Ms. Hayes In respect of the Archaeological, excavations conducted recently as part of the King's Island Flood Relief Scheme application,

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	with particular reference to the Medieval and Viking Quarter area around St. Mary's Cathedral, The Court House, Potato Market and Council offices		
Agenda item relevant for discussion	Discussion please give brief outline of the discussion in <i>bullet points</i> – being mindful of any confidentiality requirements	Action please give brief details of actions agreed or outcomes – being mindful of any confidentiality requirements	Specific input/influence of PPN representative(s) Give brief details of proposals or outcomes from PPN representation in the meeting
3. Meeting schedule	- Schedule approved with a amended start time.	PPN rep Caillum Hedderman request the meeting start time be changed to a 4pm start time to accommodate his school hours. Request was approved.	PPN rep Caillum Hedderman request the meeting start time be changed to a 4pm start time to accommodate his school hours. Request was approved.
4. Westfield Wetlands Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Westfield is an important habitat within the Shannon catchment for migratory birds. There is a need for mapping a blueway to interconnect with other wetlands in Limerick. - Invasive weed species is a major problem - Biodiversity and non-native invasive species training has been provided over the summer by JBA consulting- Ailish Hogan - Pollution from many sources into the wetlands is a major problem – old poorly plumbed water pipes from surrounding houses, sewage, storm water from the roads, garden waste dumping, waterfowl poop, water from the docks. This causes excessive algae growth. - There is a request from the public to large sections of bulrush to allow more access for amenity purposes 	There is a public consultation on what the public want for the wetlands until Oct 30th Click here: https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/content/westfields-wetlands-survey	<p>There is a public consultation on what the public want for the wetlands until Oct 30th Click here: https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/content/westfields-wetlands-survey</p> <p>PNN Rep Caillum Hedderman raised the question to Feidhlim that when they are planning and running further public outreach/educational events that they contact Community/Voluntary PPN (and Environmental Pillar) reps to circulate information to linkage group.</p> <p>PPN Rep Liz Gabbett asked what the Q score (water quality score was for the wetland)</p> <p>Feidhlim said it was 1 or 2 which is poor.</p>
5. Update on grass cutting programme	1. Update on Grass Cutting Programme 2020 (Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer, LCCC) Certain areas within the city and surrounds <i>The Childers Road • The Condell Road • Dock Rd Roundabout to Quinn's Cross • Sections of</i>	Action Item – Anne Goggin to liaise with LCCC Area Engineers to identify suitable areas for the “let it bee” project. & grass cutting in county towns and villages.	- PPN rep Liz Gabbett asked Anne Goggin if the council remove cut grass - Removing cut grass from roadsides is not an option as the grass, along with all the dumped rubbish from passerbys, makes it contaminated material and

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	<p><i>Castletroy Town Park</i> were left uncut for the Let it Bee campaign. Very positive feedback on social media.</p> <p>Road verges around the city and county were also left uncut as part of LCCC commitment to the All-Ireland pollinator plan.</p> <p>Main conclusions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The campaign complies with EU, national and local plans and strategies - Was generally well received by public - Noxious weeds were a problem towards the end of the season (while ragwort is classed as a noxious weed it is an important food source, habitat for many wildlife species) - Cut and lift did not prove possible on road verges – machinery not suitable for use on slopes. 		therefore prohibitively expensive to dispose of.
6. Update on Review of Use of Herbicides by LCCC (Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer, LCCC)	<p>Anne Goggin explained the LCCC strategy for using herbicides, i.e. on hard surfaces, within parks and when it was necessary for treating invasive weeds</p> <p>Alternatives to herbicides have been tried, e.g. hot foam but to limited success</p>	<p>Cllr Bride Collins described how a pre-emergency weed killer solution of vinegar and Epsom salts have been tried but it is very difficult to get the right proportion of components to be of effective use.</p> <p>Tidy towns are pushing for less glyphosphate use (roundup)</p> <p>Councillor S Hartigan raised concerns that herbicide was been applied for the sake of fulfilling a contract and not for appropriate use.</p> <p>Anne Goggin to carry out a further review with operations staff.</p>	<p>PPN Rep Michelle Hayes, raised a question in relation to treating invasive species and queried if the Council intend to limit the use of herbicides, could an alternative be used e.g. boiling water and salt.</p> <p>Feidhlim Harty offered that while glyphosphate is known to be detrimental to wildlife, currently, it is the only known solution for controlling certain invasive species, e.g. Japanese knotweed.</p>
7. Limit use of election posters	<p>Cllr S. Hartigan put forward a motion to that LCCC and Councillors will identify ways to limit the widespread use of election posters.</p>		

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	LCCC staff quoted the laws governing campaigning – i.e. not much could be enforced but parties, independents could come to a local voluntary commitment.		
	PPN representative Michelle Hayes had sought information on the archaeology finds in King Johns. See Letter to Michelle.	See Letter to Michelle.	

NAME(S) PRINTED - OF EACH PPN REPRESENTATIVE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING	SIGNATURE(S) If no signature possible, an email confirming the Representative's agreement to this Statement of Outcomes will be kept on file by Limerick PPN staff
1. Liz Gabbett	1.
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