

## **Notes for Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment LG Meeting 24<sup>TH</sup> May 2021:**

Present: Tom Tarpey-Facilitator

Trish Forde-Brennan-Note Taker

SPS Representatives-Liz Gabbett & Michelle Hayes

Vidette Molyneaux

Dr. Breda Hayes

Helena Kelly

Apologies: Eilis Ni Chofaigh and Eleanor Hogan

### Agenda:

1. Confirm Notetaker-TFB
2. Summary of last LG Meeting-agreed
3. Matters Arising: Our letter requesting support on core administration funding received support from other LG groups and will now go to the next LCDC Meeting, Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

LG voiced concern that the SPC Agenda was received with only six days' notice, contrary to Standing Orders which states 10 days at least. Following discussion, it was decided that it the matter should be referred to the Secretariat to address as it was an administrative matter. Dr.B H voiced frustration at the amount of time given by LG to administrative matters which left less time to consider CABA matters.

4. Statement of Outcomes from CABA Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021:

Both reps who attended the last SPC meeting will submit separate Statement of Outcomes.

HK expressed a wish to be a member of the CABA SPC. As there is no vacancy this is not possible however MH and LG offered to bring to SPC any items HK wishes brought to the meeting.

The motion requesting the removal of Annacotty Weir will result in a recommendation from the SPC to the executive council that Annacotty Weir be removed because of its negative impact on biodiversity and critically endangered species.

5. SPC Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021-consideration of items for submission to SPC:

HK asked for an update on the Shannon Water Extraction with a view to a possible motion issue. There is none to date. TT stated it was a long-term development and that an EIA and a Strategic Infrastructure Application to An Bord Pleanála will be needed before the development can proceed, both of which will facilitate public consultation on the proposal.

The use of herbicides is a concern to CABE LG. TT wondered if there should be a program to manage the use of herbicides. URBACT was mentioned as a possible avenue for such. HK asked for an update on herbicidal use from the SPC. All supported the need to reduce our use of herbicides with a view to removal of use in time. MH and Dr. B H expressed concern around submitting the motion as they believe it contravenes PPN Constitution,

7.1.2.

” Representatives will not represent their own interests or views or those of their own group/organisation.”

It was decided to vote on whether we should forward the motion. By majority, it was agreed to submit a motion. LG will compose the wording of the motion and forward to chatter.

6. This item is deferred to our next meeting.
7. Facilitator and Notetaker for CABE LG Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021: MH will facilitate and VM will note take.
8. AOB:

MH reiterated her concern on 7.3.6 of the constitution and the need to respect diversity of opinion.

A good discussion took place on the latest development on Irish Cement which has been given the go-ahead to change its fuel burning practices to alternative fuels, such as used tyres and solid recovered waste. TT suggested planning process was more open and a more effective place to object to the project. VM suggested an independent monitoring station with specific parameters in the monitoring area. It was agreed to wait until September to see if there would be a judicial review. This issue will be an agenda item for our September meeting. VM suggested a site visit to Irish Cement for our LG and will attempt to set one up.

HK observed that there is an inadequacy of recyclable bins and cigarette butt stations in Limerick LG gave a background on the segregation of waste. The possibility of a refund scheme was mentioned. All present support the provision of a more comprehensive collection of household goods by the council.