



## Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

**Date:** 24.10.2024

**Start time:** 09:30

**Venue:** Oakland Suite, Sandymount Hotel, Herbert Road, Dublin 4, and on MS Teams

**In Person:** Marie Donnelly (Chair), Patricia King, Jillian Mahon, Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Julie Sinnamon, Prof. Peter Thorne, Andrew Murphy (from 11:30), Prof. Frank O' Mara (Teagasc) (from 09:45), Professor Yvonne Buckley (to 10:40 in person and from 12:00) , Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Professor Edgar Morgenroth; Laura Burke (EPA) (until 14:50),

**Online:** Professor Liam Delaney (from 11:00)

**Apologies:** Prof. Morgan Bazilian, William Walsh (SEAI observer)

**Secretariat:** George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Gina Kelly, Meabh Gallagher, Stephen Flood, Eleanor Mathews, Bryn Canniffe, Kieran Craven, Ciara Hilliard, Jodie Colgan, Claire Camilleri

### 1. Opening of Meeting (09:30)

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The minutes were accepted.

#### Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

#### Disclosure of Interests

Cara Augustenborg advised that she has joined the newly established Agriculture and Climate Change Stakeholder Forum, representing UCD, as part of the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA).

Peter Thorne declared that he will be attending the IPCC AR7 scoping meeting in Q4 2024.



## **2. Documents for approval (09:35)**

Council discussed the report 'Assessment on Prioritising Transboundary Climate Risks for Ireland' and approved it for publication with minor amendments on the Council's website.

## **3. International Update (09:40)**

Secretariat briefed Council on recent EEAC Annual Assembly in Ghent, Belgium and on recent ICCN developments.

It was agreed that Council would publish the 2024 Summary for All on the EEAC (ICCN??) website and would examine other opportunities for publication and engagement. It was also agreed that Council could support the hosting of the EEAC Assembly in 2026.

## **4. Research and Thematic Sessions 2025 (10:15)**

The Secretariat presented an overview of research topics and ideas for thematic sessions for 2025 for discussion.

It was agreed that the Secretariat would look into opportunities for further engagement with the Climate Change Research Coordination Group, to further inform Council direction on research for following years.

It was also agreed that there would be further communication on, and further amendments to, the thematic sessions and research plan which would be presented at the November Council meeting for approval.

## **5. Energy Efficiency Directive Factsheet (11:35)**

The Secretariat presented an overview of the Energy Efficiency Directive for Council information and feedback was provided on the structure of the information provided and future areas of legislation under the Green Deal for consideration. It was agreed that the Secretariat would develop a factsheet on CBAM and incorporate updates to the factsheet on the EED which would be presented at the November Council meeting.

## **6. Budget 2025 Assessment (11:45)**

The Secretariat presented a summary of elements of the 2025 Budget which pertain positively or negatively to climate action, emissions reductions and/or resilience. It was agreed that an overview of expenditure within Budget 2025 would be presented at the February Council meeting.



## **7. Carbon Budgets (12:15)**

The Council discussed the Carbon Budget proposal and further changes to be reflected in updated drafting of the documents. After extensive deliberations which concluded the quantitative assessment of the carbon budgets the Council determined that a further elaboration on certain other elements of the proposal would be required to finalise the proposal and letter to the Minister.

It was agreed that the Secretariat would circulate updated drafts of the documents, taking account of comments in the meeting, for further feedback in advance of the November Council meeting.

## **Communications Update (16:15)**

The Secretariat briefed Council members on the AR summary event held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 in O' Reilly Hall, UCD, co-hosted by the Earth Institute.

## **8. Activities of the Council (16:25)**

The Council noted the report of Council activities.

## **9. AOB and next meeting (16:30)**

- The Council noted an amendment to the previously circulated Council meeting dates for 2025.
- Council noted the invitation from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage to discuss the National Planning Framework on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Professor Morgenroth agreed to accompany the Secretariat to the meeting.
- Council discussed potential for further engagement with the Adaptation Committee on matters where their expertise is desirable.
- It was noted that the next Council meeting would be on the 28th of November 2024 and would be held in person at the Radisson Blu, Stillorgan.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024