

Minutes of Meeting 13 of Kildare Meath Community Forum (13th of Nov)

Online

Meeting started 7.05pm

In attendance

Philip McCormack (Batterstown Village Enhancement Association), **Eddie Julian** (Twomilehouse Community Centre), **John Kennedy** (Clane Community Council), **Anne Cowley** (Twomilehouse say No Action Group), **Allan Shine** (Kildare Chamber of Commerce), **Pat Smith** (Local Power)

Apologies:

Rose Donovan (Straffan Community Association) **Fionnuala Corcoran** (Kilcock Tidy Towns)

Also in attendance – **Bobby McCormack** (Independent Chair from Development Perspectives), **Grainne Duffy** (EirGrid), **Ailbhe Farrell** (EirGrid), **Emer Conway** (SEAI)

Bobby shared the agenda on screen and it was agreed.

Cllr Damien O Reilly was remembered through a min silence. Bobby and Grainne remembered the contribution of Damien to the forum and extended condolences on behalf of the forum to Damiens family.

Minutes of last meeting (13th of Sept) were shared for review. No queries arose. Minutes proposed by Eddie J but will need to be seconded at meeting 14 in the New Year.

The agenda was outlined for the meeting by Bobby.

Project update:

Grainne gave a quick update on the situation currently. No submissions were made to the process outside of statutory agencies. This was seen as a positive. End 1st Q or 2024 is the tentative timeline for news. Grainne will keep the forum updated. Ground investigations and technical investigations are continuing

Guest presentation from Emer Conway (SEAI)

The slides presented by Emer are now available to the forum members. Following the slides there were a few questions from forum members about the Business uptake on supports. There was also a question regarding the awareness of the need for an energy transition and the amount of energy used. Some frustrations were raised re bureaucracy and resourcing of applications to SEAI. Emer will bring that feedback to SEAI.

Next meeting:

There is a provisional meeting window of mid to late Feb 2024 for an online meeting. Bobby to circulate a doodle poll re next date and some questions to guide content of session for 2024.

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Bobby closed the meeting at 8.20pm

