

## **Minutes of Meeting 15 of Kildare Meath Community Forum – 21<sup>st</sup> of May**

### **Online**

Meeting started 7.05pm

### **In attendance**

**Philip McCormack** (Batterstown Village Enhancement Association), , **Anne Cowley** (Twomilehouse say No Action Group), **Pat Smith** (Local Power), **Karen Mahon** (An Taisce Meath), **Sinead Ronan** (Kildare Chamber), **John Kennedy** (Clane Community Council), **Sharon Langan** (Naas Basketball)

**Apologies:** **Cllr Caroline O Reilly** (Meath County Council), **Eddie Julian** (Twomilehouse Community Centre), **Michael Gunn** (Longwood Anglers) **Fionnuala Corcoran** (Kilcock Tidy Towns)

**Also in attendance – Bobby McCormack** (Independent Chair from Development Perspectives), **Grainne Duffy** (EirGrid), **Bernadine Carroll** (MCo)

Bobby welcome everyone and introduced Bernardine. Bobby proceeded to share the agenda on screen and it was agreed. Bobby outlined that Liam Dolan was stepping down from the forum.

Phillip Mc proposed the mins and Anne C seconded the mins.

### **Project update:**

Grainne gave a quick update on the situation currently especially in relation to the EIAR. Updated information is available here - <https://www.eirgridkildaremeath.ie/further-information/>

There has been a pause to ground investigation works

### **Introduction from Bernadine and the work of MCo**

Bernadine introduced herself and talked about her tasks of reviewing and reflecting on the public engagement work of EirGrid. Bernardine will be in touch with forum members in the weeks / months ahead to follow up.

### **Community Consultation / Community Research presentation and discussion**

Bobby shared some slides on the importance of community consultation / community engagement and community research generally. The Boyne vision was used as an example of a public consultation. **link here -** <https://www.boynerivertrust.ie/boyne-vision>

A video of a community consultation process in University of Ulster was also shared – **link here -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9C830899X4>

There were some questions from Phillip / Karen re commencement dates / amounts of funding etc and who distributes this. Grainne briefly detailed the community benefit fund process. Bernardine mentioned some good practice examples from TASC

### **Date and time of next meeting**

**18th Sept** – This will involve a “Thank you” meal on behalf of EirGrid as well as the opportunity to explore the SDGs and Diversity / Equality and Inclusion

**27th November** - The community benefit fund process (contingent on planning)

**AOB**

Bobby thanked everyone for their participation closed the meeting at 8.35pm