

Minutes of Meeting 16 of Kildare Meath Community Forum – 18th of September

Online

Meeting started 7.05pm

In attendance

Philip McCormack (Batterstown Village Enhancement Association), , **Anne Cowley** (Twomilehouse say No Action Group), **Karen Mahon** (An Taisce Meath), **John Kennedy** (Clane Community Council),

Willie Rattigan (Kilcloon Community Centre), **Gillian Toole** (Meath County Council), **Peter Melrose** (Kildare County Council), **Naoise O Cearuil** (Kildare County Council)

Apologies: Fionnuala Corcoran (Kilcock Tidy Towns)

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

- Bobby proceeded to share the agenda on screen and it was agreed. Bobby thanked Aidan, Caroline and Tracey for their participation in the forum.
- Bobby welcomed the 3 new elected reps (Gillian Toole, Peter Melrose and Naoise of Cearuil) and they took a min to introduce themselves before a round of intros was completed to ensure that everyone knew each other.
- John K proposed the mins and Karen M seconded the mins with no matters arising

Project updates from EirGrid – Grainne

- 2-3 months before a decision from ABP. Next step after that in the context of an approved decision would be a fund administrator would be put in place to help co-create a fund strategy.
- Gillian asked if the budget for the fund administrator would be separate and additional to the fund available for the implementation of the strategy. Grainne confirmed that it would be.
- Karen asked about distance from the line and Grainne outlined that this would be finalized when and if a fund administrator is put in place.
- Peter asked about the stages and timing to the construction and road opening. Grainne outlined the role of the local authorities and ESB / associated contractors.
- Membership of the forum was raised in terms of representation from Maynooth

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion in the context of the SDGs

Bobby presented a set of slides (which are available along with the mins)

Date and time of next meeting - 27th November

In person – and some food / drink as well as looking at the Community Benefit Fund process.

Suggestions are to be sent to Grainne for consideration.

AOB

No AOB so Bobby thanked people and ended the call at 8.25pm