

MINUTES

All Party Group on Climate Action

3 May 2024 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

At: Virtual

Chair: Danny Donnelly MLA

Minutes: Nichola Hughes

Members in attendance: Danny Donnelly MLA (Chair), John Blair MLA, Minister Andrew Muir MLA, Cllr Roisin Lynch, Cllr Martin McKeever, Cllr Jay Burbank, Cllr Robert Irvine, Cllr Shaun Harkin, Cllr Lauren Kendall

In attendance: Francesca Di Palo, Martin Campbell, Catherine Hunter MEABC, Nicola Carruthers, Sharon O'Halloran, Sam Gibson, Karen Smyth, Ryan Brown, John Coates, Natalie Merrick, Una Mailey, Kelly Devlin, Lawrence Tingson, Rachael Hook, Martin Hearty, Clara Robinson, Eimear Montague, Steven, Gemma Richardson, Malachy Kearney, Robert Jervis-Gibbons, Keith Patterson, Malachy Campbell, Michelle McIlveen, Jessica Kee, Brian Rankin, Rosalind Skillen, Joanne, Steve Boyd, Karl McGowan, Gerard Carlin, George RSUA, Tom Lavery, Laura Foy, Declan Allison, Donna Knowles, Shakheera Ross, Andy Frew, Brandon Andrews, Johnny Stewart, Lucy Keown, Nuzhat Jahan, Alison Curtis, Arlene Jamieson, Nick Hanrahan, David Cowdrey, John Early, Sophie Mathews, Marie-Louise Gaile, Andrew Wilson, Steven Agnew, Owen Quinn, Tony Giffen, Rebekah Corbett, Jack Armstrong, Ciarán Fox, Victoria Magreehan, Jonathan Hayes, Aileen Monahan, Henry Wilson, Arlene McGowan, John Murtagh, Claire Shortt, Amy Smyth, Darryn Mallon, Karen Arbuckle, Jennifer Stephens, Alison Diver, Kieran Harrahill, Ian Gordon, Jason McKeown

Apologies: Sinéad McLaughlin MLA, Sian Mullholland MLA, Harry Harvey MLA, Councillor Billy Webb, Cllr Terry Andrews, Cllr Kurtis Dickson

Total attendees: 83

1	Opening Remarks
1.1	Welcome & apologies
	<p>Danny Donnelly (DD), Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>He welcomed recent announcements that may be relevant to the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal to ban onshore oil and gas exploration and production including fracking, in Northern Ireland • A proposal to ban the sale and supply of single use vapes from April 2025. <p>Apologies were recorded.</p>

1.2	Minutes of meeting on 5 April 2024
	Minutes of the meeting on 5 April were adopted by email following the meeting: Proposed by Eimear Montague; Seconded by Clare Bailey.
1.3	Matters arising
	No matters arising from the previous meeting.
2	Update on implementation of the Climate Change Act 2022
	DD welcomed Minister Andrew Muir, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs who addressed the group and provided a brief update on the implementation of the Climate Change Act. A group Q&A followed. See recording . DD thanked the Minister for his time.
3	Rethinking Our Resources Consultation
	DD welcomed Nicola Carruthers, Spokesperson for Keep Recycling Local, who delivered a presentation on the Keep Recycling Local Campaign and reminded the Group to respond to DAERA's consultation on 'Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI', which closes on 27 Jun 2024. Presentation: https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/APG%20Presentations%203%20May%202024.pdf Contact: Nicola Carruthers nicola@keeprecyclinglocal.com A group Q&A followed. See recording . DD thanked Nicola for her presentation.
4	A Just Transition in Northern Ireland
	DD welcomed Natalie Merrick, Researcher at QUB, & Kieran Harrahill, Senior Researcher at Think Tank for Action on Social Change who delivered a joint presentation on a just transition in Northern Ireland. Presentation: https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/APG%20Presentations%203%20May%202024.pdf Contact: Natalie Merrick nmerrick01@qub.ac.uk Kieran Harrahill kharrahill@tasc.ie More information: www.peoplestransition.ie A group Q&A followed. See recording . DD thanked Natalie and Kieran for their presentations.

5	AOB
	<p>DD reminded people that if they want to share news of upcoming events that may be of interest to the group, please send these to nichola@sustainableni.org for circulation in due course.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Friday 7th June 2024 @ 12noon (Virtual).</p> <p>No further items of business.</p>
6	Summary and close
	<p>DD thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 12.58.</p>