

Minutes of Meeting through teams of Climate Change and Biodiversity

Strategic Policy Committee held on 12th April 2023

I Láthair:

Baill: Cllr. Alastair Mc Kinstry, Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Evelyn Francis Parsons
Cllr. Joe Sheridan
Cllr. Martina Kinane
Mr. John Hynes
Mr. Henry Walsh
Mr. Peter Butler
Ms. Mags Butler

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Ms. Maria Flynn, Administrative Officer
Ms. Tina Ryan, Climate Change Co-Ordinator
Ms. Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer
Mr. Dave O'Loughlin, Executive Engineer
Ms. Sabina O Connell, A/Staff Officer

Apologies for non-attendance received from Cllr Gabriel Cronnolly & Eileen Ruane DOS

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC meeting held on 18th January 2023

The Cathaoirleach thanked staff for the very definitive and comprehensive minutes from the last meeting of this group and enquired if anyone had any comments before signing off. The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Kinane and seconded by the Cathaoirleach.

Referencing the subject of Derrybrien the Cathaoirleach informed the members that a response had been received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action, and Environment and any work carried out would be down to a legal debate. He asked if anyone had any further comment to make on Derrybrien. Ms. Flynn stated that we would include the response from the department in the minutes from this meeting.

"I refer to your email dated 14th December 2022, in connection with the Derrybrien Wind Farm. This is a matter for ESB. We have reached out to ESB and received the below response. "Derrybrien Wind Farm ceased commercial operation in March 2022 and Gort Windfarm Limited is preparing for the decommissioning of the 70 wind turbines in accordance with planning laws and regulations. Gort Windfarm Limited is awaiting an

enforcement notice from Galway County Council and is unable to comment further until this is received."

The Cathaoirleach enquired if an update on the sustainable plant protection plan is included in the biodiversity update on today's agenda. Ms. Mannion confirmed that she can provide some update on the plan. The Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the Biodiversity Citizens Assembly had made numerous recommendations which included increasing the use of renewable energy and reducing our use of pesticides by 50%. The Cathaoirleach confirmed that he would be lobbying Galway County Council to achieve this target.

Mr. Butler enquired what timeframe this 50% reduction was aimed for. The Cathaoirleach replied that he did not know that a timeframe was specified but recommended that Galway County Council should aim to achieve it in a 5-year period. This was agreed by the members. Ms. Mannion agreed to take this recommendation back to Ms. Lowe for discussion.

Ms. Flynn informed the members at this point that a new Bio-Diversity Officer has been appointed and that it is hoped that she will be taking up post in May. Ms. Mannion voiced her praise on the appointment, adding that the new appointee is a very credible person who will be a great asset when working with the various Departments within the council.

Ms. Mannion proceeded with her presentation.

Biodiversity Update

Ms. Mannion gave an update on the Biodiversity and Pollinator Municipal District Plans. The primary aim of Biodiversity and Pollinator Action Plans is to provide a framework for protecting, managing and/or enhancing natural heritage in each municipal district through actions led by the local authority (Area Office) and the local community. Topics covered in plans are:

- What is Biodiversity * What is a Biodiversity & Pollinator Plan * What Can We Achieve through this Plan
- Overview of Biodiversity in the Municipal District * On-Going Actions and Projects * National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021 * All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021 -2025 * Marine Biodiversity Citizen Science Strategy 2023 – 2028 * Galway County Council * Organisations and Funding Bodies
- Communities * Farming Community * Key Actions for the Municipal District
- Potential Funding Sources * Resources *

The plans have been finalised and each plan has been translated. Translation services are expensive, but it is a necessary expense. The next steps entail:

- Plans to be designed by Graphic Designer and Printed and digital copy to be uploaded to the websites. To be all inclusive a supply of printed version of plans are also required. It is hoped to launch the plans in the next 2 months. It is proposed to launch it if ready for Bio-Diversity week. Promotion and distribution of the Plans will need to be done. What is very important about these plans is that they are 'living plans' they will need to be updated on a regular basis i.e., as new projects are underway, new funding streams, etc.

The development of a new Heritage and Biodiversity Plan for 2023 – 2030 is underway and the old plan is being reviewed. The Annual Reports each year outlines works we have done each year and what we need to achieve. Galway County Heritage and Biodiversity Forum has agreed to review the current Heritage and Biodiversity Plan and assist with the development of the plan from 2023 to 2030. We also have close links with Climate Action Strategy, Forum Connemara, Galway Rural Development and LAWPRO. We will ensure that the plan is aligned with the County Development Plan.

The Heritage and Biodiversity Forum have asked for robust plans to be developed to include funding initiatives. A person has been engaged to review the legislation and policy part of the proposed new plan. Consultation will play an important role in developing the new plan.

We will engage with the following cohort:

- Consulting with local communities, schools in the County
- Consultation with various heritage NGOs,
- Consultation with various Government Departments
- Consultation with the Heritage Council
- Consultation with Galway County Heritage and Biodiversity Forum
- Consultation with Climate Change and Biodiversity SPC

The Cathaoirleach enquired if anything is planned for inclusion in this plan regarding Natura 2000 sites. These are special protection sites, and it would be useful to draw upon the expertise of NPWS and the Department in relation to a section of plan covering this. Ms. Mannion confirmed that Natura 2000 sites was debated when drafting the previous plan. However, these sites do not fall within the remit of the local authority. The new plan will contain an action like the previous plan that “Galway County Council will liaise with Government Departments and have open dialogue on various issues of interest which not within our remit”.

The Cathaoirleach believed that it would be insightful to the members of this SPC if a copy of the draft plan could be seen by the members. He would welcome if this was possible for the next meeting in July. Ms. Mannion added that the plan will have various aspects and that feedback from the members of the SPC and the Forum will be essential in finalising the plan.

Ms. Mannion advised that her team informs community groups and the PPN on various funding streams as and when they become available. Recently, the Community Foundation Ireland Funding was announced. Some communities submitted applications for funding and Ms. Manion cited Creggs Tidy Towns group as an example. They received funding under this scheme. The Creggs project shows how an award of a small amount of additional funding can help a community engage specialist assistance to benefit the area. Thoor Ballylee also received some funding under this scheme.

Creggs Tidy Towns Group had previously completed a heritage audit; the additional funding received by them under Community Foundation Ireland will allow them to build on that. The funding has afforded the Creggs Tidy Towns Group an opportunity to engage with an Ecologist to work with the community to develop the Biodiversity Action Plan and habitat map for the village.

This Biodiversity Action Plan project will result in a list of achievable actions, goals and targets for the group and the wider community, to enhance and improve existing biodiversity in the surrounding townland areas close to the village. It also aims to create new opportunities for biodiversity to thrive within the village.

The group ran a community biodiversity workshop in early April 2023, facilitated by the ecologist and a permaculturist. This workshop was designed to identify projects and actions

and establish the barriers to completing projects in the past, along with resources required for projects to be successful in the future. Going forward, the community will work with the ecologist to conduct habitat mapping of the village, along with further development of the plan. They will look at their own local resources and work with the ecologist. It is hoped to have the completed Biodiversity Action Plan completed by mid-summer 2023.

The Cathaoirleach enquired as to whether this funding opportunity was still open to community groups. Ms. Mannion clarified that the deadline for applications for this scheme has now closed but that it will be available to groups in the future. Her office will continue to keep community groups up to date on these funding opportunities as and when they come available and her office will work closely with community groups guiding them on which scheme, that may best suit their needs. Ms. Mannion concluded by stating that funding is essential at local level to get projects off the ground. They are building blocks for the community. 45 heritage grants have been awarded this year.

Cllr. Sheridan enquired if turloughs could be included under this funding opportunity scheme. Ms. Mannion informed him that she would speak to him separately outside of this meeting with a view to exchanging information on details of project, local resources and local knowledge and then establish which funding opportunity would be most appropriate for an application to be made under.

Applications for 11 projects have been submitted for funding under the 2023 Local Biodiversity Action Plan Funding (LBAP) which would amount to in the region of €100,000. Some of these applications are multi-faceted projects and some are stand alone for Galway County Council.

Applications submitted included:

- Working with nature 2023 is an Education and Awareness Project around the importance of our native wildflower species. It is hoped to develop another set of swatches on wildflowers. Ms. Mannion indicated that she has intended to distribute the previous swatches to members of SPC today to save on postage. Education on using alternatives to the use of pesticides and provide guidance on biodiversity planting for communities will be covered under this project. In 2022 Galway County Council employed the services of Aoife Munn to work with communities on sustainable gardening and we hope to expand on this in 2023.
- Wetland Audit – In 2021 The North East Galway Wetland Audit was carried out which identified 442 main wetlands. 66 sites lie within areas designated for nature conservation while the remaining 376 are outside of designated areas. A significant proportion of these undesignated sites, most of which have not been subject to ecological survey, are likely to support habitats and species of conservation importance. According to the 2021 audit it is thought that 327 of the wetland areas in North East Galway have not been subject to any detailed wetland survey, suggesting that a targeted wetland survey should be a key priority to gain a better understanding of the wetland resource and to ensure that those sites of highest importance are afforded appropriate protection. It is proposed to survey 5 bog sites, 5 fen sites and 5 turloughs sites of high conservation importance in 2023. The sites will be chosen in consultation with LAWPRO and NPWS.
- Invasive species management in South Connemara: This will entail mapping of sites and targeting 5 of these invasive species. The five IAPS which have been selected as the targets for control works are Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*), Giant rhubarb (*Gunnera tinctoria*), Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*), Bohemian knotweed (*Reynoutria x bohemica*) and Himalayan knotweed (*Koenigia polystachya*). All five species are contained in National Legislation (S.I. 477/2011), while Gunnera, Himalayan balsam and Himalayan knotweed are also contained in International Legislation (EU 1143/2014).

- This project involves employing the services of a Project Officer for six months to support the next phase of the roll out of a comprehensive programme of control and eradication of IASs predominantly rhododendron in NW Connemara. A partnership with Forum Connemara will be required in order to progress the project through the various stages.
- Connemara Blue Dot project aims to highlight the Blue Dot Sites of Connemara by collaborating with local communities to protect and improve our pristine waters so that the benefits to biodiversity, our health and well-being, our heritage and the climate can be enjoyed by current and future generations. The project has three distinct elements:
 - o Delivery of School Workshops in the Connemara area
 - o Production of a high-quality educational video
 - o Publication of a bi-lingual information booklet

These workshops, video and publications are designed to increase awareness on river corridor ecology and water quality; help reconnect communities with their river catchment, discuss best practice and promote community projects and initiatives

- I-WeBS relies primarily on a network of volunteer counters. However, some large special amenity area sites lack the necessary volunteer base to adequately count the sites over the required months each winter. Funding is therefore sought to identify, explore, and implement novel ways to recruit volunteers and support the data counter volunteer network around Galway Bay. This is a collaborative project with Galway City Council. Ms. Mannion will be working closely with Conor Ruane, Rosina Joyce and Galway City Council.

- Twelve local authorities have come together for the Barn Owl Booklet Project. The object of this project is to produce and disseminate a Barn Owl booklet, detailing new and engaging ecological information and innovative conservation advice specific to Ireland, which will be a culmination of fifteen years of extensive research on the species, including information generated through recent survey and monitoring supported by the Local Action Biodiversity Plan Fund across several Counties.

This publication will appeal to a wide target audience, particularly the public, landowners, and wildlife enthusiasts, to facilitate an increased understanding and appreciation of the species and its conservation requirements. This will be a bi-lingual book for Galway County Council.

Connemara Bog Natural Heritage Awareness Programme 2023 is a project of similar nature to the Carrownagappul bog project close to Mountbellew. In 2022 a comprehensive survey of breeding birds on blanket bogs in the Connemara Bog Complex SPA was undertaken to understand the species present, the importance of these sites and to inform their future management. This project was funded under LBAP. It is now proposed to produce a video, podcast, poster and StoryMap as part of our heritage awareness initiative for Roundstone Bog. It proposes to highlight the bird species present on the site and their symbiotic relationship with the habitats and species contained therein. These outputs will be used to increase awareness and appreciation of the biodiversity value of our blanket bogs to a local and national audience and to enhance engagement among local communities with these sites.

- The quagga mussel project focuses on the quagga mussel (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*), a high impact invasive alien species discovered in the Shannon in 2021 and in 2022 and known to be spreading and increasing rapidly. The quagga mussel threatens native biodiversity by establishing extremely high biomasses on all surfaces including soft sediments and at depth, outcompeting even the zebra mussel and affecting filtering rates in lakes and therefore changing nutrient levels. Galway County Council are currently working with UCD and other local authorities along the River Shannon and in Northern Ireland to capture the data.

Monitoring of an Alpine Newt site is also being conducted in conjunction with UCD who brought it to the attention of GCC.

The Cathaoirleach enquired where the data obtained is going to be kept. Ms. Mannion confirmed that the data collected is all being fed into the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

It is important to track it. The Cathaoirleach also asked the difference between lizards and alpine newts.

Ms. Mannion concluded by stating that during the months of January and February they are collating and submitting various funding applications. She expressed huge thanks to Rosina Joyce, Community Warden, Conor Ruane, LAWPRO, Ita Gordon, Patricia Delaney, Mary McGann and Martina Creaven, Galway County Council, Galway County PPN and our partner organisations who all work hard on delivering a biodiversity service for Galway County Council and the people of Galway.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Mannion for the impressive work being done by herself and her team and expressed that he will be looking forward to having the new Biodiversity Officer present at the next meeting of this SPC group. Ms. Mannion confirmed that she will relay back feedback from today's meeting to the committee collating the Sustainable Plant Protection Plan. The last meeting was 2/3 weeks ago, and submissions were received from a group in Kinvara. Once the plan is completed there will be a section outlining all contributors to the plan. Once these submissions have been reviewed the draft plan may be ready to circulate to SPC members in May and it will be sent to Ms. Flynn.

Ms. Mannion informed the meeting that Rosina Joyce, Community Warden had applied for funding under Heritage Stewardship 2023 which is a scheme to support staff in local authorities, state agencies and third level institutions with responsibilities for heritage programmes, e.g., stewardship of and access to collections, archives, buildings, monuments, habitats. €29,000 is the amount available which covers 3 management projects working with GIS, buying a tree mapping system. It will enable a lot of work to be done on trees.

The Cathaoirleach referenced inclusion of Tree Protection Orders in County Development Plan were included in the CDP for trees in the Demense Headford (HGST7) Ms. Mannion informed the meeting that Wicklow County Council attempted to do this, it is a difficult process and needs to be taken at a slow / steady pace. The Cathaoirleach added that TPO's on specific trees would be beneficial, and it would be useful to use an in-house expertise. Mr. Butler added that specific trees / woods / historic trees must be specified in detail. Ms Mannion added that a tree specialist would be required to evaluate the trees. Some years ago, Galway County Council did some research in this area, but specialist input would be required to progress the matter. We would need the best advice available as we do not have a specialist in Galway County Council.

Cllr. Sheridan queried the timeline for such a project, adding that there may be lots of applications. Ms. Mannion stated that the research work undertaken by Galway County Council some years ago cost approx. €15,000. The national tree maps were a help, but we would have to see what applications can be submitted. We would have to look at the tree book and see what is there, but budgetary constraints are significant. The Cathaoirleach added that he would like an email on the budget required for this.

Cllr. Parsons enquired who is responsible for the operational contracts for the cutting of long grass and the decisions on timing, frequency, and areas where cutting takes place. Ms. Mannion confirmed that each MD negotiates their own contracts and that this would fall under the remit of the Roads Department. Local area plans have a section on biodiversity. Ms. Manion stated that Ms. Lowe is extremely pro-active in relation to biodiversity with signage erected on roadsides., Another meeting is due to take place shortly with the Roads Department in relation to their plans.

Climate Change Updates

Ms. Ryan gave an update on issues raised by the members at the last meeting of the SPC. Biodiversity Net Gain, Tree Planting, rewilding on Galway County Council owned lands and the identification of additional settlements for possible future Decarbonisation Zones have been added to the list of potential actions under the Climate Action Plan. A query raised by Cllr. Kinane relating the inclusion of parish halls for Energy Assessments was clarified by Ms. Ryan. She stated that Clarinbridge/Kilcolgan have included an assessment of their parish hall in their upcoming Master Energy Plan.

An Executive Engineer panel is due to be established in Q2 of this year. Coastal Erosion will be a committed role to an appointee from this panel. Galway County Council are currently recruiting a lot of staff hence the delay in interviewing / panels being formed.

Cllr Kinane noted that the pending appointment was very welcome news, however she has a lot of concern at the length of time this is taking. Her worries centre around that the projects in her MD area are at a critical stage getting worse as time progresses with no action being taken.

Two Ministers have visited the affected areas and the OPW will fund the works, but they require GCC to submit the necessary applications / list of works required. If these are not submitted sooner rather than later there is a danger that the promised funding could be lost. We cannot foresee what 2024 elections may bring but promised funding for these projects has the potential to be lost if it's not given priority status now.

It is imperative that an urgent assessment of necessary works is carried out with plans in place for seeing these works being completed. Cllr. Kinane stated that she is speaking for the immediate locations of Tawan, Cave and Renville, but that other locations in the Connemara area will require coastal erosion planning down the line also.

Ms. Ryan stated that Coastal erosion / staffing will be brought to the attention of the Director for Roads and Transportation, and it will be included in the climate action plan. A significantly large budget is required, and other Departments are involved. Ms. Flynn confirmed that she will speak to Ms. Ryan outside of this meeting to discuss how best to progress coastal erosion as a matter of priority.

In relation to the query on Polboy landfill remediation works, Ms. Ryan informed the meeting that tenders have been received for the Consultancy Services to produce a preliminary report. Mike Melody SEE will inform the Environment Section of any developments and that an update will be available for the next meeting in July. Cllr. Parsons queried the timeframe for the report as she understood that it was due to be awarded following the last SPC meeting and that there didn't appear to be much progress since January. Cllr. Parsons is due to chair the Ballinasloe MD meeting later this day where questions on the project will be raised.

Ms. Flynn confirmed that Mike Melody will attend today's MD meeting and he will be available for answering any questions raised. She confirmed that tenders have been received. It is a complicated process, but a decision will be made in 2/3 weeks. Ms. Flynn confirmed that she will email Cllr. Parsons once consultant is appointed.

Cllr. Sheridan raised the subject of offshore windfarm and dispersion of funds, Ms. Ryan informed the meeting that two documents have been produced and that these will be circulated with today's minutes. Local authorities are proposed as potential members of the committees, but the SEAI will remain in the monitoring role. There are no committees set up yet on SEAI website.

Ms. Ryan gave an update on Public EV chargers. The Zero Emissions vehicle Ireland (ZEVl) office has been established. This new Office will play an important role in Ireland's transition to zero emission vehicles. It will work with the government, industry, and society to support this transition. A meeting with ZEVl office occurred in March and schemes and initiatives will be advertised by the new office over the coming months. There is a plan to extend The Sports Club EV charging scheme to other sites later in 2023 to include tourist locations. Additional supports will be available within the Ballinasloe from the Just Transition Fund.

Ms. Ryan informed the meeting that Eir/EasyGo final proposal had been received. She commended Dave O'Loughlin for the work he has done in preparing a proposal. 17 potential sites have been identified in consultation with Area Engineers and a proposal will be presented to the Management Team. The proposal will be reviewed, and a recommendation made at the Senior Management Meeting as to how best to proceed. The bundling of additional locations as part of a tender will need to be considered. ZEVl are to share tender documents with GCC.

Cllr. Sheridan asked Ms. Ryan in relation to EV charging deployment and was there a key map of the proposed locations available for the members of this meeting to view and can we more emphasis be put on the entire county of Galway and not just tourist locations.

The Cathaoirleach added to this by expressing his frustration that the members of this SPC have no input / knowledge of proposed locations. He added that he had spoken to Ms. Lowe on the matter and that before a council strategy was devolved it was imperative that the members were given a list of the criteria necessary for proposed locations and a list of the locations.

Cllr. Sheridan added that some hotels have chargers on-site for their guests / customers use, but that the council strategy may not take this into consideration. He stated that he didn't have issue with policy or strategy, but that knowledge of proposed locations was needed and asked if such a list could be provided to the members following this meeting.

The Cathaoirleach again stressed the requirement for input from this SPC that as a policy formulation group they needed to see it and review a proposal on EV public chargers. He requested that the views of the committee be communicated to Ms. Ruane. Ms. Ryan stated that it was in draft format but that she would speak to Ms. Ruane and that hopefully the list can be circulated. She added that if ZEVl are going to tender additional locations may need to be added.

Cllr. Sheridan agreed with the Cathaoirleach's comments, adding that it is very hard to go back once this matter progresses further. The aim is to locate in areas of high volumes of traffic and local authorities are best served to have input into the location of such EV charging points.

Ms. Ryan stated that GCC will be working with EasyGo and that there needs to be an agreed policy. She stated that she understood the frustration of the members and assured the meeting that she will speak with Ms. Ruane to determine how we can progress the matter as a matter of priority.

Ms. Ryan presented a slide on Galway County Council's climate action governing structure. Interviews are due to take place later in week for Climate Action Officer and Community Climate Action Officer. It is hoped that the Climate Action Officer will have input into GCC's EV Strategy.

Climate Action Plan Update

Galway County Council's energy spend was 2.6 million in 2022. Dave O'Loughlin has been doing a lot of work in this area.

Two reports have been produced, Draft baseline risk assessment (KPMG) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Assessment (Bable GmbH). These were reviewed and significant issues were found in both reports. Recommendations have been made so that the final documents can be understood by the public. An internal workshop has been held with a further one planned. Final reports will be presented at a future meeting. Ms. Ryan added that she would present the findings on these reports in a workshop format and that she would hope to have a member of CARO in-situ.

Ms. Ryan informed the meeting that the Youth Climate Assembly will be taking place on 19th April in Athenry. It is expected that around 50 young people from schools throughout the county will be in attendance. The SAUTI youth group will be present. Ms. Ryan expressed her thanks to Letizia Gorini Coady and her team who have been amazing to work with. The aim of the assembly is to increase youth awareness and to encourage the student to initiate positive change through their own school and / or youth / community group. Rosina Joyce Community Warden will be speaking on biodiversity at the event. Low carbon products will be provided by the catering contractor at the event.

Ms. Ryan informed meeting that she is working closely with Marie Mannion and other internal departments to review the Climate Adaptation Plan and to identify potential mitigation and adaptation actions. It is planned to develop an issues paper and use CIVIQ portal to monitor acceptance / submission from the public. The setting up of a Decarbonisation Zero Steering Group and to develop specific Emissions Assessment is also being planned.

The timeframe for Phase 2 of The Climate Action Plan was outlined to members by Ms. Ryan for the period up to March 2024 when publication of the final plan is expected.

The Community Climate Action fund will be available in in late June, early July.

Transport Update

A brief update was given on the projects and funding allocation under the Active Travel Scheme. €3million was received which was used for the development of segregated cycle lanes, widening footpaths, new walking and cycling bridges and a new pedestrian crossing. A further €4.6 million was spent on Greenways. Regional and Local roads also received funding of €1.17 for adaptation and resilience works.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Ryan for her presentation. Ms. Ryan stated that clarification was require on how the figures for City / County figures are calculated and separated.

The Cathaoirleach agreed that workshop would be the best option and the preference is that it is organised before the next meeting of the SPC Committee in July. The aim of the workshop would be to develop actions. Cllr. Kinane requested that a copy of all presentations be sent to the members.

Cllr. Parson raised the issue in regarding a request from SAUTI Youth Group asking if they could have a place on this SPC. Both Cllr. Kinane and Ms. Flynn explained the procedure and stated that unless someone left the SPC there are no vacancies. Changes at national

level would be required if numbers were to be increased. Ms. Ryan added that it was wonderful to work with SAUTI, and regrettably it appears that they cannot be co-opt in as a member unless another member resigned.

Cllr. Sheridan asked if they could be included as a permanent guest. Cllr. Kinane explained that this had previously been raised at Plenary in relation to another SPC group and that the response was no. All vacancies are filled and unless there is a national change then co-opting of a new member is managed by the PPN.

Ms. Mannion stated that she would check the availability of a seat on the Heritage and Biodiversity Forum which is a body for formulating heritage policy for the Council. She concluded that she would liaise with Ms. Ryan in relation to this. Cllr. Parsons thanked Ms. Mannion for investigating this on SAUTI's behalf.

The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone for attending. He requested that all presentations from today's meeting be sent out to the members. He added that a date for the workshop on greenhouse gases be arranged before the next SPC meeting on July 19th, 2023.

Meeting Concluded

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