**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 4**

**Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy**

**Held on 28th July at 11.00am**

**Remotely by MS Teams**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. David Fitzgerald

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. Joe Lyons, Cllr. Maria Dollard, Mr Shem Caulfield, Mr. John Hurley

**Also Present:** Mr. Denis Malone, A/Director of Service; Ms. Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. Tom Brennan, Executive Engineer, Ms. Marian Nolan, Assistant Staff Officer, Ms Deirdre Trait, Assistant Staff Officer.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald welcomed Denis Malone to the meeting and wished him well in his Acting role.

Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. David Fitzgerald on the recent death of his uncle Kieran Crotty, seconded by Cllr. Joe Lyons.

**Item 1 Declaration of interests**

None reported.

**Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed: *“the minutes of SPC4 meeting held on the 11th March, 2022, are hereby adopted,”*

**Item 3Matters Arising**

None

**Item 4 “Team Up to Clean Up” Together for Kilkenny**

Bernadette Moloney gave a detailed presentation on the Team Up to Clean Up Initiative.

David Fitzgerald thanked Bernadette Moloney for her presentation and all the sponsors involved. Contributions were received from Cllr. Joe Lyons, Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. David Fitzgerald & John Hurley.

John Hurley offered to help promote the County Clean Up by circulating all information to Kilkenny Chamber members and their social media channels, as did Cllr. David Fitzgerald.

Bernadette Moloney addressed all queries raised.

Denis Malone acknowledged the hard work already done to date by Bernadette Moloney and the level of work going forward.

**Item 5 RMCEI Update – Air, Water & Noise**

Tom Brennan gave an update on RMCEI figures in relation to Air, Water & Noise and work carried out to date this year.

Contributions & queries were received from Cllr. Maria Dollard and Cllr. David Fitzgerald. Anne Marie Shortall and Tom Brennan addressed queries raised.

**Item 6 Progress Report by Director of Services.**

It was noted that the Director of Services progress report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Denis Malone gave a summary of the report.

Contributions were received from Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Joe Lyons, and Cllr. David Fitzgerald.

Denis Malone and Anne Marie Shortall addressed all queries and comments raised.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald asked for an update on Climate Action and requested it to be an item for discussion on the Agenda for our next meeting.

**Item 7 Any other business**

None.

**Item 8 Schedule of meeting for the remainder of the year.**

It was proposed to hold the next SPC 4 Meeting on Friday 16th September 2022 via MS Teams.

It was proposed to hold the final SPC 4 Meeting for 2022 on Thursday 8th December 2022.