

MINUTES

All Party Group on Climate Action

6 December 2024 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

[Recording](#)

Chair: Danny Donnelly MLA

Minutes: Nichola Hughes

Members in attendance: Danny Donnelly MLA (Chair), John Blair MLA, Cllr Lauren Kendall

In attendance: Johnny Stewart, Emmet McDonough-Brown, Maeve Brennan, Darren Kelly, Andy Frew, Marcella Kinsella, Francesca Di Palo, Andrew Wilson, ,Cameron Watt, Karl McGowan, Roisin O'Neill, Anne Kearns, Marie-Louise Gaile, Gavin McGinty, Nick Hanrahan, Aiden Stephens, Amy Gallagher, Colin Jess, John Barry, Jane Corderoy, Jane, Jessica Kee, Nichola Hughes, Alison Curtis, Declan Owens, Ian Fleming, Anne Artt, Darren Kelly, Andrew Mowat, Bronach A, Abigail Steele, Donna Knowles, John Early, Claire Shortt.

Apologies: Harry Harvey MLA, Kellie Armstrong MLA, Paula Bradshaw MLA, Philip McGuigan MLA, Cllr Cathal Mallaghan, Cllr Billy Webb, Cllr Martin McKeever and Cllr Robert Irvine.

Total attendees: **37**

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| 1 | Meeting admin |
| 1.1 | Welcome |
| | Danny Donnelly (DD), Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| 1.2 | Chair's Business |
| | The Chair noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the successful deployment and commencement of testing of a next generation marine hydrokinetic turbine at the Strangford Lough by QUB and ORPC Ireland. Members agreed to inviting project representatives to speak to the APG about their work to progress tidal energy in Northern Ireland. that the Executive endorsed Economy Minister's proposal to ban onshore oil and gas exploration and production in Northern Ireland. Legislation will be laid in the Assembly in late 2025. the launch of an independent review of Environmental Governance by DAERA, including considering options for an independent environment protection agency, which members of the APG have been keen to progress. |
| 1.3 | Apologies |
| | Apologies were recorded. |

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| 1.4 | Minutes of Previous Meeting |
| | <p>Minutes of the previous meeting on 4 October 2024 were noted. As this was the AGM, they will be formally adopted at next year's AGM.</p> <p>Matters arising from the meeting on 4 October were reviewed. The Minister was unable to attend today to speak to the air quality issues raised at the last meeting however DAERA officials offered to provide an update on the establishment of a Just Transition Commission for Northern Ireland instead.</p> |
| 2 | Update on Just Transition Commission |
| | <p>DD introduced Jane Corderoy (Director of the Climate Change and Green Growth Policy Division) and Ian Fleming (Head of Just Transition Unit) at DAERA to update the Group on progress to establish a Just Transition Commission for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Discussion – see recording.</p> <p>DD thanked Jane and Ian for their excellent presentations and thanked the group for their questions.</p> |
| 3 | AOB |
| | <p>DD noted that he had not received any preferences for meeting scheduling for 2025. He indicated meetings would be less frequent in 2025 to maximise attendance and preparation time for each meeting. Members and observers indicated that Fridays were suitable (via the chat box).</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Friday 7 March 2024, 12 – 1pm</p> <p>No further items of business.</p> |
| 4 | Close |
| | DD thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 12.45. |