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All Party Group on Climate Action

2 August 2024 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

At: Virtual

Chair: Danny Donnelly MLA

Minutes: Nichola Hughes

Members in attendance: Danny Donnelly MLA (Chair), Cllr Roisin Lynch, Cllr Martin McKeever, Cllr Donal McPeake, Cllr Robert Irvine, Cllr Jay Burbank.

In attendance: Nichola Hughes, Maeve Brennan, Karin Eyben, Guy Parker, Ronan, Artjom, Mohamed, Eva, Maddison, Tasja, Nicola Carruthers, Ash, Jason McKeown, Johnny Stewart, Claire Ellis, Kevin McGarry, Isabel Dharmasiri, Ryan Brown, Cathy Burns, Malachy Campbell, Brandon Andrews, Andrew Wilson, Nick Hanrahan, Jessica Kee, Laura McFall, Karl McGowan, Debra McGimpsey, Gemma Richardson, Michele Murphy, Claire Shortt, David Cowdrey, Tony Giffin.

Apologies: Peter McReynolds MLA, John Blair MLA, Cllr Billy Webb, Cllr Kurtis Dickson

Total attendees: **38**

1	Opening Remarks
1.1	Welcome
	Danny Donnelly (DD), Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
1.2	Chair's Business
	The Chair noted that since the last meeting, the Minister for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs has released an Action Plan to address the Lough Neagh crisis and that he was personally pleased to know the Minister is looking at a range of actions to save the Lough.
1.3	Apologies
	Apologies were recorded.
1.4	Minutes of meeting on 7 June 2024
	Minutes of the meeting on 7 June were adopted: Proposed by Cllr Roisin Lynch; Seconded by John Blair MLA
1.5	Matters arising

	Letter approved to issue to Minister Muir, requesting that the Minister attends a future meeting of the APG to speak on his plans to remedy environmental governance gaps, including a timeline for the establishment of an independent EPA.
2	The Regulation of Green Claims in Advertising
	<p>DD welcomed Guy Parker (GP), Chief Executive of the UK Advertising Standards Authority.</p> <p>Q&A followed.</p> <p>See presentation. See recording.</p> <p>Contact: isabeld@ASA.Org.UK</p> <p>DD thanked GP for his excellent presentation. He asked Guy to keep the APG informed as the Authority progresses their work to regulate green claims in advertising.</p>
3	General Comment No.26 on Children’s Rights and the Environment
	<p>DD welcomed members of the NICCY Youth Panel who gave a joint presentation on General Comment No. 26.</p> <p>General Comment sets out a framework for a child rights-based approach to environmental protection, addressing issues ranging from access to justice and remedies in the context of environmental harm to delineating child rights-consistent measures that states must take to ensure climate change mitigation and adaptation. Youth Members set out three key asks for the APG to follow up on.</p> <p>Q&A followed.</p> <p>See presentation. See recording.</p> <p>Contact: karin@niccy.org</p> <p>DD thanked the youth representatives for their excellent presentation and offered to host an event on General Comment 26 in the Long Gallery at Stormont next April. The APG will also facilitate and Assembly Motion on GC26 and engagement with Councillors at each local authority to take forward notices of motion in Councils.</p>
4	AOB
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Friday 6 September 2024, 12 – 1pm</p> <p>DD confirmed the next meeting would be a site visit on Friday 6th September 2024 to a Passive House Development, Lancaster Park in South Belfast, hosted by a local developer Fraser Miller. An invite will be circulated in due course, and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. No further items of business.</p>
5	Close
	DD thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 12.50.