

MINUTES

ALL-PARTY GROUP on CLIMATE ACTION

3rd November 2023 | 12noon – 1pm

At: Virtual

In Attendance: Chair Danny Donnelly MLA, Vice Chair Steve Aiken MLA, Secretary Michelle McIlveen MLA, John Blair MLA, Andrew Muir MLA.

Clr Terry Andrews, Clr Caitlin Deeney, Clr Gerard Carlin, Clr Kurtis Dickson.

44 observers.

Apologies: Harry Harvey MLA, Clr David Rossiter, Clr Rachel Woods.

Item 1

- Danny Donnelly introduced himself as the new chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2

- Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record and proposed by Steve Aiken MLA and seconded by John Blair MLA.
- Minutes of the meeting from the 12th May were presented as actioned from the previous meeting. These were proposed by Clr Terry Andrews but no other elected rep who was in attendance was present to second..
- There were no matters arising

Item 3

- Danny Donnelly welcomed Linda Girvan and Colin Moffett from The Executive Office Climate Change and Green Growth Team to give a presentation on their work to date to establish the Independent Office of the NI Climate Commissioner. Issues covered were the statutory duties under the CC Act NI, potential options, needs and gaps, key features and next steps.
- A full version of the recorded presentation can be found [here](#)

Item 4

- A second presentation came from Phil Flanagan and John Burke from the Dept of Finance to give an overview of the current consultation on the Review of Energy Efficiency Requirements and Related Areas of Building Regulations. The consultation is seeking views on stage two of work ongoing to meet Net Zero targets set out in the Dept's Energy Strategy and related areas. Links to the online consultation were sent to members in the meeting pack.
- <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/review-energy-efficiency-building-regulations> and members were reminded that if they wanted to discuss this further they could contact the dept team at info.bru@finance-ni.gov.uk and the consultation closing date is 15th Nov 2023. A full recording of the presentation can be accessed **here**.
- During questions it was asked if a list of financial support schemes available for homeowners to retrofit homes could be put together and so far observers have made the following links available;
- Seamus Leheny NIFHA sent a link to the English scheme <https://socialhousingretrofit.org.uk/>
- Roisin O'Neill NIHE sent DfC's Affordable Warmth Scheme <https://www.nihe.gov.uk/housing-help/affordable-warmth-boiler-replacement/affordable-warmth-scheme>
- and the Utility Regulator NISEP Schemes <https://www.uregni.gov.uk/files/uregni/documents/2021-06/nisep-list-of-schemes-2021-2022-updated-june-2021.pdf> grant assistance for these schemes are delivered by the Energy Saving Trust <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>

DD drew the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.

Date of the next meeting will be Fri 1st Dec 12noon

<https://youtu.be/UQ5RbZBWJww>