



## Reporting Template

### For Community Representatives on various bodies/ committees

<b>Representative's Name &amp; Contact details</b>	Liam Murtagh 086 8130296
<b>Name of committee from which the Rep is reporting</b>	Climate and Environment SPC
<b>Date of the meeting</b>	8 Sept 2021
<b>Key issues discussed</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Draft Litter Management Plan</b></li> <li><b>2. Monaghan Wetlands Action Plan and Monaghan Wetland Network for Nature, Climate and People,</b> Presented by Shirley Clerkin, Heritage Officer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Innovative approach that is likely to be used in other counties in due course. Data being gathered on wetland species and will be compared with a survey a decade ago. The important services that Co Monaghan wetlands provide was emphasised. Concerns were expressed by L Murtagh that some wetlands are being infilled incrementally each year. See more re Action Plan at <a href="#">County Monaghan Wetland Action Plan 2020-2021 Web App   Title (wetlandsurveysireland.com)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. Climate Change Adaptation Plan Progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well detailed internal MCC climate delivery plan '20-'21. This is a useful internal document and its format is one that could be used by other local authorities.</li> <li>- Some points referred to by PPN rep L Murtagh: need to include references to sustainable tourism (climate /carbon aspects) and the county energy master plan that is being prepared by Co Monaghan SEC. The matter of climate action training for PPN groups was briefly mentioned. PPN SPC rep L Murtagh and PPN Resource Worker are discussing the possibility of this training being delivered in the coming months.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. Impact of Poultry Emissions.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NB: This item was the subject of a briefing to a joint session of the Economic SPC and Climate &amp; Environment SPC on 29<sup>th</sup> July. The briefing by Fehilly Timoney presented their poultry sector baseline study for Co Monaghan. The main focus of the briefing was a discussion on the implications for poultry growers of the EPA decision which effectively restricts the building of any new poultry units in NW Monaghan</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p>within 10km of Natura 2000 sites (Sliabh Beagh and Kilroosky Lough Cluster, Clones because of air emissions of ammonia and nitrogen from the poultry industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Sept SPC meeting focused on the impact of the emissions on the local environment and Natura 2000 sites. According to Shirley Clerkin the mosses and other flora on Sliabh Beagh are being damaged by the emissions and so is its carbon holding capacity. There are also possible human health implications. The new Industry Task Force that is being planned by MCC should in her opinion include a HSE rep and also a person with specialist expertise in gas emissions and their impacts on human and non-human species and habitats.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. AOB –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sustainable Tourism in Co Monaghan.</b> L Murtagh suggested that this item should be on the agenda of the next meeting and that there be an input by a relevant MCC person.</li> <li>- <b>Waste from gypsum mining industry in SW Monaghan</b> – issue raised by the Chairperson briefly discussed.</li> <li>- L Murtagh suggested that an item on Mining in Co Monaghan incl exploration be discussed as a full item on the agenda of the next SPC meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Key decisions made</b>	See above.
<b>Action(s) required from the PPN:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan delivery of climate action training for PPN groups</li> </ul>
<b>Issues the PPN should be aware of:</b>	<p>Three agenda items were requested by L Murtagh. ( 1. Progress on Climate Action. 2. Impact of Poultry emissions on environment 2. Lough Muckno Vision). The first two were allowed but the third ruled as too specific) L Murtagh suggested that instead that Sustainable Tourism be on the agenda of the Nov meeting. The reason why the item is sought is that it is important that sustainable tourism initiatives should clearly demonstrate that they are fully in line with climate and biodiversity policies at EU and national level.</p>
<b>Date &amp; location of next meeting</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021
<b>Any other Comments</b>	

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