

**Fingal Public Participation Network – Water and Environment and the Economic Enterprise
and Tourism Linkage Group Meeting
24th August 2016 – 7pm County Hall Swords**

It was decided to hold the two above Linkage Group Meetings at simultaneously

Present:

Maire O'Brien, Myles Caulfield, Maria Tormey, George Mongey
Angela O'Flynn Bury (Community Rep on Water Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC)
Charles Sargent (Community Rep on Water Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC)
Okezie Emuaga (Community Rep on Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC)

Notes from Water & Environment discussions etc.

The Agenda for the next Water & Environment SPC is:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Analysis of River Water Quality in Fingal
3. Update on Climate Change Strategy
4. Presentation on Burial Grounds in Fingal
5. Motion from Cllr Mary McCamley re the use of Glyphosphate – active ingredient in Round Up Weed killer – Cllr McCamley asks
 - Does FCC use this herbicide?
 - Has FCC thoughts on use of Glyphosphate?

2. Analysis of River Water Quality in Fingal:

Discussion re what this analysis entails – and what the Water Framework Directive 2003 outlines as good practice – some questions asked:

- What is FCC policy for cleaning rivers? – Broadmeadow river used as example of dirt.
- How is monitoring of rivers done and how often?
- Are the Moyne and Sluice rivers monitored?

Angela and Charles will ask these questions at the SPC meeting on 6th Sep 2016.

3. Update on Climate Change Strategy:

Discussion on the above – the Fingal PPN is hosting a Workshop on Climate Change – asking is there integrated thinking on Climate Change?

Areas that need to be looked at in the strategy and questions asked re:

- Plans re E carparks?
- LED in Public Lighting?
- Rainfall Soakage – what are plans – re cobble locking v lawns in new developments?
- Planning around tree planting and open spaces?

Other areas needing discussion

- Coastal Erosion
- House Insulation

4. Motion re Glyphosphate from Cllr McCamley

Discussion re the above –

- Angela gave overview of what glyphosphate is and what research has taken place re the hazards of using it etc.
- Maria informed the meeting that FCC no longer uses glyphosphate – question asked then why is Cllr McCamley asking the question – Maria will ask her.

Discussion re why there is so much burning/spraying of green areas in Dublin 15 –

- Examples given of burned areas around lamp posts along very long roads
- Why is so much happening?
- Is there a chemical hazard involved in such spraying?
- What is the chemical ingredient of the product being used?
- Does FCC know the health hazards associated with the use of the products they use?

Charles and Angela to address the above at the SPC.

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Discussion re the current situation of Irish Water: the following questions asked:

- With the current situation – where will the funds come from to install treatment plant in Rush? – are the plans going ahead?
- In absence of Irish Water – is there an alternative Plan?
- How is the water services infrastructure in Fingal going to be delivered?

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