

MEETING NO. 4

AGREED MINUTES

DATE: 10th October 2017.
 TIME: 10 am
 LOCATION: The Spencer Hotel, Dublin

PRESENT

Dr. Tom Collins (Chairperson)

Mindy O'Brien, Michael Spellman, Barry Deane, Connie Rochford, Keith Hyland, Tim Fenn, Neil Walker, Jonathan Small, Dr. Suzanne Linnane, Patrick Rohan, Thomas Cooney, Jean Rosney, Dr. Tim Butter, Derry Dillon, Bernadette Connolly, Ollan Herr, Sinead O'Brien, Charles Stanley Smith, Dr. Thomas Harrington.

APO LOGIES

David Wright, Liam Berney, Gerald Quain, Brendan Fitzsimons, Francis O'Donnell, Martin McEnroe.

IN ATTENDANCE

Carol McCarthy (LAWCO) and Sharon Kennedy (NWF)

Item		Details	Action
1.1	Welcome and Apologies	Tom Collins welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the members for their attendance. He noted the apologies that had been received. It was noted that the Angling interests will be represented by Mr. Martin McEnroe.	Noted
1.2	Consideration of draft minutes of meeting no. 3 held on the 12th September 2017.	The draft minutes were agreed, as presented.	Agreed
1.3	Matters arising	Dr. Collins advised the meeting that the tender process has just been completed in relation to the assessment of customer engagement by Irish Water with regard to the significant service interruptions in the supply of water to customers of Irish Water in the Drogheda and East Meath region. The assessment will commence shortly and a report will be issued to the Forum in due course.	Noted.
1.4	Update on	Sharon Kennedy presented the new NWF website and	Noted.

	Website	<p>requested that the Forum members send on their photos and statements asap for inclusion on the website. Work is on-going in relation to the development of a sharepoint system for sharing documents etc.</p> <p>Tom Collins thanked Mr. Michael Pollard from LAWCO for developing same at no charge to the Forum.</p>																					
1.5	Update on meeting with WPAC	Sharon Kennedy updated the members in relation to a recent meeting with WPAC and the issues discussed at same.	Noted																				
1.6	Arrangements in respect of PWF and NRWSC	It was noted that this item will be considered in the context of the recently published Water Services Bill 2017.	Noted																				
1.7	Schedule for meetings.	<p>It was noted that the schedule of meetings for the next 14 months is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21/11/2017</td> <td>Portlaoise – venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9/1/18</td> <td>Dublin – venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20/2/18</td> <td>Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/4/18</td> <td>Dublin – venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29/5/18</td> <td>Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/7/18</td> <td>Dublin – venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/9/18</td> <td>Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/10/18</td> <td>Dublin – venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/12/18</td> <td>Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Location	21/11/2017	Portlaoise – venue to be confirmed	9/1/18	Dublin – venue to be confirmed	20/2/18	Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed	10/4/18	Dublin – venue to be confirmed	29/5/18	Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed	17/7/18	Dublin – venue to be confirmed	4/9/18	Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed	16/10/18	Dublin – venue to be confirmed	4/12/18	Midlands – location and venue to be confirmed	Noted
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2	Presentations on Water Services Bill 2017 and Draft RBMP	<p>Tom Collins advised the Forum that there were 3 presentations in relation to the draft RBMP and the Water Services Bill 2017. It was agreed to receive the presentations and to then have a discussion with regard to the issues raised.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Duggan Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government presented to the Forum with regard to the progress and feedback in relation to the Draft RBMP. It was noted that the presentation would be circulated to all.</p> <p>A further presentation was received from Mr. Cian O’Lionain, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with regard to the recently published Water Services Bill 2017.</p>	Noted																				
3	Presentation from LAWCO	A presentation was received from Ann Phelan of LAWCO with regard to their work and feedback received in relation to the draft RBMP.	Noted																				
4 And	Review of issues pertaining to	Mr. Tom Collins thanked all of the speakers for their presentation and then opened a discussion on the issues	Noted and agreed																				

5	Draft RBMP/Work programme	<p>raised. The members of the Forum raised a number of concerns and sought some clarifications. Following same, it was agreed that the following actions will be taken.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Forum will submit suggested changes to the wording in Part 5 of the Water Services Bill 2017 to include coastal, marine and transitional waters and also flooding. Members to revert to Sharon with any other concerns/suggestions in the next day or two. 2. In relation to the queries raised with regard to access to and input into the Regional Work Programmes and also the finalisation of the RBMP having regard to the issues raised in the submissions, it was agreed that the Forum would seek a presentation from the National Co-Ordination and Management Committee to advise in relation to the work at Regional level and to discuss the Forums working relationship with that Committee. 3. It was further agreed that LAWCO will endeavour to circulate information pertaining to the work at regional level. 4. It was also agreed that the Forum will issue an invitation to Jenny Deakin, EPA to present in relation to the Water Framework Directive, if possible, at the next meeting of the Forum. 5. Following discussions with regard to septic tanks, it was agreed that Barry Deane and Jean Rosney will present at the next meeting in relation to work carried out by the National Federation. 6. It was agreed that the dates for the countrywide meetings in relation to the public consultation feedback will be circulated to the members of the Forum. 	
6	AOB	<p>An issue was raised at the previous meeting with regard to floor relief works currently being carried out in Bandon which appear to be having a very negative impact on waters further downstream. LAWCO had received an update on same which was shared with the members of the Forum. Following further consideration of same, a decision was taken to carry out a study/review of the engagement process etc (in the context of the WFD) in relation to the on-going flood relief scheme in the River Bandon. The terms of reference/tender brief to be drafted in consultation by working group incorporating Charles Stanley Smith, Martin McEnroe, Bernadette Connolly, Thomas Harrington, Tim Butter and Thomas Cooney and Sinead O'Brien.</p> <p>A brief mention was made in relation to the recently announced consultation process in relation to the National Planning Framework. It was noted that Tom Collins and Sharon Kennedy will draft a submission on behalf of the Forum and will circulate same to members for their comments prior to finalisation and submission.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>

7.	Arrangements for next meeting	It was agreed that the next meeting of the Forum will take place on the 21 st November in Portlaoise.	Agreed
		This concluded the business of the meeting	

Signed:



Dr. Tom Collins
Chairperson