



MEETING NO. 2

AGREED MINUTES

DATE: 2nd August 2017.

TIME: 10.30 am

LOCATION: Ashling Hotel, Dublin.

PRESENT

Dr. Tom Collins (Chairperson)

Mindy O'Brien, Michael Spellman, Barry Deane, Connie Rochford, Keith Hyland, Liam Berney, Neil Walker, Jonathan Small, Dr. Suzanne Linnane, Patrick Rohan, Thomas Cooney, Jean Rosney, Gerald Quain, Francis O'Donnell, Brendan Fitzsimons,, Derry Dillon, Bernadette Connolly, Sinead O'Brien, Charles Stanley Smith.

APO LOGIES

David Wright, Dr. Thomas Harrington, Tim Fenn, Dr. Tim Butter, Ollan Herr,

IN ATTENDANCE

Carol McCarthy (LAWCO) and Sharon Kennedy (LAWCO)

Item		Details	Action
1.1	Welcome and Apologies	Dr. 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 we are still awaiting a nomination to represent Angling interests.	Noted
1.2	Consideration of draft minutes of meeting no. 1 held on the 2nd June 2017.	The draft minutes were agreed, subject to one amendment with regard to the inclusion of an item concerning the incorporation of the National Rural Water Services Committee into the NWF as a sub-committee. It was agreed that this item would be taken later in the meeting.	Agreed
1.3	Matters arising	Dr. Collins referred to the recent significant service interruptions in the supply of water to customers of Irish Water in the Drogheda and East Meath region. He advised the meeting that he has written to the Managing Director of Irish Water expressing concerns with regard to same and requesting information with regard to customer services and also future risk management. It was noted that this request has been acknowledged. Dr. Collins also advised of his intention to	Noted and update to be provided at the next meeting.

		undertake some consultation with the customers affected. It was suggested that the local Chamber of Commerce would be an appropriate point of contact in relation to business customers.	
2.1	Consideration of draft Terms of Reference and Standing Orders	<p>It was noted that draft Terms of Reference and Standing Orders had been amended and duly circulated.</p> <p>A number of further minor amendments were tabled as follows:</p> <p>Section 2 – delete first sentence.</p> <p>Section 2 ii – to amend to read – ‘Rural Water issues including oversight of the Rural Water Capital Investment Programme.’</p> <p>Section 2 iii – to delete reference to 2nd cycle of the RBMP and to reword section.</p> <p>The terms of reference and standing orders were then adopted. Final version to be circulated to all members of the Forum.</p>	Draft document to be amended and circulated.
2.2	Consideration of vision document.	It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.	Agenda item for next meeting.
3	Presentation from Fudge Creative regarding logo.	<p>Sharon Kennedy advised the meeting that a tendering process had been carried out for the design of a logo for the Forum and that the successful company was Fudge Creative. Tom, Sharon and Carol had met with the company and following consultation, the company designed a number of options –two of which were being presented for consideration today. Mr. Martin Janik of Fudge Creative was welcomed and he presented the two options, detailing the design considerations and approaches. Following the presentation, the options were discussed and it was agreed to work with the first option, subject to changes in terms of colour and fonts. It was further agreed to request that the name of the Forum be ‘An Fóram Uisce – National Water Forum’. Mr. Janik was thanked for his presentation and congratulated on the design process.</p>	Complete logo design and implement.
4	Presentation from the EPA	<p>Mr. Andy Fanning, Programme Manager, Office of Evidence and Assessment, EPA was welcomed to the meeting. It was noted that Tom, Carol and Sharon had recently met with Laura Burke, Matt Crowe and Andy at the EPA Headquarters. It is very clear from that meeting and from the assistance provided to the Forum to date that the EPA is welcoming of the establishment of the Forum and is willing to support its work on an ongoing basis. Andy presented a very detailed and informative presentation on the role of the EPA in relation to water, the history of the first cycle of the RBMP and work to date in respect of the second cycle. The presentation also included details on the WFD characterisation tiers and processes. The members of the Forum found the presentation to be extremely helpful and timely and thanked Andy for his approach.</p> <p>It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to all for their information.</p> <p>It was noted that Cian O’Lionain from the Department had been willing to attend the meeting but it was agreed with him that he</p>	Noted with thanks.

		will attend at a future meeting to update progress in relation to the consultation phase of the RBMP process.	
5/6	Consideration of presentations from the sub - groups with regard to the draft RBMP and agreement with regard to process for finalising same.	<p>It was noted that the sub- groups had all met or communicated since the last meeting and each had a presentation prepared in relation to their concerns and considerations on the draft RBMP. The following presentations were then received:</p> <p>Agriculture – Derrie Dillon gave his group’s presentation on behalf of Michael Spellman, Thomas Cooney and Patrick Rohan.</p> <p>Fisheries/Forestry –Francis O’Donnell and Brendan Fitzsimmons gave their sub-groups presentations. It was noted that Tim Butter had also contributed to same.</p> <p>Environment – Sinead O’Brien gave the Environment sub-group’s presentation on behalf of Bernadette Connolly, Mindy O’Brien and Charles Stanley Smith. It was noted that Ollan Herr was absent from the meeting but had e-mailed on a contribution.</p> <p>Consumers/Education – Suzanne Linnane presented her group’s presentation on behalf of Keith Hyland, Connie Rochford, Liam Berney and Jonathan Small.</p> <p>Community & Voluntary – Barry Deane presented this sub-group’s considerations on behalf of Gerald Quain, Jean Rosney, David Wright and Thomas Harrington.</p> <p>Tourism/Business – It was noted that Tim Fenn was absent but had e-mailed his submission which was read out to the meeting. In addition, Neil Walker explained the current status of his sector’s considerations.</p> <p>Tom thanked all for their presentations and noted the extent of detail provided. Following further discussion, it was agreed that the draft submission would be amended to include the issues raised and in so far as is possible, to identify, on a thematic basis, the many areas of common concern whilst also detailing specific concerns of certain sectors. Once the draft is completed, same will be circulated for further consideration prior to conclusion and submission to the department.</p>	Agreed
7.	AOB	It was noted that due to time constraints it was not possible to receive the presentation from Barry Deane with regard to the incorporation of the National Rural Water Services Committee into the NWF as a sub-committee. Item to be included in the agenda for our next meeting.	Agenda Item for next meeting.
8.	Arrangements for next meeting	It was agreed that the next meeting of the Forum will take place on the 12 th September –venue to be advised.	Agreed
		This concluded the business of the meeting	

Signed:



Dr. Tom Collins
Chairperson