

LOUGH CARRA CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION
12 JULY 2021– DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES
HELD BY ZOOM

Present :

Tom Byrne (Chair)
Lynda Huxley (Secretary)
Sean Coyne
Joe Flannelly (Treasurer)
Pat Gibbons (Vice-Treasurer)
Chris Huxley (Technical Advisor)
Cilian Roden (Technical Advisor)
Sean Coyne

Apologies :
Peter Byrne

AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting

The Secretary read out the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 June 2021.

Proposed : Tom Byrne
Seconded : Joe Flannelly

Matters Arising :

SPS Solar Pumps terms of loan agreement : The secretary had sought some legal advice and put together a draft letter of loan agreement. Joe Flannelly felt that a more substantial document should be prepared and agreed to draft one for the next meeting.

Biochar : no progress on this matter.

1. Public Meetings

Sean Coyne will enquire with Corleys Abbey Lodge about the possibility of using their facilities.

2. LIFE Project

Woodrow SS have been co-ordinating the responses to the EU LIFE Office on behalf of Mayo Co Co (co-ordinating beneficiary) and have been doing an excellent job.

Once all responses have been satisfactorily dealt with the agreement between the EU LIFE Office and Mayo CoCo will be signed.

There was a vote of thanks proposed to Chris and Lynda for the work they have done in responding to queries relating to the LCCA.

3. Possible pilot project for soil sampling in the catchment

Professor Phil Brookes, who used to work for Agriculture and Environment Division of Rothampsted Research in the UK, lives near Ballinrobe and is a member of the LCCA. He has been in contact with Rothampsted who are piloting a new kit for carrying out soil tests. It is possible that they will lend the LCCA a prototype kit to try out in the Carra Catchment. This kit has enormous potential since will enable soil tests to be carried out for a little as 0.7 cents per test compared to the €27 currently charged by Teagasc. The value would be that several locations could be tested in one field and an informed decision made on the locations that do or do not need fertiliser applied.

4. Any Other Business

- Words of support were expressed for LCCA member, Ronan Cussack, whose son Conor is going to represent Ireland in the under-20s Javelin championship competition in Estonia.

END OF MEETING