

Chairperson's Report of meeting of Strategic Policy Committee 4 – Environmental Protection, Climate Action and Energy held on 18th July 2023

- 1.** Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh welcomed Cllr Joe Lyons to the Chair.
- 2.** Dearbhala Ledwidge gave a comprehensive presentation on the progress that has been made to date and the programme for future work by the Climate Action Team.
- 3.** Cllr Deirdre Cullen raised the point of the water quality in the swimming area in Thomastown. This area had been recently closed due to poor water quality. Denis Malone advised the meeting that the poor water quality was due to recent heavy rainfall.
- 4.** Breda Maher, Community Climate Action Officer, gave a Presentation on the Community Climate Action Programme. She informed the meeting that 100% funding was available under strand one.
- 5.** Michael Arthurs referred to the Draft National Waste Management Plan and stated that climate action and circular economy are integral to the draft plan.
- 6.** Denis Malone advised the meeting that there are currently no bye laws governing St Kieran's. An internal review is currently underway and a draft of these bye laws will be prepared.
- 7.** Denis Malone gave a summary of the Progress Report by the Director of Services.