

Climate Action Stakeholder Engagement

Local Authority Climate Action Plan

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Executive Summary

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021 has set in law the requirement for all Local Authorities in the country to develop a locally led Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP).

The Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications formally requested Local Authorities to commence drafting their LACAP in February 2023. The plans are to be adopted by Elected Members in 2024 and are to run for 5 years. Kerry County Council (KCC) has now, through its Climate Action team, started to write Kerry's LACAP.

A range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures will need to be identified and actioned over the lifetime of the LACAP. The plan is to include a specific decarbonising zone (DZ). A DZ is a spatial area identified by the local authority in which a range of climate actions will be piloted, evaluated and re-evaluated for possible scaling up at a county level. The Corca Dhuibhne/Dingle Peninsula has been identified as the DZ in Kerry.

A key requirement of the LACAP process is to engage at a local level with communities and this report specifically provides details on community engagement undertaken as part of the formulation and development of the county's DZ.

This report summarises key messages and actions arising from a workshop held on the Corca Dhuibhne/Dingle Peninsula DZ in June 2023 as part KCC's engagement for the LACAP.

Key Messages of this Engagement Report

Engagement commenced with a workshop held in Dingle on June 1st, 2023 to which key stakeholders in the DZ were invited. The workshop participants, from a range of backgrounds and groups (see appendix 1), were well informed and knowledgeable about the needs and challenges facing their own sectors. The participants saw a clear value in the designation of the Dingle Peninsula as a DZ. They welcomed the opportunity to bring coherence to the large number of ongoing activities in Dingle, under the umbrella of the DZ. Beyond their own sectoral activities, the participants identified several actions which KCC could take to further enable their efforts. The participants welcomed the opportunity to work collaboratively with KCC in the design, communication and implementation of the LACAP.



Key Actions from the Stakeholder Engagement

Theme

Actions

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- KCC to play a strong leadership role by delivery of climate strategies and plans for the County
- KCC to lead by example, through mainstreaming climate change in all its functions and services, for example, use of Green Public Procurement mechanisms

Climate Literacy

- KCC to support the transfer of national level knowledge and information to the local level
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- KCC to support local level case studies
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- KCC to lead on developing a county wide climate change communications strategy that is accessible to all
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- Participants to work collaboratively on joint biodiversity/natural resources projects between the local community, local stakeholders (farmers in particular) and KCC

Energy

- Participants suggested KCC had a role to play in terms of information provision about energy

Marine Environment

- Participants called for more information and knowledge, which needs to be combined with local knowledge
- Additional supports for initiatives such as projects implemented by the Maharees Conservation Association on the Magharees Peninsula
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- Participants suggested a role for KCC to actively incentivise sustainable transport and active travel through signage, more bus stops, cycling routes, prioritise walking and cycling

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- KCC to leverage the planning process to drive climate action in the built environment and infrastructure

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- KCC to support joined up thinking across all sectors impacted by climate change

Circular Economy

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Stakeholder Engagement



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Central to the development of the LACAP is an inclusive, collaborative process of stakeholder engagement. This engagement process includes: 1) internal Local Authority staff and 2) local communities, business and non-governmental organisations. By engaging early in the LACAP development process support should be fostered, credibility established, and climate actions mobilised.

Stakeholder Engagement in support of the LACAP

KCC has put together a programme of stakeholder engagement activities to support meaningful, transparent and collaborative input to the preparation and development of the LACAP. The approach being taken includes facilitated sessions, targeted engagement presentations, on-line consultation and a County wide school survey. A wide range of stakeholders (both internal and external) to KCC will be consulted during the stakeholder engagement period which commenced in June 2023 and is due to be completed on the 8th August, 2023. An overview of the stakeholder engagement for the LACAP is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Stakeholder Engagement

Method	Internal	External
Facilitated Session	Climate Action Team	DZ Stakeholders
Targeted Engagement – Presentations	Senior Management Team, Strategic Policy Committees, Elected Members	
Online Platform – Consult.ie	LA Staff	Public Participation Network (PPN) (600+Groups) CARO Atlantic Seaboard South Adjoining Local Authorities—Clare, Cork and Limerick General Public
Survey		Primary and Secondary Schools (157)

Climate Action Plan Engagement Event on the Corca Dhuibhne/Dingle Peninsula Decarbonising Zone (DZ)

A key component of the LACAP is to include a DZ. A (DZ) is a spatial area identified by the local authority in which a range of climate mitigation and adaptation measures and action owners are identified to address local low carbon energy, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate needs to contribute to national climate action targets.

DZs are a demonstration and test bed of what is possible for decarbonisation and climate action at local and community levels, to help support and realise national climate ambition. Through a feedback loop of experimentation and evaluation, the DZ should foster a flexible, incremental and community-driven approach to ensure that its objectives can be delivered.

Building on the significant body of work already undertaken through the Corca Dhuibhne/Dingle Peninsula 2030 Project, the peninsula was put forward as Kerry's Decarbonising Zone.

Baseline Emissions Inventory (BEI) Results for Dingle Peninsula

At the commencement of the LACAP a BEI for the DZ had already been completed. The baseline emissions, as shown in Figure 1, shows agriculture and Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) are two significant players accounting for 55% and 17% of GHG emissions in the county. Residential and transport account for the next highest figures at 13% and 11%, respectively.

Corca Dhuibhne/Dingle Peninsula Climate Action Engagement Event

The first LACAP Engagement Event was held on the Corca Dhuibhne/Dingle Peninsula (DZ) on the 1st June 2023. The event brought together a broad range of stakeholders who are working in or have a strong interest in climate action (mitigation and adaptation) in their area (see groups who attended listed in appendix 1).

The event was structured across 2 distinct processes:

- 1) Introductions, description of LACAP making process, description of the evidence base; and
- 2) A facilitated workshop.

For the format of the event see appendix 2.

Facilitated Workshop

The facilitated workshop was structured around 2 distinct sessions:

- **Session 1**, participants were divided into 3 separate tables and each table was allocated a separate question. A rapporteur was assigned to each table and reported back on findings.
- **Session 2**, all tables were assigned the same question and a rapporteur reported back on these findings also.

Questions posed to each table are listed in Figure 2.

Valuable insights were captured in relation to issues such as, leadership, climate literacy, communications and engagement, funding and sectoral policy. These insights will now go on to inform KCC's LACAP. For further detail of the actions and insights see appendix 3.

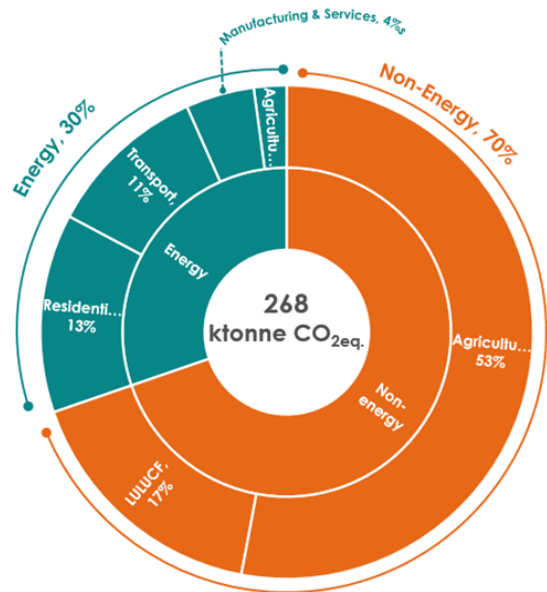


Figure 1: Emissions identified in the DZ area

Session 1

- **Question 1:** In your opinion how should Kerry County Council influence and support communities to mitigate climate change and move towards decarbonisation?
- **Question 2:** In your opinion how should Kerry County Council influence and support communities adapt to the impacts of climate change and become resilient?
- **Question 3:** Do you have any issues, suggestions or recommendations that you would like to see added to the Climate Action Plan for County Kerry?

Session 2

- **Question 4:** Can you suggest actions to be included in the Climate Action Plan County Kerry?

Figure 2: Questions posed per session

Concluding Remarks



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The Corca Dhuibhne/Dingle Peninsula DZ climate action engagement event brought together a broad range of stakeholders either working in, or with a strong interest in climate action within the peninsula. The workshop found that participants were very well informed and knowledgeable about the needs and challenges facing their own sectors. Insights were captured in relation to leadership, climate literacy, climate communications and engagement, funding and sectoral policies.

Stakeholders saw a clear value in the designation of the Dingle Peninsula as a DZ. They valued the opportunity to bring coherence to a large number of activities currently underway in Dingle, under the umbrella of the DZ. They called for the development of the DZ within the LACAP, and specifically the implementation of the DZ, to be underpinned by further inclusive and transparent processes of stakeholder engagement. They believed engagement needed to be designed to foster trust, credibility and support in order to mobilise climate action at a local level. Using the Dingle DZ as a “pilot” presented such an opportunity. Stakeholders envisaged the DZ, as embedded in LACAP, as the chief mechanism by which climate action will be implemented at the local level. Participants welcomed the opportunity to work collaboratively with KCC not just on the development of the DZ but ultimately, in its implementation at a grass root level once adopted in 2024.

Appendices



Appendix 1 – Participating bodies and Organisations

Participating Bodies and Organisations
Comharchumann Dhún Chaoin
Corca Dhuibhne Community Forum
Corca Dhuibhne Green Party
Dingle Hub
Dingle Hub/Agricultural Liaison Officer
Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance
Fáilte Ireland
Irish Natura and Hill Farmer’s Association
Local Link Kerry
Maharees Conservation Association
Talamh Beo Farming/Manna Organic Farm
Tourism and Hospitality Sustainable Energy Community
Transition Corca Dhuibhne
Transition Kerry
Údurás na Gaeltachta

Appendix 2 - Agenda for Dingle DZ Climate Action Stakeholder Event

Agenda	
1.	Introduction
2.	LACAP
3.	Plan Making Process
4.	Kerry County Council Scope of Action
5.	Overview of LACAP Guidelines
6.	Evidence Base a. Carbon Reduction Kerry County Council Operations b. Baseline Emissions Inventory Kerry c. DZ implementation Plan d. Kerry County Council Climate Change Risk Assessment
7.	Facilitated Workshop
8.	Conclusions and Wrap-up

Appendix 3 - Key Findings and Actions

Leadership

A clear message from the National Dialogue on Climate Action³ is that people want Government (including Local Authorities) to lead by example and know that everyone is doing their part. A leadership role on climate action is also articulated in the CAP23, LACAP Guidelines and in the Local Authority Climate Action Charter⁴.

The workshop participants articulated that they understood the role of KCC in advancing climate change actions in the County. People were clear that the Council was not responsible for delivering the targets of individual economic sectors (excluding its role as part of the public sector) but has a particular leadership role to play in developing and supporting the conditions that enable actions to be advanced. The role of the planning system was emphasised.

The participants were eager that KCC would lead on climate action by delivering clear strategies and plans and setting a good example. Participants saw the value of working in partnership with KCC on climate action, for example, the Council's support of the Dingle DZ initiative gives the project more weight. A collaborative and participative approach to plan and strategy development was emphasised, particularly in the area of communications.

There was a general call for KCC to provide leadership through internal training and capacity building for all its staff, particular emphasis was placed on grounds staff. KCC could also provide leadership by supporting community training initiatives.

This could include, mainstreaming climate change into all of its activities and services, for example, encouraging the use of locally produced foods at KCC events, how the council manages public green spaces including trees, hedgerows and grassed areas such as council estates and road verges. The use of Green Public Procurement (GPP) was raised as a good climate friendly mechanism for KCC to be using on all projects. Learning from GPP training could be shared with relevant stakeholders.

Key Actions

- KCC to play a strong leadership role by delivering climate strategies and plans for the County
- KCC to lead by example through mainstreaming climate change in all its functions and services , for example, use of GPP mechanisms

Climate Literacy

Climate literacy is an understanding of your influence on climate and climate's influence on you and society. A climate literate person is able to make informed and responsible decisions with regard to actions that may affect the climate⁵.

The workshop found high levels of climate literacy amongst the stakeholders present. People were very aware of the issues and most importantly what needs to be done in their area to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to the climate changes already being observed. However, there was a general

³ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/4bf2c-national-dialogue-on-climate-action-ndca/>

⁴ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d914a-local-authority-climate-action-charter/>

⁵ NOAA, Science and Information, <https://www.climate.gov/teaching/climate>

view that more could be done to inform communities of ongoing developments in science, policy and climate actions, particularly those less informed. The group felt that KCC have a role to play in supporting:

- Awareness, knowledge and dissemination of national level information and data (GHG emissions, climate impacts, SGDs),
- Generation and awareness of local level information such as county emissions profiles, county level impacts such as coastal erosion and sea level rise,
- Highlighting the predicted local impacts or implications of climate change on the community now and into the future, so they can adapt,
- Support for local level case studies, which generate local level knowledge and know-how.

The group pointed out that not everybody in the Community was aware or informed of what was happening and what needs to happen to address climate change at the individual and local level. It was suggested that KCC could utilise its existing programmes and networks to create awareness and inform the most vulnerable in society and those who are harder to reach.

Climate literacy should be formally promoted and supported through existing school's programmes, while KCC could play a role in the development of local level case studies, demonstration projects, peer to peer learning and capacity building. Climate literacy is an ongoing project and will require ongoing commitments to inform everybody of national and local level developments.

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- KCC to support the generation and awareness of local level information
- KCC to support local level case studies
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- KCC to support climate literacy through formal and informal routes

Communications and Engagement

Communications and engagement are a central plank of national climate change policy. The 2023 Climate Action Plan states that, "Clear, coherent, and consistent communications from Government are viewed as essential to provide a trusted source of information about climate-related issues to all sectors of society"⁶.

The participants felt that a county wide climate change communications strategy was needed to raise awareness, provide information, and know how. The group was clear that a county wide climate vision and objectives were necessary, along with options on how goals could be achieved. Communities could use the vision and objectives for their own strategies. Such a strategy also needs to dovetail with national initiatives on climate communications and build on successful local initiatives such as projects

⁶Climate Action Plan 2023. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7bd8c-climate-action-plan-2023/>

implemented by the Maharees Conservation Association on the Magharees Peninsula.

The strategy needs to be clear and consistent with its messaging. The use of non-technical, and communicable language was emphasised, since the Strategy would be an important resource for community groups in its own right.

There was a view amongst participants that information was difficult to find since it seemed to be scattered around different repositories. It was suggested that KCC might develop a centralised information hub on climate data and information, locally relevant case studies, demonstration projects, and 'who's who' working on climate change in Kerry County Council.

Key Actions

- KCC to lead on developing a county wide climate change communications strategy that is accessible to all
- KCC to develop clear and consistent messaging around climate change
- KCC to consider developing a centralised information hub for the County or to work with stakeholders to highlight/signpost where this information is already available and accessible

Funding

The funding of local and community-based projects is key to the delivery of long term climate action. The Community Climate Action Programme is designed to support community climate action projects and initiatives, as well as capacity building, over the next 3 years. The Programme will support and empower communities to shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities in a coherent way.

The workshop found there was an appetite for information on what funding was available, the level of funding, criteria for accessing and what KCC could offer by way of smaller grants and supports.

Participants were seeking information on small funding grants to support the development of grass roots and demonstration projects. Such funding would be used to create a bridge to larger funding.

For some communities support was needed to hire administrators, support for the development of proposals (e.g hiring technical expertise) and generally allow communities to prepare the ground for larger scale projects, activities (such as awareness raising events).

Participants felt that KCC could provide support by signposting where national funding is available and how to access larger, follow-on projects. There was also a desire for small seed capital type funding, which is often not available at the national level.

Key Actions

- KCC to provide access to small amount of funding to kickstart projects
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Policy Observations

Biodiversity /Natural Resources

The value of the natural environment as a resource in its own right came across clearly in the workshop. This understanding was based on the value of biodiversity to the area in terms of its role in emissions reduction and adaptation. There was also a desire to extract more value from biodiversity as a resource for tourism and general branding of the area. A baseline inventory of local biodiversity was suggested to understand what was present, its condition, what had been lost and what could be brought back. The feasibility of using the area as a 'living lab' or designated 'biodiversity zones' was suggested.

Key Actions

- Participants to work collaboratively on joint biodiversity/natural resources projects between the local community, local stakeholders (farmers in particular) and KCC

Energy

Energy security was clearly linked with local micro-generation for local consumption. In this regard, there was a strong interest in utilising on farm resources to micro-generate energy. The co-benefits of technologies such as anaerobic digestion was understood in terms of supporting climate targets, reduced costs and energy security. The value of the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities was commented on but it was felt that more of them were needed in the Community.

Key Actions

- Participants suggested KCC had a role to play in terms of information provision about energy

Transport

Participants were aware of the importance of reducing their climate impact from travel, but as a rural area they were also constrained by the lack of public transport and EV charging points in their locality. There was a willingness to change transport behaviours but that alternative options must be put in place first. The group felt there was a lot of scope for local car sharing/car pooling which should scaled up, more local buses for local events. The community was already up and running with the Sustainable Mobility Pathfinder project (Leading: Dingle Hub), but felt more could be done to support this project.

Key Actions

- Participants suggested a role for KCC to actively incentivise sustainable transport and active travel-through signage, more bus stops, cycling routes, prioritise walking and cycling

Residential Buildings

Workshop participants were very aware of the links between their home energy use and emissions reduction. People were already making changes to reduce the amount of energy they use at home, but felt that more needed to be done. The cost of retrofitting was an issue and participants felt that better grants were needed. It was pointed out that retrofitting was not something that many elderly people would engage with given the challenges involved. From that perspective it was suggested that

the age profile of the population was an important consideration when the retrofitting of homes was being considered.

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Circular Economy

The Circular Economy came through as an important cross-cutting theme in the workshop. However, it was also felt that more knowledge was needed in terms of what is happening nationally (policies, data and information), local strategies and advances.

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Agriculture and Food

The role of agriculture in addressing climate change in the Dingle Peninsula was recognised by all. A number of local level initiatives are currently being trialled in the area but now need to be scaled up, for example, it was suggested that anaerobic digestion (AD) needs to be supported to move beyond the demonstration level. The Dingle Hub is currently supporting a number of other innovative solutions, including biochar and microalgae. It was suggested that KCC has a role to play in the development of a National Anaerobic Digestion Strategy and the development of supporting infrastructure. The desire for local food policy, local food for local consumption was also articulated. There was also a desire for supports for regenerative and traditional methods of agriculture.

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Marine Environment

The marine environment and its resources are important to the people of Dingle. However, participants felt there was insufficient knowledge and understanding of the impacts of climate change on marine and coastal infrastructure and resources.

Key Actions

- Participants called for more information and knowledge, which needs to be combined with local knowledge
- Additional supports for initiatives such as projects implemented by the Maharees Conservation Association on the Magharees Peninsula, were called for by the participants
- More supports are required to help leverage marine resources such as seaweed

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Participants were quite clear of the role of the built environment and infrastructure in emissions reduction in the area. Participants were also aware of the central role of KCC in the planning process. It was suggested that the Authority possibly had a role to play in all of the sectors due to the planning process.

Key Actions

- KCC to leverage the planning process to drive climate action in the built environment and infrastructure

Tourism

Tourism is an important industry for the Dingle Peninsula. However, there needs to be more joined up thinking across all the sectors which impact on tourism and vice versa, this includes the environment and climate change. For example, more information is needed on how climate change will impact the tourism product in Dingle along with impacts on water quality and availability and impacts on heritage sites.

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Engagement commenced in June 2023 and was completed on the 8th August, 2023.

An overview of the stakeholder engagement for the LACAP is provided below. In brief, valuable insights were captured in relation to issues such as

- leadership,
- climate literacy,
- communication and engagement,
- adaptation,
- biodiversity and
- working with community groups to face the challenges of climate change.

A full list to the 67 submissions is provided below.

List of Submission made as part of the Engagement undertaken to inform the Kerry County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Submission Ref Number		Author
KE-C12-1	KE-C12-1 Climate Action	Saffron Willetts
KE-C12-2	KE-C12-2 The Kerry Scenic Platform KSP Glounsharoon Castleisland	Ahaneboy Community Group ACG Glounsharoon Castleisland
KE-C12-3	KE-C12-3 Less co2 from cars	Patrick Clifford Clifford
KE-C12-4	KE-C12-4 Sustainable and resilient communities	Manuela Dei Grandi
KE-C12-5	KE-C12-5 Climate Action	Mike Oshea
KE-C12-6	KE-C12-6 Submission on Kerry Climate Action Plan by the Heritage Council	The Heritage Council
KE-C12-7	KE-C12-7 Geoengineering	Jason O Donnell
KE-C12-8	KE-C12-8 Fenit Tombolo	Maire Spillane
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