

# **Just Transition Commission**

## **Minutes of Second Meeting**

**05 February 2025**

**Department of Environment, Climate and Communications,  
Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4**

### **1. Attendees**

Commission Members:

- Ali Sheridan                      Chair
- Conor Minogue
- Dr Diarmuid Torney
- Dr Evan Boyle
- Michelle Murphy
- Oisín Coghlan
- Ryan McKinney
- Suresh Kumar
- Tanya Ward
- Vanessa Kiely O'Connor
- Seamus Boland

Secretariat:

- Frank Maughan - Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Greta Szabo - Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Michael Keegan - Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Rónán Stokes - Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Conor Reynolds - Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

### **2. Welcome and introductions**

The Chair welcomed Members and noted the recent Storm Éowyn provided a moment of national reflection and provided further context to the work of the Commission. The Chair stated that Just Transition is gaining momentum globally and norms are being established, and that it is a privilege for the Commission to be part of the process.

The Chair outlined that the priority of today's meeting would be discussion of the Commission's Work Programme.

The minutes of the first meeting of the Commission in December 2024 were agreed by the Chair and Commission members.

### **3. Presentation**

A departmental official of the National Dialogue on Climate Action (NDCA) delivered a presentation to the Commission on the outreach and engagement work of the NDCA and associated behavioural insights. The presentation also touched on the recently introduced Climate Actions Work initiative.

The NDCA is a government initiative to empower people in a fair and accessible manner to take climate action and to help shape climate policy through an inclusive programme of engagement at the national, regional, and community level.

Discussion took place following the presentation, where members touched on a number of points, including engagement with vulnerable cohorts, the barriers that exist for people, the effect on rural communities, how NDCA discussions inform climate policy, and how the Commission can feed into the work of the NDCA.

The Commission noted that it intends to engage with the process on an ongoing basis.

#### **4. Work Programme Workshop**

A workshop for Members and Chair took place to assist them in their deliberations and the finalisation of their 2025 work programme.

#### **5. Presentation**

A consultant from EnvEcon Decision Support delivered a presentation to the Commission on the Just Transition Indicators Framework research project. In 2024, DECC, with the EPA, commissioned scoping research to propose a framework to inform the future development and adoption of indicators to monitor and measure our just transition. The research report will be made publicly available in due course.

The Commission expressed an interest in engaging with the process going forward and requested more information on the status and approach as departmental officials progress this project into a new phase over the course of 2025.

#### **6. AOB**

Work programme to be progressed before March meeting and discussed further.

#### **7. Actions**

##### **Secretariat:**

- Follow up with NDCA regarding calendar dates for engagements and events.
- Develop a short paper with the latest on the Just Transition Indicators, to increase awareness of this project among the Commission.
- Provide additional information on Social Climate Plan
- Provide additional information on the overall governance of the climate action plan
- Prepare calendar of relevant stakeholder events, ongoing research, and stakeholder mapping

##### **Commission**

- Running item for all future meetings: Each member to update the Commission on relevant engagements since the previous meeting.

#### **8. Post-meeting event: Presentation by Chair of Wales Net Zero 2035, Jane Davidson**

Jane Davidson, former Welsh Cabinet Minister for Education, then Environment and Sustainability, and Chair of Wales Net Zero 2025, delivered a presentation to the Commission. Ms Davidson's presentation focused on Wales NetZero's seven reports which outlined pathways to achieve net zero by 2035, which were also compatible with the ambitions of the Well-being Future Generations Act 2015.

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