

Just Transition Commission

Minutes of Fifth Meeting

12-13 June 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
- Michelle Murphy
- Oisín Coghlan
- Tanya Ward
- Vanessa Kiely O'Connor
- Dr Evan Boyle
- Ryan McKinney
- Suresh Kumar

Secretariat:

- Caroline Lyons - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Michael Keegan - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Rónán Stokes - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Conor Reynolds - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

Apologies:

- Seamus Boland
- Greta Szabo – Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

2. Welcome and Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chair and Members adopted the minutes of the fourth meeting of the Commission in May 2025.

Chair outlined that the first day of the Commission's exploration of transport would aim to provide an overview of the systemic changes required, existing commitments and future plans, and progress that has already been made in the transport sector in terms of a just transition. The Commission were to receive presentations from policymakers and relevant agencies. Academic contributions would then reflect on the concepts of liveable communities and transport poverty. Reflections on the finance outputs from the previous meeting were scheduled to be discussed.

The Department's name change was acknowledged.

3. Internal Session

Chair briefed the Commission on her recent meeting with the Minister. Chair and Secretariat are to discuss agriculture as the next focus of meetings over the summer. The Commission's imminent launch of their Introductory Report was discussed. Chair and members informed the Commission on their own engagements since the last meeting.

The Commission reflected on the Finance meeting and roundtable discussions in May.

4. Transport Presentations

Presentations were delivered to the Commission on the transport sector followed by a Q&A:

- Presentation 1: Transport – Supporting a Just Transition - Caoimhín O’Ciaruáin Assistant Secretary Climate Action and Denise Keoghan PO – National Transport Authority
- Presentations 2: Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland - Transition to Electric Vehicles - Aoife O’Grady, Head of ZEVI
- Presentation 3: Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan – John Nott, National Transport Authority
- Presentation 4: Electrification of bus services and skills transition - Ray Connolly, Bus Éireann

5. Internal Session continued

Reflections on the transport presentations from the morning session.

6. Transport Presentations

Further presentations were delivered to the Commission on the transport sector concerning interdisciplinary approaches to sustainable communities merging transport and planning considerations.

- Presentation 1: Overview of current planning and transport challenges and ways to achieve a model that works for people and the climate (Dr. Lorraine D’Arcy, Technological University Dublin).
- Presentation 2: Overview of research into transport poverty and equity considerations associated with the rollout of current transport policies, including EVs (Dr. Brian Caulfield, Trinity College Dublin).

Presentations were followed by a Q&A.

7. Commission Internal Reflections and forward planning

Reflections on the presentations of the day, followed by a discussion regarding the Agriculture sector, the topic of the Commission's next meeting in September.

8. Workshop on 13 June

A workshop with stakeholders took place on 13 June in the Wayfinding Centre on the vulnerabilities and cross-cutting social considerations of climate action in transport with the participation of representatives from the following groups

Dublin Commuter Coalition
Vision Ireland
Community Work Ireland
National Youth Council of Ireland
An Taisce
Irish Wheelchair Association
NDA
Age Friendly Ireland
National Network of Older People's Councils Transport subgroup
Inclusion Ireland

9. Actions:

Secretariat

- To secure a number of publications and updates for review in the topic of Transport, including CCAC's relevant recommendations and TUD research, and relevant government policies and measures mentioned in the meeting.
- Progress the work on the commissioning of the Workforce Impacts 2050 research project in line with the work programme of the Commission and establish subgroup

Commission

- Consider a pre-budget submission
- Engage with relevant stakeholders to prepare for next (Just Transition in Agriculture) meeting