

# Just Transition Commission

## Minutes of Tenth Meeting

12 March 2026

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment  
Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4

### 1. Attendees

Commission Members:

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

Secretariat:

- Caroline Lyons - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE)
- Colm Ó Conaill – DCEE
- Michael Keegan - DCEE
- Rónán Stokes - DCEE
- Conor Reynolds - DCEE

### 2. Introduction and brief updates

Chair welcomed Mr Brian Flynn, recently appointed to the Commission as the representative for Rural and Community Development. Chair asked Commissioners to remember the interested groups and individuals who are not present at the meeting. Minutes from the previous meeting in January 2026 were approved.

The Secretariat to the Commission provided updates on work ongoing in support of the Commission, particularly in relation to a number of procurement processes underway.

Chair updated the Commission on their recent one-to-one meeting with Minister Darragh O'Brien and reported that a meeting between the full Commission and Minister O'Brien was under consideration for quarter three of 2026. A discussion followed on the Commission's budget submission, which was agreed for release in June, and on the potential for a just transition event to be arranged as part of Ireland's EU Presidency during the second half of the year.

Commissioners briefed the Chair on their individual activities and plans in the area of just transition, including attendance at seminars and other events.

### **3. Just Transition Strategy**

Chair and Members reviewed the paper on the Commission's initial recommendations to support the development of a Just Transition Strategy. Following discussions, the Commission signed off on the paper. The paper will now be shared with the Minister for his consideration and will be uploaded to the Commission's website.

### **4. Research (Commissioned research updates)**

Chair and Members discussed progress with three research projects they had commissioned on a variety of just transition themes, including a survey into public perceptions of a just transition. Commission agreed that the outputs from these projects will be published. Commission also discussed the finalisation and publication of its report into the just transition in the transport sector.

### **5. Built Environment and Electricity Scopes**

#### **Built Environment**

Chair and Members discussed the built environment scope for their April and June meetings, and the key strategic questions to be asked when looking at this sector. It was noted that there are two aspects to the Built Environment – residential and industry, and it was agreed the Commission would focus on the residential aspect.

Chair informed Members that an off-site engagement was arranged with Cork City Council which would take place in April. This would focus on exploring key social issues and local implementation. Members recommended specific research and studies in this area in preparation.

Chair and Members agreed that a series of bilaterals to discuss issues in the built environment would be held with key stakeholders in advance of the June meeting

#### **Electricity/Energy**

Chair acknowledged there is a strong evidence base to work from in this area, and it was noted by Members that this is a broad area to review. Following discussions, Chair and Members agreed that further work was needed to develop the Electricity/Energy scope

### **6. Update from National Dialogue on Climate Action (NDCA) subgroup / Engagement**

The lead of the NDCA subgroup and a member of the Secretariat provided background and history of the NDCA. It's in its second phase now. It aims to enhance climate dialogue and works with stakeholders on getting from awareness to action. Working with the NDCA is mentioned in the Commission's Terms of Reference.

Subgroup met with the NDCA. Agreed at the subgroup meeting that the NDCA and subgroup would meet monthly going forward.

The Chair informed Members that a letter would be sent to the Minister shortly proposing the establishment of a National Climate Dialogue, similar to the National Economic Dialogue (NED) that takes place annually. The proposal sets out a potential structure and approach for consideration.

## **7. Actions**

- Share the Commission's initial recommendations on the development of a Just Transition Strategy with the Minister.
- Upload Commission's initial recommendations on the development of a Just Transition Strategy to the Commission's website.