

**PRESS RELEASE 13th June 2023**

# **Climate Action Event Well Attended**

The Climate Action Event, held in County Hall on June 1st was well attended with close to 150 people engaging with the sessions across the day. Attendees were provided with useful information and possible actions that they could implement, as part of their individual, community, or business contribution towards positive climate action. Experts from business, government bodies and voluntary groups relayed their knowledge on Climate action across a variety of topics, including transport, agriculture, and energy. Wexford County Council is required to identify and implement a range of actions under a new Climate Action Plan to help meet targets of a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and the longer-term goal of a climate neutral by no later than 2050.

Speakers at the event included representatives from SEAI, Enniscorthy Allotments, Solar Farms, 100 Million Trees Project, ENViTE Edible Towns Network, Wexford County Council, Teagasc, Wexford Bus, Local Link, Active Travel, Southeast Energy Agency, Enniscorthy Sustainable Energy Communities and the Local Enterprise Office.

**Councillor George Lawlor, Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council remarked, following the event that** “County Wexford is not immune to the challenges posed by climate change. As the global climate continues to change, Wexford faces several significant impacts that require immediate attention and proactive measures. Some of the key challenges facing County Wexford from climate change include rising sea levels and coastal erosion. The impact of mitigation measures on our hugely important Agri sector must also be assessed. It is important that we all play a key and fair role in our efforts to curb the impact of climate change on our County.”

**Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services with Wexford County Council noted** “The Climate Action Event is part of a programme of education and awareness the Council is undertaking as part of the development of the new Climate Action Plan. The speakers who attended from a variety of organisations demonstrate the knowledge and expertise that we already possess within our County to make a positive impact in this space.”

**Frank Burke, Climate Action Coordinator** thanked all those who contributed to the organising of the event from within Wexford County Council and gave special mention to the twenty speakers, stating “The presentations were inciteful and inspiring and illustrates what can be done, when you adopt a “can do” attitude!”

For those who missed the event, the presentations are now available online on the Wexford County Council website, under “Climate change and energy management.” In addition, people are invited to complete an online survey or complete a submission on the Wexford County Council Online Submission portal. The links can also be found on our website and available via our Twitter account.

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Notes to Editor: