

**Minutes of Indaver Community Liaison Committee held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Venue: Duleek Civic Offices, Main Street, Co Meath**

**Time: 3.38 p.m.**

**Chairperson:** Cllr Stephen McKee (SMcK)

**In Attendance:**

Cllr Maria White (MW)

Patrick McKenna, Community Representative (PMcK)

Gerry Tallon, Community Representative (GT)

Fergal O'Loughlin, Indaver Ltd Representative (FO'L)

Brian Hora, Meath County Council (BH)

Angie Mitchell, Meath County Council (AM)

**1. To agree/adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

BH noted that the draft minutes did not include his name, and he was in attendance. AM will amend the minutes to include BH. The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, were agreed on the proposal of SMcK and seconded by FO'L.

**2. To elect a new Chairperson**

BH advised that a new Chairperson will be elected, and he will then hand over the meeting to the Chairperson. The election of Cllr McKee as new Chairperson was proposed by MW and seconded by GT. SMcK welcomed all to the new term and congratulated MW on her recent election onto Meath County Council and the ICLC.

**3. To receive an update on the 2020/2021/2022 & 2023 Carranstown Grant Schemes**

AM stated that the total amount unclaimed at today's date for grants under the 2020/2021 and 2022 Scheme is €76,137.55. She advised that several grants had been paid out since the last meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024. She noted that the amount unclaimed for the 2020 Scheme is €8,717.55 for 2 grants. Bellewstown Race Committee have a balance of €8,217.55 outstanding under this scheme which will be drawn down by 31/12/2024. She noted the balance of €51,500 unclaimed under the 2021 Scheme for 4 grants and advised that all applicants under the 2020 and 2021 had been contacted and advised that all funding must be drawn down and fully claimed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 or grants will be rescinded. She advised that under the 2022 Scheme there are 4 grants unclaimed to the value of €15,920 and the 4 groups have been contacted.

**4. To discuss arrangements for the Carranstown Grant Scheme Awards Night**

BH advised that there is a change of venue this year for the Awards Night, and it will be held in Sage and Stone Cafe on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. He also noted that the event was now being led by Meath County Council in conjunction with Indaver Ltd and said that invites will issue in the coming days.

GT advised that he will not be able to attend on that night.

SMcK and GT questioned why the venue had changed as the event has always been held in the Carranstown Inn.

SMcK asked if the Carranstown Inn have been informed that the event won't be taking place at their premises.

AM advised that a review of the Scheme had taken place in 2023 and as part of the review it was suggested by the Laytown/Bettystown MD Members that the venue for the awards night should change from time to time.

FO'L advised that he would ask his colleague if she had notified the Carranstown Inn and will ask her to revert to AM in the morning.

**SMcK** asked if the Councils events team could hold off on issuing the invites until the Carranstown Inn had been informed of the venue change.

**BH** agreed that invites would issue after the Carranstown Inn have been notified of the venue change.

**5. To receive an activity report from Indaver Ltd on the Indaver Plant**

**FO'L** advised that a planned shutdown of the plant took place in April 2024 for 20 days and the plant has run consistently since with no more shutdowns scheduled. He advised that tonnage figures for 2024 outturn would be less than the figure for 2023 due to the shutdown and the net tonnage is on target at €275,000 for the fund. He noted that tonnage is usually less on alternate years due to shutdowns of the plant. He stated that the plant is running at capacity. He advised that there have been no further developments at the plant.

He noted that Indaver's Planning Application has been granted for a hydrogen plant but that plans are currently on hold as there is no market at present for hydrogen and the company are waiting to see if the Government announce any grant funding in this regard. He added that plans are still in place to install a solar farm on the lands surrounding the Indaver Plant, behind the cottage.

**FO'L** stated that the company are not sure what they will do with the cottage, which they own. They may possibly use it for a weather station or a water station, but they would welcome any suggestions from the Committee and the Community on what the cottage could be used for and have asked for ideas from staff working within the plant. He added that the cottage is very small.

**SMcK** agreed to revert with ideas.

**FO'L** stated that the building of the Cork plant has not progressed due to opposition and the application is with An Bord Pleanála. The Aberdeen plant is up and running and the plant in Essex is currently under construction. This will be a bigger facility with 600K tonnes of waste per annum. Indaver are also looking at constructing a plant in Belfast.

**SMcK** stated that he has received more complaints in relation to lorries used by the Indaver Plant driving through the village of Duleek.

**FO'L** stated that all contracts with hauliers used by Indaver Ltd state that hauliers are not permitted to travel through the village of Duleek and he advised that if any further complaints are received, that complainants obtain the registration numbers of the vehicles in question and send them on to him and he will follow up with that individual haulier in respect of any complaints.

**6. AOB and to agree a date for next meeting.**

**BH** advised that the 2024 Scheme will be advertised towards the end of November, possibly the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November. The Committee agreed to a closing date of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January and suggested that the next meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 3.30 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 4.10 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

19/03/25