

**County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT)
Maritime Business Development Group (MBDG) Meeting
Council Chamber - Wicklow County Council
28th May 2019 - 11am**

Present:

Tom Delahoyde	-	TD
Simon Greenwood	-	SG
Roy Conway	-	RC
William Tyrrell	-	WT
Stephen Kavanagh	-	SK
Pat O' Suilleabhain	-	POS
Sean Quirke	-	SQ
Paul Ivory	-	PI
Christine Flood	-	CF
Marc Devereaux	-	MD
Matthew Carroll	-	MC
Susan Nichols	-	SN
Derek Cullen	-	DC

In attendance:

Paul Doherty, Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions	PD
Monica Makiel, Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions	MM

MINUTES

Item No. 1

Minutes of meeting from 28th June 2018 and matters arising

The minutes of meeting from 5th December 2018 were proposed by WT and seconded by PI. There were no matters arising.

Item No. 2

Update on Maritime Strategic Review by Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions

PD gave a presentation (circulated to all in attendance) to the meeting on the Maritime Strategic Review for County Wicklow, which included:

- An introduction to the project
- Adopted methodology
- Stakeholders engagement
- Evidence gathering and SWOT analysis
- Strategic Development and recommendations

Following the presentation, a number of questions were raised which were addressed by PD. TD thanked PD for his attendance at the meeting and the detailed presentation.

Item No. 3

Report on NORA conference

TD gave a presentation on the NORA conference. He stated that this is a European network aiming at reinforcement and restoration of the native European flat oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) with network members being representatives of governmental agencies, science, non-governmental organizations, as well as oyster growers and other private enterprises. TD added that NORA was established during the international workshop on oyster restoration that was held in Berlin in November 2017 and was attended by 65 professionals from 10 European countries and the US. This has grown to 155 at this year's conference with over 100 more space's applied for.

Following the presentation, a number of questions were raised which were addressed by TD.

Item No. 4

Update on FLAG funding

SN gave a brief update on the current status of FLAG funding. A brief discussion followed and questions raised were addressed by SN.

Item No. 5

Any Other Business

SG informed the meeting that he is going to attend 'Our Ocean Wealth' summit in Cork on 10th and 11th June 2019 as it is of relevance to the group. The other members of the meeting concurred.

WT informed the meeting that he is unable to attend this event in Cork but suggested that the group try to tie in with the GSI (Geological Survey Ireland). He added that they would be happy to come and give a presentation if asked.

PD also stated that the GSI run a research fund that could be applied to by this group for necessary funding.

This concluded the meeting.

Date of next meeting: TBC