



An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta,
Gnóthai Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta
Department of Arts, Heritage,
Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs



Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe
ar son na hAeráide & Comhshaoil
Department of Communications,
Climate Action & Environment

Minutes of the **Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce**

Meeting No. 5

- Date:** Wednesday 7th December 2016
- Venue:** D/AHRRGA, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2
- Time:** 10.00 – 11.00
- Attendees:** Minister Michael Ring T.D. (D/AHRRGA)(co-Chair), Minister Denis Naughten (D/CCA) (co-Chair), Katherine Licken (D/CCA), William Parnell (D/AHRRGA), Ray O'Leary (D/TTS), Tommy Ryan (Cavan CoCo), Pat Maher (TII), Martin Bourke (OPW), John Dillon (NTMA), John Martin, Terry Sheridan (D/HPCLG),
- Observers:** Fergal Reidy (LGMA), John McCarthy (D/TTAS), Gerry Fahy (ComReg), Geoffrey Gray (CCPC)
- Secretariat:** Aisling Penrose (D/AHRRGA)
- Dept. Officials:** Stjohn O'Connor (D/AHRRGA), Ciara Bates (D/AHRRGA), Neasa Lehane (D/CCA), Paul Lee (D/CCA), Ian Price (D/CCA), John Gorman (D/AHRRGA), Laure Garcia (D/AHRRGA), Fiona Creegan (D/AHRRGA), Ross Elwood (D/CCA), Dónall Geoghegan (D/Taoiseach)
- Apologies:** Linda Doyle (TCD), Clodagh Cavanagh (Abbey), Dominic Mullaney (D/TTAS), Joe McGrath (CCMA), Cathal O'Donoghue (Teagasc)
-

1. **Ministerial opening remarks**

- Minister Ring welcomed everyone and thanked all participants and the Chairpersons of each sub-group for their contribution during the course of the Taskforce's work. The Minister also acknowledged the work of the teams in the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in supporting the Taskforce.
- Minister Naughten expressed his thanks to all members of the Taskforce for their commitment to the work of the Taskforce. The Minister acknowledged the significant amount of work which has been undertaken by the Taskforce within a very short timeframe.

2. **Agreement on minutes of the last meeting**

- The Minutes from the last meeting were agreed by the group with no changes.

3. Discussion on Final Report

- An outline of the report's findings was provided at the meeting. A chapter by chapter summary of the key recommendations relating to overarching measures, and specific actions relating to planning process and licensing, access to infrastructure, consumer issues and network improvements was provided.
- A small number of comments remain to be incorporated into the report, which will be agreed bilaterally.

4. Next steps and publication

- Any final comments from members on the report were invited to be submitted to D/AHRRGA by 12 noon on Thursday 8th December.
- It was proposed that the Taskforce's report would go to Government for decision before Christmas.

Minutes Prepared By:

Aisling Penrose

Date: 08/12/16

Minutes Approved By:

Date: _____