

Irish Republican Brotherhood

Summary Report for Meeting at the Thomas McDonagh Centre Cloughjordan 16th July 2022.

Meeting opened by John Flanagan Chairman IRB with the 1916 proclamation thereafter read by Kevin Taylor.

Brendan Kelly then gave his Address as Secretary of Agriculture.

A summary on the uses, value and environmental benefits of hemp was delivered by Marcus McCabe.

The Proposals for the Irish Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) were then presented by the Chairman to the room for ratification.

Proposal 1: A new bank to be established to provide funding assistance to farmers with low interest rates and the bank to provide assistance to the farmer in relation to his/her business plan for any loan application. **Proposal passed by consensus.**

Proposal 2. All taxes on agricultural diesel to be abolished. Proposal passed by consensus.

Proposal 3. All grants to be based on biodiversity instead of acreage and the farmer/farm manager/grower etc to be paid per unit of biodiversity. **Proposal passed by consensus.**

Proposal 4. All grants to be paid to the farm manager and not to any inactive landowners.

Proposal passed by consensus.

Proposal 5. Farm managers to be paid for all carbon sequestered on their land.

Proposal passed by consensus.

Proposal 6. All organic fees to be abolished and all fees paid for the past 5 years refunded.

Proposal passed by consensus.

Proposal 7. Coillte to be disbanded with full accountability and public disclosure in relation to FSC Certification.

Proposal not agreed by consensus.

Proposal 8. All lands planted with non-native trees in the last 5 years to be clear felled and the lands to be made available for allotments or planted with hemp to supply our fiber board industry. All plantations that are presently clear felled to be planted with a sustainable mix of our 14 native tree species or hemp. **Proposal passed by consensus.**

Proposal 9. A complete ban on all GMOs. Proposal passed by consensus.

Proposal 10. A full disclosure on all Geo Engineering.

Proposal passed by consensus.

Proposal 11. All rivers and lakes contained within or bounding farmland to be restocked appropriately. Proposal passed by consensus.

These 10 proposals are the only proposals so far agreed by consensus following correct public consultation in fidelity with the Aarhus Convention and can now be sent directly to Europe.

Many other proposals were put forward under AOB. Proper procedure now is that these proposals are put in the public domain for feedback and a further public meeting will be arranged in due course.

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