



EVENT DESCRIPTION

Project Partner: Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency

Title of the event: Working Visit for LED in Kilkenny City

Date & location: 25 February 2015 (Site Visit), 26 February 2015 (Presentation)

Organiser(s): CKEA and Kilkenny County Council

Number of Participants: 8

Summary

A project was brought forward by a Councillor Tomás Breathnach to the Energy Office in Kilkenny County Council. A housing estate in South Kilkenny with very poor lighting. A proposal was made to carry out a feasibility study on retrofitting these lights to LED. An exchange site visit was arranged in February, on the 20th February in Kilkenny City and 21st in Ferrybank.

Objectives & main programme points

In order for the residents to get an appreciation of LED technology a site visit was conducted in Kilkenny City. In attendance at this meeting was Cllr Tomas Breathnach, Dick McGrath from Abbeypark residents association in Ferrybank. The city visit incorporated a walk through the Bishopmeadows area of Kilkenny. The following night a meeting was arranged where Declan Keogh presented to the Residents Association.

Conclusions & lessons learnt (based on stakeholder input)

The city visit was facilitated by Joe Daly and Declan Keogh to allow Abbeypark Residents Association to view an LED installation. This allowed the residents to see first-hand an LED installation and the benefits from this. From the reaction of both the councillors and the residents it was clear to see that LED lighting offered a great solution to the problems encountered in their estate, mainly that the estate is under lit. The following night a second site visit was conducted by Declan Keogh to view the current lighting in the estate 39 70W SON fittings. Subsequent to the site visit Declan held a presentation to the rest of the residents association:

The presentation consisted of:

- LED Lighting examples (pictures)
- Advantages of LED
- LED lighting example for Abbeypark, Ferrybank

From this an application was made to SEAI to partially fund the lighting retrofit in Abbeypark. An application was submitted in March however there was a high level decision made by SEAI not to grant funding to public lighting projects in 2015. As a result of this the lighting retrofit for this project did not proceed this year.



