

MINUTES

Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

2th May 2019

Attendees:

Councillor Darren Scully

Councillor Réada Cronin

Councillor Anne Breen

Councillor Brian Dooley

Bill Clear

Also Present

Niall Morrissey, Director of Services.

Councillor Suzanne Doyle.

Evelyn Wright, SEO.

Declan Keogh, Roads Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer.

Marie Kelly, Assistant Staff Officer.

Apologies:

Cllr John McGinley

Cllr Seamie Moore

Introduction

Cathaoirleach Darren Scully welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the present SPC committee.

Item 1 – Minutes-1 November 2018

On the proposal of Councillor Breen and seconded by Councillor Scully the Minutes of the Meeting of 1st November 2018 were approved and taken as read.

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Item 2 – Minutes-7 February 2019

No matters arising from minutes of previous minutes which were approved by the members.

Item 3 – Matters Arising

No matters arising from the minutes.

Item 4 – Update from the Director of Services

The Director of Services gave the members an update in respect to various Road Projects around the County. The timelines of the M7 works and anticipated completion dates were also provided, Naas Inner Relief Road (NIRR), Athy Distributor Road, Eastern Relief Road and Bridge in Maynooth and work on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth. A general discussion and questions ensued and were responded to and clarified by the Director.

In relation to the Naas Inner Relief Road (NIRR), the Director informed the committee that the CPG had discussed the issue on May 2nd, and agreed and stressed the importance of protecting the powers of the MD members with regard to Part 8 decisions, and that the matter would return to the Naas MD for their consideration. He outlined the timeframe attached to any Part 8 (20 weeks in total) and the NIRR Part 8 would have to be presented at the June meeting of the new Naas MD members.

Item 5- Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer

Declan Keogh, Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer was welcomed to the Meeting and he updated the members on work to date and forthcoming events

The members asked him various questions about areas covered in the presentation.

In the area of Electric Vehicles, Declan informed the members that the RSO and Kildare Fire Service are pursuing a funding application from the Department of

Communications, Climate Action and Environment for the provision of an Electric Vehicle to transport supplies to /from each fire station.

Evelyn Wright discussed the current situation with regard to EVs and advised that Kildare County Council had received an elect bill for units at Meeting Lane car park in Athy. The question of pay parking charges and electricity charges was discussed.

The members of the committee agreed to examine EV parking and charges. They agreed that the proposal would be added to the present Work Programme for 2019.

Item 6- Amendments to the Agreed Work Plan 2019

The members agreed the following amendments to the Agreed Work Plan for 2019. Point 7 of the Work Plan 2019 and Point 8 arising from Item 7 on the Agenda for May 2019.

The following Amendments to the Agreed Work Plan for 2019.

1. Policy on the use of 'Fish Eye' Mirrors on public roads.
2. Rural Public Lighting Scheme. Examination of the issue of rural lighting in terms of installation and lifecycle costs, and in the context of the current requirement on Kildare County Council to reduce its energy costs in line with the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU), and the delivery of the 20% energy efficiency savings required by the Directive by 2020.
3. Access and Disability Progress – Development of Accessible Public Realm Streetscapes.
4. Permeability between Housing Estates and Public Roadways – this issue to be jointly examined by Planning and Roads Departments.
5. Report on Activities and Developments from the Chief Fire Officer.
6. Biannual Report from the Cycling Forum.
7. Policy on Electric Vehicles in relation to free parking.
8. Policy on the installing of Traffic Calming Measures for the County.

Referral from the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District to SPC (March 2019)

That this Municipal District Committee requests the Transport, Safety and Emergency Services SPC to examine and identify the number of village or settlements seeking traffic calming measures in the county and scope the feasibility of designing and costing a generic treatment that addresses concerns and that a funding mechanism is identified through the annual budget programme/levies/LPT/Department funding where any, either or all contribute to the delivery of a schedule of works that will resolve this matter.

Report: If the Members are in agreement, the request can be brought to the SPC on Transport, Safety and Emergency Services to consider including the issue on the SPC's Programme of Work.

The SPC members agreed to examine and place on the work programme for 2019. See attached Amendments to the Agreed Work Plan 2019.

Cathaoirleach, Darren Scully thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The Director of Services thanked the Cathaoirleach for all his work over the past 5 years

The next meeting will be held on 5th September 2019.