

Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Issues held in County Hall on Friday 1st June 2018.

Present: Cllr. Matt Doran (Chairman).

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach; Cllr. Michael Doyle;
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty; Cllr. Michael McCarthy,

Ms Mairead Phelan, Mr. Gary Graham, Mr Ger Ferris

In Attendance: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services; Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer Roads, Mr. John Collins, Chief Fire Officer, Mr Killian Hennessy, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Ms. Úna Kealy, Administrative Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Sean Tyrrell, Cllr E Aylward, Mr. Barry Lynch, Mr. Michael Rice

New Committee Member

Cllr M Doran welcome new member to the committee Mr Ger Ferris representing the Community & Voluntary Pillar. Mr Ferris is replacing Mr Anton Mazer who has retired from the committee.

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 9th March 2018

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Proposed by Cllr M McCarthy

Seconded by Cllr F Doherty and agreed.

Matters Arising

- New Ross By-Pass – visit

- Cycling Legislation – Tim Butler DOS referred to recent Road Traffic (Minimum Passing Distance of Cyclists) Bill 2017 and in particular Section 2 (2)(b) which sets out the sufficient distance required when passing as 1 metre in an area where the speed limit is not more than 50 kilometres per hour and 1.5 metres in an area where the speed limit is more than 50 kilometres per hour.

2. Capital, Infrastructure and Mobility Management Plan

Tim Butler DOS presented to the committee a detailed overview/update of the following projects:

- Kilkenny Central Access Scheme
- N76 Callan Road Realignment
- Kilkenny Western Environs
- Breaghagh Valley Infrastructure
- Loughmacask Link Road
- Draft Mobility Management Plan – one way system city options
- Kilkenny Northern Ring Road Extension
- N29 Belview Port Road
- N24 Tower Road Overbridge
- N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme

- N77 Ballyragget to Ballynaslee
- N25 Waterford to Glenmore
- Abbey Road to Belmont Road Link (possible LIHAF Round 2)
- Pavement Overlays

3. Road Safety Plan Update

S Kavanagh Senior Engineer gave a presentation on Kilkenny Road Safety Plan 2015 – 2020, under the headings of:

Education – schools cycling programme; school wardens; school road safety programme
 Engineering – low cost safety schemes; road safety audits; winter maintenance;
 road works; speed limits; signage; hedge cutting

He also referred to recent major road safety improvements on the N76 Callan Road Realignment, the N77 Ballynaslee and the R703 Mong Junction.

It was agreed that the Teresa Mahon, Road Safety Officer and Garda Anthony Farrell Road Safety would be invited to attend a future SPC meeting.

4. Fire Service Guidance Document on water supplies/fire hydrants

Killian J Hennessy, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer gave a presentation on the guidance specification for fire hydrants and fire fighting water supplies.

It was proposed by Cllr M McCarthy, seconded by Cllr F Doherty that this presentation be given to all elected members at the monthly council meeting.

5. Road Opening – procedure

S Kavanagh Senior Engineer referred to the 'Purple Book' which sets out the guidelines for the Opening, Backfilling and reinstatement of Openings in Public Roads. He mentioned briefly the various steps in the Licensing process:

T1 Notification – notification of intent to perform works of *high impact*

T2 Licence – application to carry out works of *moderate impact*

T3 Licence - application to carry out works of *low impact*

T4 Notification – notification of *emergency works* (as defined under legislation)

T5 Notification – notification of *completion of works carried out under T2, T3 or T4*

6. AOB

Overpass / Underpass – Tim Butler DOS advised that there is no grant assistance (in relation to overpass/underpass) available from the Department of Agriculture for farmers to assist them with regard to overpass / underpass.

Broadband – Tim Butler DOS advised that the local authority has no involvement in the direct provision of Broadband but facilitate Broadband providers insofar as possible. It was agreed that Steve Coverdale [IS Project Leader - Networks/ Infrastructure & Broadband Officer] be invited to the next SPC meeting to give update on current status of Broadband in Kilkenny.

This concluded the business of the meeting.