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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 29th September 2022, Training Room, Buvinda House, Dublin Rd, Navan at 3.30 pm

Attendees – (Councillors): Cllrs T Golden, P Meade, M Gallagher, G. O’Connor (remotely), P McCabe, S. Tolan

Attendees – (Sectoral Representatives): G Clarke

Apologies: Cllr W Harding, Cllr N French, A Watson, D Hughes

(Officials): M Murray, J McGrath, C Corrigan, K Foyle, M Farrell, P Phelan, F Beers, L Sherrock, M Loughran

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th June 2022 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P McCabe and seconded by Cllr P Meade.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u></p> <p>No matters arising</p>
3.0	<p><u>Presentation from Dave Anderson – Navan Cycling Initiative</u></p> <p>D Anderson made a presentation on behalf of Navan Cycling Initiative</p> <p>Following the presentation, the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The members thanked Mr. Anderson for the presentation - The process for the delivery of cycle lanes can be a lengthy process with regards the legislation, planning process including studies and surveys, determining the route and potentially a CPO process. - A need for a documented Strategy showing the priorities/position on urban v’s rural highways - Certain routes throughout the county would be impacted by limited space/width on existing road network - Could consider progressing some routes where measures can be implemented quickly - Community engagement is an essential step in progressing schemes - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) are planning a national cycle link but this is at the early stages - The NTA are providing a high level of funding and resources for active travel measures



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4.0	<p><u>Presentation from Caroline Corrigan – Winter Gritting Plan 2022/2023</u></p> <p>C Corrigan made a presentation on the Winter Gritting Plan 2022/2023</p> <p>Following the presentation, the members noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation was very comprehensive and informative- Privatisation – has this been looked at and might the council have sought a price comparison lately- Has the addition of extra routes been looked at or the inclusion of additional villages or the acquisition of additional vehicles?- Could roads on County boundary be prioritised in line with neighbouring LA winter gritting routes- Where does the council get the salt supplies and is there a contingency plan in respect of salt supplies. Does the Council currently have adequate capacity for storing salt?- How do you see de-carbonising working with the fleet of trucks – go greener? <p>Council officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Decision was made previously by the SPC to ensure all Regional Roads were included in the Winter Maintenance plan. We are continuing this for the season ahead.- How we operate as a Council, using same plant and driver, is a very complicated matrix. However, the MCC staff providing the service are very reliable. It might not be the same if contractors were involved.- Some funding is received from DoT & TII, the remainder must be provided from Own resources- If we were to increase the Own resources element of the budget for this, we would have to choose other services to stop/curtail- In the past it has been difficult to capture the true cost of gritting but we have worked on this for the season ahead- De-Carbonisation is a very big challenge when it comes to the management of the fleet- We replenish our salt supplies from stores in Dundalk and Balbriggan, which are very accessible. Our own salt barn is kept up to the correct stock level at all times- Fuel costs – have increased greatly from last year, this is out of our control but must be factored in for the coming season <p>Following discussion the member agreed to the continuation of the 2022 plan for 2022/2023 winter season.</p>



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5.0	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Notice of Motion referred to SPC for consideration</u></p> <p><i>'I call on Meath County Council to implement county wide criteria for installing safety ramps in our housing estates as we deal with increasing calls for these measures'</i></p> <p>The Motion was proposed by Cllr. P McCabe (on behalf of Cllr Wayne Harding) and seconded by Cllr. S Tolan and agreed.</p> <p>Following a presentation from P. Phelan, Transportation Section, the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A proposed MCC policy for dealing with requests for traffic calming in housing estates will be drafted based on the presentation and agreement of the SPC, which will follow these steps: - Requests to be forwarded to MCC Transportation - Check if estate is in the charge of MCC - Check if Estate is currently included in 30 km/h Bye-Law. - If estate not included in current 30 km/h Bye-Law add estate to schedule for next Bye-Law update. - Carry out speed survey within estate if recent survey data not already available. - If recorded speeds above expected level, or there is a collision history issue, estate will be added to schedule of estates for consideration re potential traffic calming, subject to available funding. - This policy will then be brought to the SPC for adoption
6.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>The members raised the following issue:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress update on the Boyne Greenway and why the preferred route isn't known - Hedge Cutting Notices and landowners refusal to act on same - Local Improvement Scheme – the Departments late notification of additional funding <p>The Council officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current documentation on the Greenway is in draft and being examined by TII who have a number of technical queries which the consultants are working on. - In the main, MCC does get compliance in relation to hedge cutting notices that are issued. We can look at some of the individual issues raised MCC can arrange for the hedges to be cut and invoice the landowner. - A recent workshop was held with the Department in relation to the LIS Scheme and the issue of late notification of funding was raised. The Round 2 funding received in 2022 will however be fully utilised



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	<p><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</u></p> <p>Continue with existing Winter Gritting plan</p>