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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 31st March, 2022, Council Chamber, CoHall, Navan at 3.30 pm

Attendees – (Councillors): Cllrs T Golden, P Meade, N French, P McCabe, S Tolan, W Harding, A Smith

Apologies: Cllr. G O'Connor

Attendees – (Sectoral Representatives): G Clarke, A Watson, D Hughes

(Officials): M Murray, N Whyatt, J McGrath, G Murphy, C Corrigan, M Farrell, L Sherrock

| Item | Discussion / Action |
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| 1.0 | <p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th October 2021 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Noel French and seconded by Cllr Paul McCabe.</p> |
| 2.0 | <p><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u></p> <p>Cllr Noel French queried how much winter maintenance (gritting) has been done in the season to date and whether savings were made?</p> <p>Mgt responded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 48 Salting runs completed, there was one double run due to the severe weather conditions. - Some call outs were late (after midnight) so from H&S this can have implications on the following morning start times for the drivers. - Full costing would not yet be available, but this can be brought to a meeting later this year. Current budget is to run to December. MCC are moving to record all direct and indirect costs involved with the Winter Maintenance programme, so that a true picture of the impact on resources can be established. - From operation and driver feedback, Transportation Section is not aware of any issues |
| 3.0 | <p><u>Presentation from Flexibus – Local Link</u></p> <p>M McKenna made a presentation on the Flexibus – Local Link. She specifically requested that if the committee had any new locations/service suggestions, that they bring them to her attention</p> <p>Following the presentation, the Members noted the following;</p> |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanked Flexibus for the very successful service they provide throughout the County. - Noted that the service from Windtown to the Beaufort secondary school has school attendance up by 65% - Cllr. French advised that the focus is providing a service for the rural community and as having served on the Board of Flexibus can be contacted for any queries. |
| <p>4.0</p> | <p><u>Schedule of works for School Safety Programme 2022</u></p> <p>N Whyatt made a presentation on the Schedule of works for School Safety Programme 2022.</p> <p>In March 2021 the Safe Routes to School programme was announced. This programme is being run by Green-Schools and the NTA. The focus of the programme is on safety at the school gates, improving walking and cycling routes to school as well as providing cycle parking</p> <p>Following the presentation, the members raised the following issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledged that there is a lot of work being carry out under this scheme. - Pointed out that there is little on the current programme for the Laytown/Bettystown MD. Many schools in the area are not included in this scheme and what could be done differently to have these schools included. - How far out from the school can footpaths/cycleways be provided, i.e. Eastham Road, footpath in need of up grading. - Are Secondary schools included and safe access to bus stops. - Some Municipal Districts would require speed activation signage and not stationary signage. - Is it intended to have this as a regular item included in the budget. <p>Council officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is likely that this will be an annual budget item. - Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme outlines the criteria on works to be undertaken in and around the individual schools. - The current assessment of works to be carried out was based on area of high risk and concern. - Members should liaise with schools Principals in their area to encourage them to apply for the scheme, which can instigate future funding. - The vast majority of projects are a retro-fitting issue and therefore not always easy to complete. - Secondary Schools are included under this scheme. - Once the list of measures is drafted, this can be communicated to the Councillors. |



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| <p>5.0</p> | <p><u>Cycle Network Plan for Co. Meath</u></p> <p>N Whyatt made a presentation on the Cycle Network Plan for Co. Meath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meath County Cycle Network Plans are documented in the following publications<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NTA – GDA Cycle Network Plan• Meath County Council – County Development Plan• Local Area Plans, including Local Transport Studies- On review, the three documents could be merged into one document for public display <p>Following the presentation, the Members noted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The possibility of having a County Cycle Plan and providing approved safety measures that are sustainable.- The new cycle way from Balbriggan that stops at Gormanstown – could Meath County Council look at including this cycle way into Co. Meath Plan. |
| | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The members raised the following issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tenders for the Roads Work Programme- Parking Byelaws have not been reviewed in a few years- Delivery of Bus Shelters – members of the public are not consulted with.- Road Opening Licences – condition roads are left in, traffic light management, construction staff- The members of the SPC Committee wished Jimmy Young the very best in his retirement. <p>The Council officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tenders are due within the next few weeks, going on other tender received in adjoining LA's we could be looking at 30% increase. It is the Council's intention to deliver the programme,- A review of the Parking Byelaws is currently under consideration- Bus Shelters – the Council has to deliver a programme of works and work with the NTA, only where planning is required, members of the public are consulted with.- The Council cannot be there to supervise all works. Road Opening Licences have strict conditions and if there are specific issues, contact our Senior Executive Engineer in the Transportation Section.- |



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| | <p><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</u></p> <p>No recommendations</p> |
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