



## Miontuairiscí/Meeting Minutes

### **Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Swift Room, Buvinda House, Dublin Rd, Navan at 2.30 pm**

**Attendees –  
(Councillors):** Cllrs G O’Connor, A. Smith, W. Harding, P Meade, P Mc Cabe,

Cllr S Tolan Via Teams, Cllr Golden arrived following Trim MD meeting

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. N French

**(Officials):** M Murray, Director Of Service (MM), C Corrigan, Senior Engineer (CC), N Wyatt, Senior Engineer (NW) K Foyle, Senior Executive Officer (KF), B Murphy, Administrative Officer(BM) U McNamara, Administrative Officer (UMcN)

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P Meade and seconded by Cllr A Smith.</p>
2.0	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u></b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.0	<p><b><u>Schedule of SPC Meetings 2023 to be agreed;</u></b></p> <p>A discussion on the meeting schedule ensued.</p> <p>MM stated that the proposed meeting schedule will capture all items that need to be discussed.</p> <p>G Clarke asked that the time also be set, it was agreed by all that all meetings would commence at 2.30pm</p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr Tolan seconded by Cllr Smith the meeting schedule was approved as follows;</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2.30pm 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2.30pm</p>



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**4.0**

**Presentation from Caroline Corrigan-Regional and Local road Climate Strategy;**

*C Corrigan* gave the presentation and highlighted that Data forms a key factor in our inputs and outputs, and the Councils Climate Action Plan needs to be adopted by February 2024.

Following the presentation, the following matters were raised;

*Cllr P McCabe*, commended all for the work around Dalgan Park and asked were there any other plans on hand for use of reclaimed asphalt. He asked what is the cost of the 10 HVO vehicles and queried was Low Temperature Road markings?

*G. Clarke*, commented on the stability of the road works stating one aspect is the workmanship that goes into a scheme, he stated that there are a number of areas where asphalt has deteriorated quickly and asked whether there was adequate supervision over contractors.

*A. Watson*, asked what us the process for adding new services when roads are being constructed?

*C Corrigan responded as follows:*

There is no cost to change vehicles, fuel can go straight into them, the fuel cost is 10c per litre more but there is a 90% reduction on emissions.

Low temperature road markings are the marking of roads using a lower temperature method, downside roads may have to close or have traffic restriction in place while this occurs, presently they are done using high temperature system with roads being driven on straight away and very little disruption to traffic.

Other sites have been identified for re-use of asphalt once all data is collated.

Disagreed with Geoff's comments and advised that contractors are full briefed in advance of any works commencing. The Council has a high level of procurement procedures which in turn ensure a high level of supervision.

Any new roads ensure that new services are provided for.

*M Murray* outlined that there is much more collaboration with Utility provided in advance of works commencing

*Cllr Tolan* asked do we have to wait for the new census date before the electric vehicle strategy and ev points can be produced?

How are we going to manage safety v's emissions.

*Cllr Connor* Asked do we liaise with other Local authorities when upgrading routes that run from one county to another, and asked what was Sylvan Planting?



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	<p><i>Cllr Meade</i> Asked will services be cut because of Climate Action Policy?</p> <p><i>A Watson</i> asked do we have different rules with regard to roundabout vis a vis signage compared to other countries?</p> <p><i>M Murray</i> outlined that Ireland have signed up for Climate Action change and as a Local Authority Meath County Council must play its part. He highlighted that certain actions will be tailored to suit strategic infrastructure projects.</p> <p>He highlighted the Roads Signs Manual as the document that is followed with regard to signage on roundabouts.</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Presentation from Nicholas Wyatt -Rapid Build Active Travel Facilities</u></b></p> <p><i>N Wyatt</i> made the presentation.</p> <p><i>M Murray outlined</i> the National Policy and effectively the NTA are asking that you try to implement a Rapid Build as first option.</p> <p><i>G Clarke</i> asked does it extend to footpaths?</p> <p>A general discussion ensued on re-use of footpaths.</p> <p><i>Cllr McCabe</i> Asked what projects are in mind?</p> <p><i>N Wyatt</i> Stated we are looking at all walking and cycling networks in Dunboyne at present. A full report is being produced and will incorporate Traditional Methods with Rapid Build. The NTA will determine where Rapid Build is most appropriate.</p> <p><i>Cllr Tolan</i> Asked who has the final call? She stated that cheaper is not always better and is it a way of avoiding objections and queried do we need to re-visit previous reports?</p> <p><i>Cllr Smith</i> asked is it for smaller areas and are we going to bring to rural areas ?</p> <p><i>M Murray</i> stated that it was more for urban areas. The NTA are requesting that the Council use this tool prior to looking at the traditional methods. The Council have to ensure that citizens will use the facilities and will be safe while doing so.</p> <p><i>A Watson</i> asked what the minimum width is for a carriageway?</p>



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	<p><i>N Wyatt DMAR</i> determines that a rule of thumb the carriage way should be a minimum of 6 metres wide.</p> <p><i>Cllr Tolan</i> Does the Rapid Build Process eliminate the requirement for a PART VIII</p> <p><i>M Murray</i> stated that in the main yes but any road would have to have appropriate assessment to ensure RAPID BUILD was a feasible option.</p>
<p><b>6.0.</b></p>	<p><b>Greenway Policy – Notice of Motion Referral from Ratoath MD</b></p> <p><i>“I call on Meath County Council to explore the feasibility of developing a greenway from Kilmessan and Dunsany to Dunshaughlin village.”</i></p> <p><i>Response “Meetings Administrator</i> advised that it’s too premature writing to Lord Dunsany as there is no specific policy supporting a greenway and she suggested that it be referred to the SPC for consideration.”</p> <p><i>Cllr G. Connor</i> outlined the rationale for the notice of motion that has been discussed the Ratoath MD</p> <p><i>Cllr A. Smith</i> stated there is a need for a policy on greenways.</p> <p><i>Cllr P. Mc Cabe</i> echoed Cllr Smiths statement and need for a County Policy</p> <p>A general discussion took place on the matter <i>N Wyatt</i> stated the current objective in the development plan only focused on Regional and National Roads.</p> <p><i>Cllr Connor</i> stated it would be best awaiting the outcome of the variation of the development plan before considering the matter.</p>
<p><b>7.0</b></p>	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p><i>A. Watson</i> stated he previously enquired about cycling policies and that he was informed that they would be brought together and brought to the SPC.</p> <p><i>M Murray &amp; N Wyatt</i> replied that policies are being collated at present and as soon as they are available, they would be brought before the committee.</p> <p><i>G. Clarke</i> asked whether there was any update on the Boyne Greenway</p> <p><i>M, Murray Director of Service</i> replied that TII are looking at the flood risk analysis on a defined preferred route.</p> <p><i>Cllr McCabe</i> asked about a High Velocity Patcher Machine that an adjoining Local Authority have</p>



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	<p>purchased and wondered if consideration could be give for Meath Co Co to purchase a similar machine.</p> <p><i>C Corrigan Senior Engineer</i> replied that it is not as straight forward to just acquire the machine there are other issued such as training, staffing and IR issues that would need to be looked into prior to consider same.</p>
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