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Environment and Emergency Services SPC

Thursday 21st April 2016 in Board Room, Innovation House, Navan

Resumption of meeting adjourned from the 31st March 2016

**Attendees -
Councillors:**

- Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair)
- Cllr. Joe Bonner
- Cllr Francis Deane
- Cllr. Eimear Ferguson
- Cllr. Wayne Forde
- Cllr. Claire O'Driscoll
- Cllr. Sharon Tolan

Apologies:

- Cllr. Michael Gallagher
- Cllr. Suzanne Jamal
- Cllr. Wayne Harding

**Attendees -
Sectoral
Representatives:**

- Ms Karen Mahon
- Mr. Tommy Rogers
- Mr. Val Reilly

Apologies:

- Mr. Bill Sweeney
- Mr Seamus McGee



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Officials

- Kevin Stewart, Director of Services
- Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer
- Pdraig O'Longaigh, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer
- . Éanna Ó Conghaile, Assistant Chief Fire Officer
- Fiona Fallon, Senior Executive Engineer
- . Caroline Corrigan ,Senior Executive Engineer
- Grainne Tuomey, Staff Officer
- Bernadine Carey, Senior Staff Officer

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>Clr. Tommy Reilly Chair – opened the meeting and advised minutes had been previously adopted at last minute which was cut short.</p>
2.	<p>Lobbying Act</p> <p>Larry Whelan advised that clarification had been provided regarding the Lobbying Act and that only the name and organisation of Sectoral Reps needed to be put up online.</p>
3.	<p>Fire Service</p> <p>Barry Quinn presented a report on initiatives undertaken with regard to Fire Safety in</p>



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	<p>Traveller Accommodation and advised of vastly improved relations between the travelling community and the fire service.</p> <p>In response to questions raised by the Members it was confirmed that the presentation was also to be made to the Housing SPC and in respect of housekeeping issues that electrical issues were all resolved and residents had been advised on proper fuel storage.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that the Tenancy Agreements pertaining to individual properties set out responsibilities in terms of measures to eliminate and reduce risks of fire within the accommodation.</p> <p>Dermot Brannigan gave an update on the Fire Station Capital works programme and advised of planned works during the 5 year programme.</p>
4.	<p>Propose Remediation of Unauthorised Landfill at Tymoole Rathfeigh.</p> <p>Caroline Corrigan gave a presentation on proposed remediation of a landfill site at Tymoole, Rathfeigh, including costs and potential impact to residents. Questioning arising included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The number of local residents effected- The final destination of the waste to be removed the route to be used and proposals for road restoration- The likely effect on the adjoining stream and proposal for buffer zones.- The timeframe and cost of remediation and if such costs represents an indicator of cost for the remediation of other sites – the status on investigations of waste arising from the R158 Roads project also raised. <p>Officials in response confirmed that funding to a maximum of €6m had been committed by the Dept and this was tied in to current High Court proceedings as well as part of Irelands Inc obligations arising from an under EU waste legislation and in order to comply with deliverables under decision ECJ C494/01 to</p>



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	<p>remediate such sites. Also confirmed expected that remediation will start in Q3 2016 and with 6-9months and waste to be removed to Knockharley landfill. A PR campaign to be initiated and with particular consultation with the occupants of 14 nearby houses. The contract tender documents will include for safety measures to be out in place in respect of the stream. Traffic arising from the project will be required to avoid going through Duleek. Road restoration works to be carried out on the road leading up to the site.</p>
5.	<p>Litter Management Plan – Navan Litter Project</p> <p>Bernadine Carry gave a presentation on a new Litter Initiative for Navan Municipal District including efforts to engage community in Navan. Members welcomed the initiative in Navan and points raised in the discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General satisfaction with the participation levels in the first clean up day on the 1ST April and including community, business Councillors and Staff from Meath County Council- The widespread community participation in Longford generally considered to be the main factor in the town being awarded first place in the IBAL competition and including a very active Tidy Town Group- Kilcarn Bridge which is to be renovated by Transportation can be included in the litter initiative- Karen Mahon outlined the details of a can crusher initiative that had received LA 21 Funding and which is being trialled in Tayto Park and Trim Schools,- Suggested that elected members become actively involved in such initiatives and noting the success of such participation in Beach Clean ups- also suggested that Local heroes group may become actively involved.
6.	<p>Pay By Weight</p>



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Larry Whelan gave an update on the introduction of Pay by Weight of Household Waste which is being introduced from the 1st July 2016 and outlined the minimum costs which collectors cannot go below as per new Regulations. In response to questions raised it was confirmed that :

- The Councils role will be to ensure that the Collectors are complying with the new Regulations which provide a fixed penalty system for non-compliance however no new staff has been assigned for this purpose.
- That the onus will be on the Collectors to offer the 3 bin service to their Customers
- That the roll out of Brown Bins throughout the County had been disappointingly low despite widespread education and awareness campaigns being initiated by the Council - -also confirmed that a National Education and Awareness campaign in respect of Pay By Weight to be introduced shortly.
- Suggested that new pricing structures will result in increase of the number of Brown Bins with people paying considerably more if they put e.g. food waste or recycling material into the residual bin.
- That a one year lead in period has been in operation since the 1st July 2015 and affording householders the opportunity monitor the weight of waste being put out for collection and for which they will be paying for from the 1st July 2016.
- Confirmed that Waste Collection permit conditions do contain conditions designed to stop the spillage of waste from Ships travelling on main roads.
- Confirmed that weighing equipment on Lorries are subject to calibration by the metrology office similar to taxis and petrol pump



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7.	River Basin Management Planning Fiona Fallon gave a presentation on the preparation of the second phase of River Basin Management Plans which is being developed in accordance with a new 3 Tier Structure set out in the European Union (Water Policy) Regulations 2014 and where specific roles are allocated to Local Authorities, the EPA and the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government. Questions arising were answered by Officials.
8.	Preparation of Draft Policy for Abandoned Cars Gráinne Tuomey presented a report on this matter which was noted by the Members and recognising the ever increasing frequency within which cars are now being abandoned and particularly along the coastal area. It was agreed that the preparation of any such policy should include consultation with the Gardai. It was suggested that CCTV may be required to monitor certain areas which are subject to continual abandonment and where such technology can be facilitated.
9.	Update on Burial Grounds. Officials indicated that Derrockstown Burial Ground was opened in early March and that searches for suitable sites for replacement burial grounds to service Dunboyne & Stamullen is ongoing. While noting calls for the provision of a crematorium facility it was confirmed that as an interim step consideration would be given to the provision of a columbarium wall and an area for plaques for cremated persons.

AOB

1. Concerns about the practical implementation of a recent Notice of Motion to ban dangerous breeds from housing estates and public areas in Meath – agreed that national legislation is already in place regarding dangerous breeds and same is also covered in the Council Parks & Playgrounds Bye Laws.



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2. While noting the recent adoption of the Climate and Air Action Bill the need for a Renewable Energy Strategy was stressed. – subject to resources this strategy to be prepared.
3. Confirmed that Consultants have now been appointed to examine the Slipway locations
4. Suggestion that materials are being left behind following completion of roadwork's.
5. Concerns expressed about the spreading of chicken litter in Cairn Hill area of Johnstown- confirmed that same is being spread within spreading season and Council have no controls on it.
6. Update on Old Mill Julianstown – development proposals by the owners noted and we await submission of a planning application and the accompanying Flood Risk Assessment – it was confirmed that the Council would not be in a position to purchase this property.

This concluded the business of the Meeting – next meeting to be held in June on date to be agreed