



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### Environment and Emergency Services SPC

14<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Training Room, Buvinda House

**Attendees - Councillors:** Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair), Cllr. Joe Bonner , Cllr. Eimear Ferguson, Cllr Wayne Forde, Cllr Michael Gallagher, Cllr Wayne Harding , Cllr. Claire O’Driscoll

**Apologies:**

Cllr Sharon Tolan,

**Attendees - Sectoral Representatives:** Mr. Tommy Rogers, Ms Karen Mahon

**Apologies:**

Mr. Bill Sweeney,

**Officials:** Mr. Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Jarlath Flanagan , Administrative Officer, Ms Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer,

**Apologies:**

Mr. Kevin Stewart, Director of Services

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Eimear Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Tommy Rogers</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Chief Executives Report –relating to Environment</u></b></p> <p>The contents of the report was noted by the members</p>
3.	<p><b><u>To receive a presentation on the findings of a survey commissioned by Meath PPN and carried out by REDC Research and Marketing in respect of illegal waste deposition in Co Meath</u></b></p> <p>Karen Mahon made a presentation on research carried out on the prevalence of illegal waste deposition in Co. Meath. Meath PPN commissioned REDC Research and Marketing to better understand this issue and its impact on local communities. The research seeks to gain an insight into the prevalence of this activity in Meath and the opinions of key community stakeholders. This research also provides an opportunity for participants to recommend actions that may help to improve the situation.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The members welcomed the work carried out by the Meath PPN</li> <li>Larry Whelan welcomed the publication and looked forward to implementing some of the keying findings where resources and funding permit. He advised the meeting that the EPA had ranked Meath County Council as performing to an excellent standard in a recent league table on environmental performance.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><u>National Municipal Waste Projections 2018-2021 &amp; Update on 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larry Whelan advised the Members of the findings of a report published by the Regional Waste Management Plan Offices and highlighted in particular the very tight infrastructural capacity situation for accommodating Municipal Waste for the remainder of 2017 and for the period 2018-2021 but subject to the Waste to Energy Facility at Poolbeg operating to schedule it is hoped to avoid a repeat of the Section 56 activation process which happened at the end of 2016.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><u>To receive an update on remediation proposals for the Tymoole Landfill Site</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caroline Corrigan advised the Members that a preferred tenderer had been identified and whose quotation would last until the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 but we are still within the standstill period for unsuccessful tenderers to question the result. She also advised of the proposal to engage in a PR campaign in respect of the proposed remediation and particular engagement with local residents.</li> <li>In response to queries regarding the final destination of the excavated material she advised that while the contractor had identified Knockharley as one of three possible landfills to accommodate same there is an 88,000 planning permission restriction on waste intake to this site and any deviation from this would require activation of the Section 56 process to alleviate an environmental risk.</li> <li>Larry Whelan advised that the remediation works were subject to grant funding by the Department.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><u>Policy announcement –Household Waste Collection Arrangements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of the policy announcement had been circulated to the Members and in the discussion that followed issues raised included –fears of price increase, roll out of brown bins in rural areas, incentives for composting</li> <li>Caroline Corrigan advised that the Council has carried out waste awareness days at the Recycling Centres and further such events would be held</li> </ul>
7.	<p><u>To receive an update on Local Agenda 21 applications and Phase 2 of the Anti Dumping Grant Initiative.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larry Whelan provided the members with an update and including confirmation that a total of 55 applications had been received under the scheme which is the</li> </ul>



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	<p>subject of grant funding of €18,050 and matched by a similar sum from the Councils own resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Larry Whelan advised that three applications were approved under Phase 1 of the Anti Dumping Initiative Grant Scheme and that two further applications have been submitted under Phase 2 to the Waste Enforcement Office for assessment and approval.</li></ul>
8.	<p><u>To receive details of projects (Food Waste &amp; Repair Directory) which have been allocated funding under the Local Authority Prevention (LAPN) scheme in 2017.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Larry Whelan outlined the details of both schemes to the Members.</li></ul>
9.	<p><u>To receive updates on the Beach Management Plan preparation and the River Boyne/Blackwater Slipways projects.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Larry Whelan provided the members with an update:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beach Management Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Draft Beach Mgt Plan published on 7<sup>th</sup> July</li><li>28 Submission are currently under examination</li><li>A report will be prepared for the Laytown-Bettystown MD &amp; the Beach Mgt Committee.</li></ul></li><li>River Boyne Slipways<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Previous slipways had been constructed on an adhoc basis</li><li>A natura impact statement is required to be completed (SAC) for submission to An Bord Pleanala</li><li>This will regulate the process</li><li>Karen Mahon noted that issues associated with slipways had been raised at the Meath PPN.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
10.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A vote of sympathy was passed by the members following the death of Thomas Whelan , brother of Larry Whelan</li></ul>