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Environment and Emergency Services SPC

27th September, 2017, Council Chamber, County Hall, Navan

Attendees - Councillors: Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair), Cllr Francis Deane, Cllr. Wayne Forde,, Cllr. Joe Bonner, Cllr Suzanne Jamal, Cllr. Eimear Ferguson, Cllr. Sharon Tolan, Cllr Alan Tobin, Cllr Jim Holloway.

Apologies: none

Attendees - Sectoral Representatives: Mr. Tommy Rogers & Ms Karen Mahon
Apologies: Mr Bill Sweeney

Officials: Mr. Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, Mr. Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, , Ms Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer, Frances Hughes, Staff Officer, Emmett Conboy, Executive Chemist, Mr Finbar Quigley, Environment Technician.

Apologies: Mr Jarlath Flanagan.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th July, 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Eimear Ferguson, seconded by Mr Tommy Rogers.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
3.	<p><u>To receive a copy of the Chief Executives Report as it relates to Environment and Emergency Services</u></p> <p>No items raised.</p>
4.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on the Tymoole Landfill Remediation Project</u></p> <p>Larry Whelan (LW) indicated at the outset that an invitation had been extended to all council members in respect of the agenda items relating to the Tymoole Landfill</p>



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	<p>Remediation Project and suggested that due to its location, the impact of the project may be of particular interest to the councilors in Ashbourne, Laytown/Bettystown and Navan Municipal District members.</p> <p>Caroline Corrigan (CC) Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation to the members on the project, the following issues were raised by the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic impact on the N2 and Local Roads associated with the project as well as re-surfacing works, speed limits applying • Problems of odours and smells both at Tymoole and Knockharley. Trucks being covered, vermin and rodents controls, the use of hawks as deterrents. • Concerns about water pollution & public health. • The need for appropriate communication of the project to media and directly informed stakeholders. • Arrangements were hazardous materials discovered during remediation. • Timing of the works. • Contingency plans where spillages or accidents occur from trucks. • Landfill cover arrangements. • Proceedings associated with the unauthorised landfill and the existence of similar sites in the county. • The length waste is in situ. <p>CC & LW in responding to the issues raised outlined the history to the site and including details of the Court proceedings which have been ongoing for a number of years. They also confirmed that the contract for the remediation project makes provision to address the above mentioned concerns including extensive consultation with the local community, health and safety abatement measures, odour abatement, damage to public roads and arrangements being made to have the waste removed to the nearby Knockharley Landfill in accordance with a Section 56 provision which is being invoked.</p> <p>The members acknowledged the work done by staff in relation to the Tymoole Remediation Works.</p>
5.	<p><u>Receive a presentation on priority projects on Water Bodies within County Meath which will be included in the River Basin Management Plan when adopted.</u></p> <p>David Keyes gave presentation on the item, the members raised the following:</p> <p>DK gave details of the public consultation initiatives on the draft RBMP organized with</p>



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	<p>communities and other stakeholders and organized by the Local Authorities Water and Communities Office (LAWCO) and supplemented by Meath City Council engagement with the Council members and the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee.</p> <p>He outlined details of the characterization and prioritization assessment which was carried out on all the water bodies within Ireland and a selected number of water bodies were chosen as priority areas for action to be included within the RBMP.</p> <p>In Meath, there are 8 no. 'Recommended Priority Waterbodies for Action' which were identified following the assessment of all available scientific and technical data from the relevant agencies and also using local knowledge.</p> <p>He advised that as part of further consultation an information session to provide feedback on the 8 selected 'Areas for Action' is being organized for the 19th October comprising of a briefing session for Public Representatives in the morning and a public session in the afternoon.</p> <p>The Members welcomed the presentation and issues raised included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing the issue of the water quality near quarry's etc. • The water quality in Lower Nanny and its impact on our Bathing waters.
6.	<p>To consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Climate Action Plan, Renewable Energy Strategy for Meath.- CC advised that Consultants are currently finalizing a draft Climate Change Strategy to be incorporated into the draft County Development Plan – she also confirmed that a presentation will be made to the next SPC meeting in respect of the draft strategy. ii. Strategy for tree management in public areas. Hedge cutting enforcement (As requested by Environmental Pillar) <p>LW circulated details of current policies in these areas as contained within the County Development Plan and advised that a new draft plan will be published in the coming months and to which individuals and organizations can make submissions or observations to. He also outlined details of arrangements relating to hedge cutting which is administered by the Municipal District Offices.</p>



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7.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The members asked for clarification of the procedure for Derelict Sites in County Meath. LW advised the members of the Council efforts to deal with derelict sites within the resources available in accordance with the relevant legislation and indicated that in all cases engagement is made with the owners as an initial step to have measures taken to ensure sites do not continue to be derelict and without going the formal route of notices etc. He confirmed that this was the approach taken in respect of the Old Mill Site in Julianstown but a statutory notice was recently served specifying measures to be undertaken within a defined time period. He further confirmed that a meeting was recently held with the owners of this property and their representatives and undertakings given that a planning application would be submitted in the coming months and where the development involved would serve to address the dereliction issue.</p>