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Environment and Emergency Services SPC

28th October 2016 in Board Room, Innovation House, Navan

Resumption of meeting adjourned from Thursday 29th September

Attendees -Councillors:

- Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair): Cllr. Joe Bonner : Cllr Francis Deane : Cllr. Eimear Ferguson : Cllr. Wayne Forde : Cllr. Michael Gallagher : Cllr. Claire O'Driscoll : Cllr. Sharon Tolan
- Apologies: Cllr. Suzanne Jamal : Cllr. Wayne Harding

Sectoral Representatives:

- Ms Karen Mahon : Mr. Tommy Rogers : Mr Seamus McGee : Mr. Bill Sweeney : Mr. Peter Farrelly
- Sean Morris NFLA (Guest)

Officials:

- Mr. Kevin Stewart, Director of Services : Mr. Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer : Mr. Dermot Brannigan, Chief Fire Officer : Mr. David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer : Ms. Caroline Corrigan ,Senior Executive Engineer : Ms Grainne Tuomey, Staff Officer : Ms. Bernadine Carry, Senior Staff Officer : Mr Finbar Quigley, Environmental Technician : Mr. Jarlath Flanagan, Administrative Officer

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st July 2016 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Sharon Tolan , seconded by Cllr Eimear Ferguson.</p>
2.	<p>To receive a presentation from Mr. Sean Morris, Secretary of the UK & Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) : as agreed at the July meeting.</p> <p>Mr Sean Morris the Secretary of the UK & Irish NFLA provided a very detailed presentation outlining the work of the NFLA and the benefit of membership. He noted the NFLA was the primary voice in Local Government in the UK and Ireland for interacting and influencing the national and international nuclear policy. He advised that Fingal, Louth, Galway, Wexford, Newry,Mourne and Down Council were members of the associations. Annual membership fee were €1,258.</p> <p>The Members of the SPC proposed that a recommendation be put to the full council providing for Meath County Council to join the NFLA Association.</p>



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3.	<p>To receive a presentation in respect of the Waste Management (Registration of Sewage Sludge Facility) Regulations 2010 for the storage and spreading of Sewage Sludge.</p> <p>David Keyes & Finbar Quigley provided the members with a comprehensive report on the Council's procedures in relation to the management of storage and spreading of Sewage Sludge.</p> <p>A number of the Members raised concerns in relation to odours from spreading in the Laytown Bettystown earlier in the year.</p> <p>Larry Whelan advised that a motion in relation to this matter was referred from the October Full Council meeting to the Environment SPC (refer to item 7)</p>
4.	<p>To receive a presentation on progress relating to Objectives and Actions contained in the Litter Management Plan 2015-2017.</p> <p>Bernadine Carry provided an update on progress. The members noted issues in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean ups at the beach.• Recycling of mattresses.• Planting & removal of trees.• Engaging with the public to arrange organised bonfires
5.	<p>To consider a draft policy document in respect of dealing with abandoned cars and other</p> <p>Grainne Tuomey provided a comprehensive report outlining the proposed procedures.</p> <p>Larry Whelan advised that the draft policy was issued to the Gardai for their comments and it was planned to meet them in the coming weeks. The matter was also subject to discussions at the JPC meetings. It was agreed to revert with update at the next SPC meeting.</p>
6.	<p>To receive a report and update from the Fire Service on Training Policy and Capital Works.</p> <p>Dermot Brannigan provided a detailed report.</p>
7.	<p>To consider a Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Tom Kelly to the October Council meeting:</p> <p>“That Meath Co. Council prohibits spreading of slurry and sludge and all deleterious substances on land within 30Km of coastal areas of Meath.”</p> <p>LW advised the Members that this matter was the subject of considerable discussion at the October County Council meeting and when the legal provisions and protocols covering such activities were outlined. Notwithstanding the legal entitlements of operators, landowners etc to engage in such activity it pointed out that the prohibition of spreading over such distances would be extremely difficult to enforce and that the motives behind the motion to protect water sources can be adequately dealt with through the Nutrient Management Plan application process and where conditions can be imposed in ensuring that adequate</p>



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	<p>buffer zones etc are put in place to protect such supplies.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that Irish Water have commenced development of A Sludge Management Strategy to deal with sludge arising from all Waste Water Treatment Plants now under their control and such a strategy would deal with the treatment of sludge and the reduction of smells /odours there from.</p> <p>The Members accepted the position.</p>
8.	<p>To consider a Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Francis Deane to the Navan Municipal District meeting:</p> <p>That Navan Municipal District, while the Healthy Town initiative is ongoing, will introduce a ‘NO SMOKING’ ban in the children's playgrounds at Blackwater Park and Boreen Keel.”</p> <p>LW advised that the Councils Parks and Playground Bye Laws 2014 already includes a prohibition on smoking at these facilities and while signage had been put up at a number of locations to this effect, it was agreed to examine the adequacy of same in Blackwater Park and Boreen Keel and improve where necessary.</p>
9.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Hazardous Waste Collection Day• Display of Draft Flood Risk Management Plans for the Easter Catchment Flood Risk Management Area (ECFRAM)• Update on Meath Environment Network and PPN – Issues Register• Update from the Meath Environment Network - Policy on renewable energy for the county.• National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme 2017-2022• To receive a copy of the Chief Executive’s report as it relates to Environment and Emergency Services.
10.	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr O’Driscoll raised the issue of costs associated with DWWTS and Private Wells. She recommended that tax allowances should be allowed for the costs.• Cllr Tolan raised the issue of the Old Mill Site in Julianstown• Peter Farrelly requested earlier engagement with landowners in relation to hedges and dangerous trees.