



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

13<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Council Library, Navan

**Attendees –**

**Councillors (SPC committee) :**

Cllr. Eugene Cassidy (Chairperson), Cllr. Seán Drew, Cllr. Enda Flynn, Cllr. Johnny Guirke, Cllr. Paddy Meade, Cllr. Gerry O’ Connor, Cllr. David Gilroy, Cllr Sean Smith

**Apologies:** Cllr Jim Holloway, Cllr Bryan Reilly

**Other Councillors:**

Cllr Wayne Harding, Cllr Sharon Keogan, Cllr Wayne Forde.

**Attendees -**

**Sectoral**

Ben Bailey, Community

**Representatives:**

**Apologies:** Suzanne Brady, Environment

**Officials:**

Barry Lynch, Des Foley, Nicholas Whyatt, John McGrath, Alan Rogers, Andrew Bagnall, Catherina O’Rourke, Jimmy Young

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were approved on the proposal of Cllr Gerry O’Connor &amp; seconded by Cllr Enda Flynn.</p>
2.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Parking Standards at Schools</b> The differences in Parking Standards at schools as outlined by the Dept of Education and Skills and in the Meath County Development Plan were highlighted. It was noted that the Strategic Issues Paper is due to be published on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 and that the differences in parking standards is to be raised with the Department as part of the stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>A welcome was extended to Ben Bailey, the Public Participation Network (PPN) representative from the Community pillar and to Catherina O’Rourke the PPN Support Officer.</p> <p>It was noted that Barry Lynch, Director of Services was leaving Transportation and being replaced by Des Foley on 1<sup>st</sup> November and the meeting extended gratitude to Barry for his work in the Transportation Department and welcomed Des.</p>
3.	<p><b>N2 Corridor</b></p> <p>Noted that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) had invited a delegation to meet with them to discuss significant national road issues of concern to the Council primarily about the N2. Following a discussion it was agreed that the following Members would represent the Council at the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Eugene Cassidy, Cllr Paddy Meade, Cllr Alan Tobin, Cllr Wayne Harding, Cllr Clare O’Driscoll, Cllr Nick Killian, Cllr Sharon Keogan, Cllr Michael Gallagher, Cllr Eimear Ferguson.</p> <p>It was agreed that a date would be sought for the meeting and what format the meeting will take. It was also agreed that a briefing note would be prepared for the representatives that will attend the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><b>County Meath Boundary Signage</b></p> <p>An estimate for the cost of providing County Boundary Signage was prepared. This signage relates to</p>



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	Regional Roads without county boundary signage & the environs of settlements, on the Kildare & Dublin Borders including Kilcock, Enfield, Maynooth and Clonee. This is for 22 signs on Regional Roads and 5 on Local Roads at a total estimated cost of € 21,600. It was agreed in principle to proceed with this programme as resources allow.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Winter Gritting Programme</b> A presentation on the Winter Maintenance Programme 2016/2017 was made. Noted that a Winter Maintenance SPC Sub Group had been set up to review & produce policies and procedures for MCC's future winter maintenance plans. First meeting was held on 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Noted that two new 26 tonne Tipper Trucks have been purchased in Aug 2016 and that it is intended to purchase two new gritters for these larger trucks at a cost of € 55,000 per unit. The Council is investigating the creation of a list of contractors that have been prequalified. Therefore if there is available funding and if the contractors are available they can be contracted to help carry out some of MCC's Winter Maintenance duties. Members requested that some extra roads be included on Winter Gritting routes and that should seek a meeting with the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport to request extra funding.
<b>6.</b>	<b>2014 Performance Indicators</b> It was noted that the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) had omitted the indicators for MCC from the list of performance indicators for 2014. The SPC meeting was informed of the actual performance indicators and it was agreed to circulate this information to the SPC members and also to the Audit Committee.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Notices of Motion</b> Submitted by Cllr Wayne Forde referred from the May Council Meeting calling on the support of his fellow Councillors to support his motion with immediate effect for Meath Co. Council to maintain and cut the green areas in housing estates that have been taken in charge by Meath County Council. It was noted that the Council does not have the resources to maintain and cut grass in all housing estates within its charge. However, each year the Council allocates significant funding to residents and community groups to undertake these works through the amenity and lawnmower grants schemes. Financial and other supports are also available through such schemes as Tidy Towns, Pride of Place and Litter Leagues, in which there have been increased participation rates in recent years. The position was noted by the meeting.
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOB</b> Concern at lack of public lighting in some unfinished housing estates. This matter will be investigated. Parking issues at Station Road, Laytown. Noted that a consultant has been engaged to investigate parking issues at Laytown.