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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 27th April 2017, Council Chamber, County Hall, Navan

**Attendees -
Councillors:** Cllr. Eugene Cassidy (Chair), Cllr. Paddy Meade (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Sean Drew, Cllr. Enda Flynn, Cllr. David Gilroy, Cllr. Johnny Guirke, Cllr Jim Holloway, Cllr Gerry O'Connor,

Apologies: Cllr Sean Smith & Cllr Bryan Reilly

**Attendees -
Sectoral** Sean Boyle – Business and Commercial Representative,

Representatives: **Apologies:** Peter Farrelly – Agriculture/Farming Representative, Ben Bailey – Community

Officials: Des Foley, Nicholas Whyatt, John McGrath, Majella Farrell, Andrew Bagnall, Paul Phelan, Michael Finnegan, Jimmy Young,

Apologies : Dara McGowan

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th January 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Johnny Guirke, seconded by Cllr David Gilroy.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u></p> <p>There were no Matters arising from the minutes.</p>
3.0	<p><u>Update on Speed Limit Review & Traffic Management Policy</u></p> <p>With regard to the Speed Limit Review Paul Phelan noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Draft updated 30 km/h housing estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Law had been issued to An Garda Síochána. No objections had been received within the statutory period and the Transport Section would be attending the May MD meetings to get approval from the Members to put the Draft Bye-Law on public display. Drafting of the updated full county Special Speed Limit Bye-Law had commenced, based on the findings of the speed limit review as issued in March to each MD. The Transport Section hope to have the Draft Bye-Law issued to An Garda Síochána by the end of May. <p>Paul Phelan then presented a report to the meeting on the findings of a review of existing traffic calming policies from other local authority areas, and related documents.</p>

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	<p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised by the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is cost of the six traffic calming Schemes in Housing Estates already carried out ?- Can the chicanes be relocated in the estates ?- Should seek funding for traffic calming in estates ?- Is there provision within planning application process to have traffic calming addressed ?- Chicane in St Mary's Park/St Enda's Villas, Navan is working well,- Compliance with DMURS is essential in new estates although different local authorities have different interpretations,- Some residents in Inse Bay estate want chicane removed, <p>The officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The cost of the chicanes was approximately € 3,000 each- There are provisions in Planning process for traffic calming. The Guidelines for Housing Estates generally require that developers comply with DMURS.- The cost of a flashing speed sign and a chicane is the same. <p>It was agreed by the meeting that the traffic calming awareness campaign would be proceeded with and also to seek funding for the provision of traffic calming measures in estates. It was also agreed that a presentation on DMURS would be made at a future SPC meeting</p>
4.0	<p><u>Roundabout Sponsorship Policy</u></p> <p>Nicholas Whyatt made a presentation on the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme.</p> <p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Local businesses should get preference,- What is cost to maintain ?- When offering sponsorship, incorporate it within Pride of Place to encourage people to be engaged in terms of recognition,- Concern that it would be more the multi nationals who will take it up and perception that they are sponsoring the Council,- Welcome a scheme that allows sponsorship of roundabout and allows an artistic feature,



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could we seek expressions of interest in a sponsorship scheme. - Tie in cost with volume of traffic. <p>Officials responded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundabout at Mullaghboy costs € 5,000 per year to maintain, smaller roundabout with gravel surface € 500 per year. If have to cut grass € 1,000. <p>It was agreed by the meeting that a revised sponsorship policy would be circulated based on the suggestions made.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>Winter Gritting Sub Group Update</u></p> <p>Andrew Bagnall made a presentation on the review of the Winter Maintenance Programme.</p> <p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter Gritting Sub Group works well. - Priority 3 Roads included in gritting schedule this season should be incorporated as Priority 2 routes and included in Meath County Council’s official route network map for future winter seasons. - Is it possible to upgrade mechanisms on other trucks to facilitate 20mg spreading ? - If there is additional capacity, then the three regional roads not already done should be treated, - If Department of Transport is to fund the CIS in 2018, could the money saved from the Restoration Improvement and Maintenance grants be used to fund the extra routes ? <p>The officials responded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council’s resources are stretched to include extra routes only, - Cost of adding an extra route is approx € 71,000 from the revenue budget, - Policy should be to replace trucks every seven years, - Will continue to work on a priority scheme for additional routes, considering regionals, population centres, traffic counts, links with major business, etc. <p>It was agreed by the meeting to recommend the inclusion of the Priority 3 roads included in the gritting schedule in 2017 for future winter seasons.</p>



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6.0	<p><u>Community Involvement Scheme (CIS), Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) - Roads Schedule Review</u></p> <p>Majella Farrell gave an update on the Community Involvement Scheme, Local Improvement Scheme and Roads Schedule Review.</p> <p>It was noted that there are a number of applications for the CIS where the lanes are not in charge of the Council. This is being investigated and the applicants will be notified of the outcome.</p> <p>Consideration is being given to advertising of the LIS in the Autumn and to ring fence a budget for next year.</p> <p>Following the update the following matters were raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One lane which is being referred to as not in charge was in the roads programme some years ago, - If just tar and chippings were used, then MCC could carry out work on additional roads as part of the CIS, - Is there any extra capacity for other lanes to be included in the CIS this year ? <p>The officials responded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If information is available that lanes were already maintained then they will be reviewed when completing the update of the Roads Schedule - It is too early to know if there will be capacity to incorporate additional roads for 2017 as Council is just going out to tender for the works and it will depend on the tender price.
7.0	<p>Unauthorised Sale of Vehicles on Public Roadside Policy.</p> <p>Majella Farrell outlined the policy for dealing with the unauthorised sale of vehicles on the public roadside.</p> <p>SPC Members were in agreement with the draft policy and recommended its adoption by the Full Council.</p>
8.0	<p>Notices of Motion</p> <p>Motion referred from Kells Municipal District Meeting March 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.1 Submitted by Cllr Sarah Reilly</p> <p><i>That the current objective in the Kells Development Plan, to provide a link road between the Navan Road and Slane Road, be varied to prioritise its establishment through NTA/NRA funding rather than the current development driven means as proposed.”</i></p> <p><u>Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:</u></p>



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	<p><i>It appears that the obligation for the developer to construct this road arises from planning application KA 151346 which extended a previous application K901964 (granted by An Bord Pleanála) until 1st November 2020. It is considered that the TII's remit does not extend to this road and therefore they will have no interest in funding its construction. In 2012, Meath County Council discussed with the NTA whether they would be willing to provide an allocation towards the development of this road. At the time, an application was prepared and subsequently discussed with the NTA, however, their view was that this was very much a road-based measure which did not sit well with their sustainable transport priorities.</i></p> <p><i>The motion was proposed by Councillor Sarah Reilly and seconded by Councillor Eugene Cassidy.</i></p> <p><i>A short discussion followed and it was agreed that the motion be referred to Transportation SPC for discussion.</i></p> <p><i>It was decided to defer this Notice of Motion until the next SPC meeting.</i></p>
9.0	AOB The next Transportation SPC meeting was scheduled for Thursday 20 th July at 4pm.



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10.0	<p>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A traffic calming awareness campaign would be undertaken as a pilot scheme in selected housing estates where speeding has been highlighted as an issue.2. A draft Roundabout Sponsorship Policy should be revised to incorporate suggestions made at the SPC meeting.3. A number of Priority 3 roads included in the Winter Gritting Schedule this season, should be formally added to the schedule for future winter seasons.4. Draft policy on unauthorised sale of vehicles on public roadside is recommended for adoption.
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