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### Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Training Room, Room 128, Buvinda House, Navan

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Sean Smith & Cllr Bryan Reilly, Cllr. Johnny Guirke

**Attendees - Sectoral** Geoffrey Clarke - Environment Representative

**Representatives:** **Apologies:** Peter Farrelly – Agriculture/Farming Representative, Ben Bailey – Community Representative, Sean Boyle – Business and Commercial Representative,

**Officials:** Des Foley, Nicholas Whyatt, John McGrath, Dara McGowan, Jonathan Ryan, Duncan Byrne, Jimmy Young.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr G O'Connor and seconded by Cllr E Cassidy.</p>
2.0	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b></p> <p>As outlined at the July Transportation SPC meeting, the meeting noted that Cllr Paddy Meade would take over the Chairmanship of the Transportation SPC from the October 2017 meeting onwards.</p> <p>D Foley informed the Members of the Committee that the Roundabout Sponsorship Policy had been presented to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and that the policy had been adopted at the meeting of Meath County Council held on 2nd October 2017.</p> <p>The members requested that they be informed when the expressions of interest are being invited and also requested to be informed when any other public notices are being published.</p>
3.0	<p><b>Further consider Draft Public Lighting Policy</b></p> <p>Duncan Byrne made a presentation on the Draft Public Lighting Policy which had already been presented to the Transportation SPC meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017. It was noted that Meath County Council would like to have this policy in place for 2018.</p> <p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Removal of trees to facilitate new public lighting and upgrading of public lighting. If impacting on lighting then trees should be removed.</li> </ul>



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	<p>Communication with residents is important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to co-ordinate the planting of trees at the planning stage of development.</li> <li>- What is the cost per lighting unit.</li> <li>- There is no provision for putting in public lighting in the Town &amp; Renewal Schemes. Public Lighting should be included in future applications.</li> <li>- When will the provision of new public lighting commence.</li> <li>- Can a public light be placed on an ESB column.</li> </ul> <p>The Council officials responded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decision to remove trees is based on safety.</li> <li>- The co-ordination of the planning of trees in housing estates is being addressed going forward but is still a problem in older housing estates.</li> <li>- Approximate cost for providing a new lighting unit is € 1,500 assuming ducting already is in place. Approximate cost for upgrading a lighting unit is € 250.</li> <li>- There is a waiting period of 3 months for new lanterns. It is planned to commence new lighting works after March 2018.</li> <li>- An ESB column has to be deemed structurally sound to carry a light and as yet the ESB has not determined what structural testing of the column is required. MCC are moving away from using ESB infrastructure for public lighting.</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed by Cllr J Holloway and seconded by Cllr E Cassidy to recommend to Meath County Council that the draft Public Lighting policy be adopted.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hazardous Parking at Petrol Stations – HGV’s – raised by Cllr Tom Kelly at Sept Laytown/Bettystown meeting.</u></b></p> <p>It was noted by the meeting that this item was raised by Cllr T Kelly at the September Laytown/Bettystown MD meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that such parking was an offence under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997.</p> <p>Following a discussion it was agreed to refer this matter to the Planning Department for further investigation and to write to An Garda Síochana regarding enforcement.</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Notices of Motion</u></b></p> <p><b>6.1 NoM – Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden</b></p> <p><b><i>“For Meath County Council to prepare a document for the consideration of the members detailing the following:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The revenue generated and the operating cost of paid parking across the county and per Municipal District.</i></b></p>



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	<p><b><i>The annual cost of paid parking bye-law enforcement across the county and per Municipal District.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The cost implication (€/%) to Commercial Rates if parking charges were to be abolished with the retention of enforcement for time limits and illegal parking.”</i></b></p> <p>It was noted that at the September Meeting of Meath County Council it was requested to bring this motion to the Transportation and Economic Development SPC’s.</p> <p>Cllr T Golden presented this Notice of Motion to the meeting and a response to the Motion was circulated to the Members of the committee.</p> <p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The motion deals with public parking not private parking.</li> <li>- Pay parking has a negative connotation.</li> <li>- Businesses in Dunshaughlin are being affected by all day parking of vehicles.</li> <li>- If towns such as Ashbourne, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin are included, the cost of enforcement will increase substantially.</li> <li>- Enforcement does not work without payment for parking.</li> <li>- Difficult to recommend increase of rates as businesses are struggling.</li> <li>- Pay by text could allow parking time to be extended.</li> <li>- Some businesses with large car parks are assumed to have an unfair advantage; however, these businesses may have purchased and developed land at a cost to them to provide their own parking.</li> <li>- Compliance with the parking byelaws had risen from 35% to 90% because of enforcement, with a doubling of turnover of vehicles parking on the streets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>The following items were raised by the members –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Lighting for Enfield By-Pass.</li> <li>- Can a report be provided for the next meeting on the case of expenditure of € 51,000 on a CIS on a road that had only two potholes.</li> <li>- How many landowners were required for a Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) to be carried out.</li> <li>-Can a progress report be provided on the Boyne Greenway.</li> </ul>



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	<p>The Council officials responded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The public lighting policy is a framework for deciding on the priority of works to be carried out. Some of the lighting for Enfield By-Pass may come under the jurisdiction of the NTA for funding purposes.</li><li>- The Department of Rural &amp; Community Development has set conditions for the implementation of the LIS, one of which is that non public roads that provide access to parcels of land for two or more persons are eligible for the scheme.</li></ul> <p>The SPC could consider a policy for ranking eligible LIS schemes for 2018. A report can be prepared for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An up to date report can be circulated to the members on the Boyne Greenway scheme.</li></ul> <p>The next Transportation SPC meeting was scheduled for Thursday 25th January 2018 at 4pm.</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</b></p> <p>The Draft Public Lighting Policy is recommended for adoption.</p>



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