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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 24th January 2018, 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,

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, Majella Farrell, Michael Finnegan, Jimmy Young.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th October 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr G O’Connor and seconded by Cllr P Meade.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u> No matters arising from minutes.</p>
3.0	<p><u>Presentation on Road Safety</u> Michael Finnegan Road Safety Officer made a presentation on Road Safety</p> <p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commended Road Safety Officer for work carried out on road safety with schools in the County. - No assessment of existing road network for safety particularly regional roads. - Trees growing in verges causing visibility hazard to drivers. - Are speed pillows effective ? - Should speed pillows be constructed under public lighting ? - Lack of enforcement by An Garda Síochána. - Schools differ in enforcement of use of high viz jackets by their pupils. <p>The Council officials responded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport prepares a snapshot of



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	<p>accidents on the road network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difficult to predict locations where accidents may occur. - Cutting of hedges is carried out on Regional Roads twice a year at junctions and areas where there are conflicts. - Hedge cutting notices are served on landowners. - Speed pillows are better for access by buses and emergency vehicles.
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>Consider policy for ranking LIS schemes for 2018</u></p> <p>John McGrath made a presentation on a ranking system for the Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)</p> <p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many applications are on hand. - Communities that have carried out works themselves already will move down in the ranking. - Ranking system should favour agricultural holdings. - Ranking system should favour dwellings. - Ranking system should be split between agricultural holdings and dwellings. - If weighting is 50 marks for schemes costing up to € 15,000 then a lot of the smaller schemes will be carried out rather than more expensive schemes. - Is it possible to assess schemes already carried out to develop ranking criteria ? - Length of time applications have been submitted should get a higher ranking. - Applications should be assessed on a County wide basis. - Applications should be assessed on a Municipal District basis. <p>The Council officials responded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total of 27 applications on hand. - An extra weighting can be given for length of time on waiting list & condition of lane. - Schemes already submitted would get priority. - New applications for the scheme would be invited. <p>It was decided that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A maximum of 100 marks would be awarded for length of time application was



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	<p>with the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A maximum of 100 marks would be awarded for condition of the lane. - Equal marks would be awarded for agricultural holdings and dwellings. - New applications for the scheme would be invited although those applications already received would have an extra weighting.
5.0	<p><u>Notice of Motion</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Submitted by Councillor Joe Fox (November Council Meeting)</u></p> <p><i>"In view of the disruption and tragic accidents caused by the recent hurricane I am calling on Meath County Council to be more proactive in encouraging landowners to remove overhanging and ivy clad trees from roadside hedgerows."</i></p> <p>It was noted that at the November Meeting of Meath County Council it was agreed that this item could be further discussed as a policy matter at the next Transportation SPC.</p> <p>Following the presentation the following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can trees on lands owned by public bodies be dealt with ? - If a hedge cutting notice is served and a tree subsequently falls who is responsible ? <p>The Council officials responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council to take legal action on some test cases where landowners have not complied with hedge cutting notices issued. - Trees on lands owned by public bodies are the responsibility of the public bodies and are treated in same way as other landowners. - Landowner is responsible where a tree falls subsequent to a hedge cutting notice having been served.
6.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The following items were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protocol for additional signage eg. Boyne Valley route signage. - Progress was made regarding funding allocation for 2018 at the meeting with the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport last week. <p>The officials responded:</p> <p>Funding could be sought from Tourism Ireland for the provision of signage for the</p>



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	<p>Boyne Valley route.</p> <p>The next Transportation SPC meeting was scheduled for Thursday 26th April 2018 at 4.00pm</p>
	<p><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</u></p> <p>1) Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)</p> <p>That a ranking scheme for the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) would be introduced which would include the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A maximum of 100 marks would be awarded for Length of Time application was with the Council.- A maximum of 100 marks would be awarded for condition of the lane.- Equal marks would be awarded for agricultural holdings and dwellings. <p>New applications for the scheme would be invited although those applications already received would have an extra weighting.</p>