



## Miontuairiscí/Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Swift Room, Room 057, Buvinda House, Navan at 4.00pm

**Attendees – (Councillors):** Cllr Eugene Cassidy, Cllr Sean Drew, Cllr Enda Flynn, Cllr Jim Holloway,

**Apologies:** Cllr Paddy Meade, Cllr Sean Smith, Cllr Bryan Reilly, Cllr David Gilroy, Cllr Gerry O'Connor, Cllr. Johnny Guirke,

**Attendees – (Sectoral**

**Representatives):**

Geoffrey Clarke, Sean Boyle

**Apologies:** N/A

**(Officials):** Des Foley, Dara McGowan, Michael Finnegan, Andrew Bagnall, Jimmy Young.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were approved. Proposed by Cllr J. Holloway and seconded by Cllr E Cassidy.</p>
2.0	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Des Foley noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- that recoupment of the full amount of the claim for exceptional costs associated with Storm Emma in February &amp; March this year had been received in the sum of € 769,541 from the Department, and</li> <li>- that an allocation of €550,000 will be made available to Meath County Council under a new Special Maintenance Grant to undertake repairs to the road network as a result of the severe weather events since November 2017.</li> </ul>
3.0	<p><b><u>Policy and procedure document for processing requests for deployment of School Wardens.</u></b></p> <p>Des Foley noted that the issue of School Wardens had been discussed at a number of meetings prior to today &amp; it had been agreed to draft a policy and procedure for processing requests for deployment of School Wardens. The policy is for where school wardens retire and where new wardens are requested.</p> <p>Michael Finnegan then made a presentation on the Policy and procedure document for processing requests for deployment of School Wardens.</p> <p>Following the presentation the following points were raised :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 17 sites currently covered by a school warden employed by MCC. There is a high rate of absenteeism and Council staff have to cover this absenteeism.</li> <li>• If retired people were made aware of school warden positions they may be interested.</li> <li>• 50/60 km/h speed limit works well outside schools although some school</li> </ul>

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	<p>principals have issues with the timing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue with parking space not being available at schools for dropping off and collecting school children.</li><li>• Can Council compulsorily acquire lands for parking of vehicles dropping off and collecting children.</li><li>• Can Council prepare a list of schools where land is required.</li><li>• Is 50 km/h the lowest speed limit possible outside schools.</li><li>• Pedestrian crossing at Brews Hill working very well.</li><li>• Has Council considered speed ramps at pedestrian crossings.</li></ul> <p>The following responses were made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are retired people already employed as school wardens.</li><li>• Timing of 50/60 km/h speed limit will be discussed with school principals.</li><li>• Council can compulsorily acquire lands for parking of vehicles dropping of and collecting children if the backing of the Department of Education is available.</li><li>• Can prepare a list of schools where land is required for parking of vehicles dropping of and collecting children.</li><li>• Lowest speed limit possible outside schools to be checked.</li><li>• Whatever engineering measures are deemed suitable are covered in the policy.</li></ul> <p>It was agreed on the proposal of Mr Sean Boyle and seconded by Cllr Sean Drew that the Policy and procedure document for processing requests for deployment of School Wardens be approved.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b><u>Presentation of Winter Maintenance Plan for 2018/2019 season</u></b></p> <p>Andrew Bagnall gave a presentation on the Winter Maintenance Plan for the 2018/2019 season.</p> <p>Following the presentation the following issues were raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The extra capacity provided by the improvement on the fleet will make a big difference to the service provided.</li><li>- Regional road R163 Kells/Kilberry/Slane which includes 4 schools should be considered for inclusion on the Winter Gritting Route.</li><li>- Regional road R159 Trim/Laracor/Enfield which includes a number of schools should be considered for inclusion on the Winter Gritting Route.</li><li>- Has the effect of depositing salt on the road network been assessed.</li><li>- Local contractors helping out during severe winter weather.</li></ul> <p>The following responses were made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- New machinery is due for delivery in early 2019 so will not be available in current winter gritting season.</li><li>- It is planned to tender for private contractors to help out during severe winter weather.</li></ul>



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	<p>- An assessment of the effect of depositing salt on the road network has been carried out nationally we but do not have the results.</p>
	<p><b><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</u></b></p> <p><b>School Wardens</b> A policy and procedure document for processing requests for Deployment of School Wardens is adopted.</p>