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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 31st January 2019, Swift Room, Room 057, Buvinda House, Navan at 4.00pm

Attendees – (Councillors): Cllrs Paddy Meade, Eugene Cassidy, Gerry O’Connor, Sean Drew, Enda Flynn, Jim Holloway, Johnny Guirke

Apologies: Cllr Sean Smith, Cllr Bryan Reilly, Cllr David Gilroy,

Attendees – (Sectoral

Representatives):

Apologies: Geoffrey Clarke,

(Officials): Des Foley, Nicholas Whyatt, John McGrath, Dara McGowan, Majella Farrell, Jimmy Young.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 th October 2018 were approved. Proposed by Cllr J Guirke and seconded by Cllr E Cassidy.
2.0	<u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u> No matters arising.
3.0	<u>Transportation Restructuring</u> Dara McGowan made a presentation on the restructuring of staff in the Transportation Department.
4.0	<u>Details of various funding applications (Greenways, Footpaths)</u> D Foley noted that the Council had received funding of € 6.6million from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for National Roads in 2019, an increase of approx € 600,000 over 2018 but that the Council was still awaiting funding allocation details from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the National Transport Authority. The expected total to be spent on roads in 2019 is approx. € 37 million. Dara McGowan and John McGrath made a presentation on funding for transportation projects for 2019. Following the presentation the following points were raised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome was expressed for the projects proposed. - Does the construction of the walkways/cycleways have any impact on farmers. - Are the lands on rail line owned by farmers or CIE. - When will the proposed LED public lighting upgrade be completed. - Does proposed LED public lighting upgrade impact on planned public lighting Capital works. - What standard of LED lighting is proposed and how is the LED public lighting upgrade funded. - Can a list of projects for which applications for funding were made but were



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unsuccessful be circulated.

- What part of the N52 Kells Footpath & Cycleway is being carried out.
- What is current position on the N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 and the N52 Grange to Clontail schemes.

The following responses were given by officials.

- First contracts on proposed LED lighting upgrade in Meath to be issued in middle to late 2020. Scheduled works to be complete in 2022.
- Proposed LED lighting upgrade does not impact on agreed capital works.
- Consultants to determine specification for LED lighting. LED lighting upgrade will be loan funded.
- List of projects for which applications for funding were made but were unsuccessful can be circulated.
- It is the Oldcastle Road to Moynalty Road section of the N52 Kells Footpath & Cycleway where works will be carried out.
- Next step on N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 scheme is to activate the CPO. The TII has confirmed that the Notice to Treat can be served. Ground Investigation and Archaeological Geophys surveys to commence on emerging preferred route on N52 Grange to Clontail scheme.

5.0 County Development Plan review – Transportation policies

Nicholas Whyatt outlined in relation to the review of the Meath County Development Plan that it was proposed to re-circulate a presentation made to the SPC meeting held in February 2015 to allow for consideration and discussion of objectives at the next SPC meeting to be held in March 2019.

It was agreed that the presentation would be re-circulated to allow for consideration of the transportation objectives to be included in the review of the County Development Plan and further discussion at the next SPC meeting.

6.0 Notice of Motion

Item from December County Council meeting about roadside memorials.

Nicholas Whyatt made a presentation to the meeting on Roadside Memorials.

The consensus of the SPC was that there is already a statutory requirement to seek consent from the Road Authority for the erection of structures such as roadside memorials. While it would be possible to design a safe and unobtrusive design for such memorials the majority view was that their erection is not desirable as there are still hazards and potential hazards presented to road users associated with their erection, maintenance and personalisation. In addition, visiting such sites also presents safety risks to both visitors and road users. The SPC noted the sensitivity and



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	<p>complexity of issues associated with fatal road traffic accidents (RTA’s) and the need to be respectful of the wishes of families affected by tragedy. However, it was agreed there are more appropriate ways to remember and commemorate victims of road traffic accidents and more effective ways to warn and educate road users of the dangers that exist on our roads.</p> <p><u>7.0 AOB</u> <u>The following issues were raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locations for charging points for electric vehicles. - Overgrown trees and hedges at various locations including Dunsany and the N52 at Normanstown, Carlanstown and Mitchelstown, Castletown. - M3 bypass for Kells stops at Mullingar Road junction– should go to Kilmainham junction. Tractors cannot travel on M3. <p>Council officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Map of locations for charging points can be found on ESB website. - A public notice will be placed in local newspapers advising landowners of their responsibility for maintenance of trees and hedges along public roads. Can cut hedges and trees up to end of February. If overgrown hedges and trees cause a health and safety issue then can cut out of season with the consent of the Council.