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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 30th July 2020, Training Room , Room 128, Buvinda House, Navan at 2.30 pm

Attendees – (Councillors): Cllrs T Golden, P Meade, G O’Connor, N French, P McCabe, S Tolan, M Gallagher, A Smith, W Harding

Apologies: Cllr D Geraghty-Smith

Attendees – (Sectoral Representatives): G Clarke, A Watson, D Hughes
Apologies: J Curran, A Brunton.

(Officials): D Foley, N Whyatt, J McGrath, J Young,

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd October 2019 were approved. Proposed by Cllr P McCabe and seconded by Cllr S Tolan</p>
2.0	<p><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u></p> <p>To circulate the presentation on transportation policies that are included in the County Development Plan.</p> <p>An update on the Winter Services Plan 2019/2020 which was presented at the October 2019 meeting was given.</p>
3.0	<p><u>Update on major road schemes & roadworks programme</u></p> <p>An update on the major road schemes and roadworks programme was presented to the members.</p>
4.0	<p><u>List of motions referred to SPC for consideration</u></p> <p><u>November 2019 MCC Meeting – Laytown/Bettystown MD Members</u> <i>"To call on the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross, to designate the R132 as a national road."</i></p> <p>Following a discussion the members decided that the work done to date on the provision of a bypass was sufficient and that this motion was not in the Council’s best interests at this time and that this matter could be kept under review.</p> <p><u>November 2019 Ratoath MD Meeting – Ratoath MD Members</u> <i>"What health & safety/traffic management requirements are in place for contractors carrying out hedge cutting works, e.g. working in darkness, signage, etc".</i></p> <p>Following a discussion it was agreed to review the suggestion in terms of the Council’s notice to landowners.</p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December 2019 Kells MD Meeting – Kells MD Members</u></p> <p>“That a request be made to the RSA that the list of locations to which GoSafe vans are deployed be reviewed and updated based on more recent accident statistics and in conjunction with the Gardaí, local authority, etc”.</p> <p>Following a discussion the Members endorsed the motion and agreed that it be passed onto the Joint Policing Committee (JPC).</p> <p>It was agreed to check if the 33 new locations where GoSafe vans are deployed were signed and operational.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 2020 MCC Meeting – Cllr E Toibín</u></p> <p><i>“That speed ramps and flashing lights are installed approaching the drop off and collection points of all country schools across Meath where levels of speeding endanger children trying to gain access to their school and where to date they have not been installed despite ongoing calls from overwrought parents and teachers.”</i></p> <p>Following a discussion it was agreed to reflect on what was discussed and to come back with a structured approach.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The following issues were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noxious Weeds - Home helps receiving parking warnings from parking personnel. It was noted that in other Counties home helps can apply for parking permits. - Is the Council in consultation with Iarnród Éireann regarding provision of a new railway station between Laytown and Drogheda. - Application to An Bord Pleanála for Boyne Greenway (Drogheda to Mornington pedestrian and cycleway). - Transportation SPC should support the scheme. - Support was expressed for bus operators who are in financial difficulties because of current restrictions. - Would members agree to meet online in the event of a further lockdown. - Timing & Notice of meetings. <p>The following responses were given by officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noxious Weeds – Control of Ragwort comes under the Department of Agriculture. Japanese Knotweed – Notices have been erected and more action planned. - Can check position re parking permits for home helps. - Noted that it is a policy in the County Development Plan to seek the provision of a railway station at Bettystown. - Agreed that two weeks notice of meetings can be arranged. <p>It was agreed by the meeting that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 24th September at 3.30pm.</p>



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	<p><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) That the motion “That a request be made to the RSA that the list of locations to which GoSafe vans are deployed be reviewed and updated based on more recent accident statistics and in conjunction with the Gardaí, local authority, etc” be referred to the Joint Policing Committee (JPC).2) It was agreed to check if the 33 new locations where GoSafe vans are deployed were signed and operational.
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