

Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Transportation Policy / Mobility Management and Water Services held on Friday 10th July, 2020

- Present:** Cllr. Matt Doran (Chairman).
Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Pat Dunphy, Cllr Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Michael Delaney, Cllr. Pat O’Neill
Mr. Barry Lynch, Mr. Ger Mooney , Mr. Gary Graham, Mr. Gerard Ferris.
- In Attendance:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services; Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer, Ms Anne Marie Shortall, Administrative Officer Roads & Water Services, Mr. Joe Scully, Executive Engineer Flood Relief Project.
- Apologies:** Cllr. Fidelis Doherty

The Chairman Cllr Matt Doran commenced the meeting and welcomed all members.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of previous meeting of SPC 2 held on the 6th March, 2020 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr. Michael Delaney and seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy.

2. Schools Safety Programme

Seamus Kavanagh presented the Schools Safety Programme to the meeting. He outlined that a plan will be put in place for the 2021 Road Works Scheme for the schools safety programme. Survey work has been undertaken and a programme of works will be put in place which will include signage and road markings.

3. Road Safety Plan

Seamus Kavanagh presented on the Kilkenny Road Safety Plan. He outlined that a speed limit review will commence in October, 2020 and that it will be discussed with each Municipal District. Seamus Kavanagh answered a number of questions for the members in relation to speed limits and explained that there are national guidelines set for speed limits.

It is intended to establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in each Local Authority to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at local level.

Each Local Authority will publish a Road Safety Action Plan and publish an annual review on progress.

4. Flood Relief Scheme

Joe Scully presented on the Flood Relief Scheme. He outlined that there are six schemes in total with two schemes commenced to date i.e the Graiguenamangh/Tinnahinch and Ballyhale Schemes. Environmental and engineering consultants are appointed to both schemes. The project website went live on the 26th June. Public consultation took place via the Consult Kilkenny Portal.

Joe Scully answered various questions for the members in relation to the schemes and the priority list.

5. Covid-19 Works Update

Tim Butler gave an update in relation to Covid-19 and measures taken by the Council. He gave details in relation to the re-opening of services, the supports in place for business's, supports to communities and the community helpline which was set up by the Council.

Tim also outlined the new working arrangements in place, including remote working available for staff.

The Roads programme was 7 weeks delayed due to Covid-19 but is now progressing well. There were some delays to contract but these have all recommenced now, including works on the Western Environs, N25 and other contracts.

6. AOB

Cllr. Matt Doran acknowledged all the work being done during difficult times and thanked all those concerned. Each member also expressed thanks to the Council and to those on the frontline.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.