**SPC Meeting for Transportation and Infrastructure**

**Held on MS Teams on 9th December, 2020**

**Present:** Cllr Seamus O'Donnell, Chair

Cllr Declan Doocey,

Cllr Jim Griffin

Cllr John O'Leary

Cllr Joe Kelly

Cllr Joe Conway

Mr. Jim Farnan

Ms. Elaine Mullan

Mr. Thomas Holden

Mr. Farid Ahmad Mohamman

**Officials Present:** F. Galvin, DoS

G. Hynes, Senior Engineer

B. Stosic, A/Senior Executive Engineer

A.Jacob, Administrative Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr Jody Power

Marian Walsh

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| **Item No.** | **Decisions Taken** | **Responsibility/Action** |
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| 1.M  1.Minutes | * Minutes of 21st October, 2020 were proposed by Cllr John O’Leary, seconded by Cllr Joe Kelly and agreed. | Adopted minutes to be published on website. D. Moore |
| 2.Matters arising and update | * Matters arising to be covered by Agenda. |  |
| 3. Beach Bye-Laws | * A motion proposed by Cllr Lola O’Sullivan and adopted at the November Plenary Council Meeting in relation to the banning of inflatable toys from use on public beaches was referred to the SPC. F. Galvin, DOS outlined the background to the motion regarding the risks associated with their use and explained that a clear definition of “inflatables” would need to be agreed firstly. A discussion followed and issues raised included policing the bye-law, penalties and raising awareness with the public through a campaign of education and signage. It was agreed that the bye-laws should be drafted and brought back to the next meeting for approval and recommendation to the February Plenary Council. | A.Jacob to prepare draft bye-laws for next meeting. |
| 4. Campervans | * F. Galvin DOS gave an account of the increased campervan traffic throughout the county during the spring/summer this year. He highlighted some of the traffic management issues that had arisen at various scenic and beach locations relating to long stays and overnight camping. He recommended that strengthened measures be included in the Beach Bye-Laws to assist the Gardai/Roads Department to address these issues and enforce them. A lenghy discussion concluded with agreement that the Beach Bye-laws was the correct way to address the issues raised and that separate bye-laws should be prepared to cover the operation of Quanns Field overnight campervan facility. As above the revised draft bye-laws will be brought back to the SPC for approval and recommendation to the February Plenary Council meeting. | As per No. 3 above. |
| 5.Harbour Bye-laws | * F.Galvin informed the meeting that the current Harbour Bye-Laws which pre-date the merger have been reviewed and a draft copy would be circulated by email to members for their observations/comments. Amendments should be notified to A. Jacob prior to the next meeting and revised draft bye-laws will be brought to the next meeting for discussion and recommendation to the Plenary Council. | A. Jacob to arrange circulation of bye-laws. |
| 6. Issues from Committee Members | 1. Cllr Joe Kelly – safety issues on Hennessy’s Road. Concerns relating to the narrow footpath and the condition of the boundary wall were raised and the possibility of a one-way system. F. Galvin, DOS said that a desktop exercise would be carried out to review the possibilities and that he would revert to the next meeting with results. 2. Cllr Jim Griffin – possibility of increased bus routes due to Covid 19/update from Bus Eireann. F. Galvin explained that licensing of routes was a matter for the NTA. He also said that a meeting had been held recently between senior officials of the NTA and Council officials to discuss the expansion of routes and other proposals. An opportunity for public engagement on these issues will be afforded to the public during 2021. It was agreed that an update from James O’Donoghue Local Link will also be arranged for a future meeting. 3. Cllr Joe Conway – report on road realignment on the Tramore Ring Road at Ballycarnane. B. Stosic confirmed that a pedestrian crossing was to be provided and that issues relating to left turning traffic exiting Ballycarnane road would be examined. A request for a dedicated cycle lane from the Ring Road to Riverstown was also raised. | B. Stosic  A.Jacob to arrange update/presentation from James O’Donoghue  B. Stosic |
| 7. Issues from PPN | 1. Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy - F. Galvin confirmed that consultants had been appointed to commence the process. 2. Mobility planning in around schools in the county - F. Galvin said that at a recent meeting with the Dept. of Education Portlaw National School was presented as a model to demonstrate what could be achieved with the drive and involvement of all stakeholders. He also said that the Department seemed very interested in this approach and he hoped that they would take the ideas on board. 3. Covid 19 mobility planning and implementing – F. Galvin said that the measures delivered under the Stimulus Projects were smaller scale pedestrian works due to short time scale but that there was an expectation of further funding coming on stream during 2021 and beyond to deliver larger scale sustainable transport projects. 4. Cycle Network Plan – F. Galvin stated that discussions were on going with the NTA on finalizing a multi- annual programme for the delivery of many of the Plan objectives and he agreed to revert to the SPC once this had progressed. |  |
| 8. AOB | * Cllr Seamus O’Donnell – issue raised regarding two vehicles permanently parked on Youghal Road at Garda Barracks. G. Hynes said that the issue was not for SPC but that he would engage with Gardai to address. * James Farnham enquired about the proposed pedestrian crossing at Barrack Street. F. Galvin said that the proposal was brought to the last Metropolitan District Council meeting where they asked that the Roads Department engage further with the residents and retailers to try and solve the outstanding issues. | G. Hynes  B. Stosic |
| Date/time next meeting | The proposed date for the next meeting is 3rd February 2021 at 3pm–members were asked to send in any agenda items they wish to raise in advance. | D. Moore |