

SPC Meeting for Transportation and Infrastructure

Held in the Conference Room, Civic Offices, Dungarvan on 27th February, 2020

Present: Cllr Seamus O'Donnell Chair
 Cllr John O'Leary, Deputy Chair
 Cllr Joe Kelly
 Cllr Jodie Power,
 Cllr Jim Griffin,
 Cllr Declan Doocey
 Ms. Elaine Mullan
 Ms. Marian Walsh
 Mr. Farid Ahmad Mohamman

Officials Present: F. Galvin, DOS
 G. Hynes, Senior Engineer
 A.Jacob, Administrative Officer
 B. Stosic, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Apologies: Cllr Joe Conway, Mr. Jim Farnan, Mr. Thomas Holden

Item No.	Decisions Taken	Responsibility/Action
At the outset of the meeting Cllr O'Donnell, Chair informed the meeting that he had to leave early and that Cllr O'Leary would be Deputy Chair. Cllr O'Donnell requested that Agenda Item No. 5 be dealt with first before he left.		
5.Discontinuation of Annual Parking Permit Scanlons Yard Carpark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This matter had been referred to the SPC from the Dungarvan / Lismore District Council. F. Galvin, DOS set out the background to the issue as detailed in report circulated to the meeting dated 27th February, 2020. He advised the meeting that there was currently no legal basis in byelaw or otherwise for an annual permit, only 13 members of the public had availed of the permit in 2019, that it was a legacy issue from the pre merger period which was now at odds with the operation of all other car parks owned by WCCC. An executive decision had been taken to discontinue the annual permit arrangement from January 2020. Following lengthy discussion Cllr O'Donnell proposed that the annual permit arrangement be reintroduced and that the annual fee be raised from €300 to €500. The proposal was put to the meeting with two members voting in favour of the proposal to reintroduce the permit with the increased fee and all the other members voting against. 	
1.Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of 28th November, 2019 were proposed by Cllr Kelly, seconded by Elaine Mullan and agreed. 	Adopted minutes to be published on website. D. Moore
2.Matters arising and update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling Strategy Document - Waterford City and Environs Cycle Network Plan 2014 is available on the Council's website www.waterfordcouncil.ie 	
3. Presentation on Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raymond Moloney, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Department made a presentation on Climate Change which included a brief Introduction, the national climate policy and the Local Authority Adaptation Strategy Development. He outlined the future actions and the next steps for WCCC including the implementation and evaluation of the Strategy, which will include ongoing reports to the Environment SPC and other 	

	committees as required.	
4. Metropolitan Control of Parking Bye-laws 2019 Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendments to the bye-laws were reviewed and approved to go to the Metropolitan District Council to commence the statutory process. 	A. Jacob
6. Active to School Project Waterford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaine Mullan gave an overview of a project that was initiated in Dublin to encourage schools to create a car free zone around the school at school times and the Council had provided free parking in a car park some distance away that the parents could drop the kids off at while they walked the rest of the way to school on traffic free roads. Committee members were broadly supportive of the idea noting that insurance, parking space and buy in from schools would all need consideration. Aideen Jacob informed the meeting of a similar project where a range of safety measures under the Green Schools initiative had recently been completed at Portlaw National School in co-operation with the Comeragh District Engineering department, School Principal and Board of Management. A report on the project is to be provided for next meeting. 	A. Jacob
7. Referral of Notice of Motion No. 148 from Plenary Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion was discussed and it was agreed that a cost benefit analysis for inclusion of a free public transport initiative in the Development Plan be undertaken and referred back to the Metropolitan District Council. 	A.Jacob
8.PPN Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Waterford City Cycle Network Plan –F. Galvin gave an update on some of the projects contained in the plan i.e. public bike scheme, design of cycle way from City to Greenway at Bilberry, pedestrian bridge across the river and future plans for WIT to City Centre. II. Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy – Transport study out to tender due back end of March. III. Inner City Traffic Analysis – completed and improvement works underway. IV. City & County Development Plan public consultation – 2 year process. First public consultation July to September 2020, next step report on submissions prepared for Council for consideration, draft plan prepared between January – June 2021 and second public consultation commences June 2021. Particular issues can be lobbied through Planning SPC. 	A.Jacob report to PPN.
9.2020 Work Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items put forward for future consideration: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Active Schools Projects b. Climate Action – regular update reports c. Chambers of Commerce City and Dungarvan - relevant issues to be brought to SPC 	Agenda – A.Jacob
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ship grounded at Cheekpoint – risk of spill and whether there is a contingency plan and resources to cover such an event –refer to Port of Waterford. 	A.Jacob
Date/time next meeting	The proposed date for the next meeting is 4 th June 2020 in the City.	A.Jacob