



Minutes for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting for (Transportation & Infrastructure)

Held on Zoom on 2nd June, 2021

Present (Councillor and PPN members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Seamus O'Donnell (Chair) • Cllr John O'Leary • Cllr Declan Doocey, • Cllr Jim Griffin • Cllr Jody Power • Cllr Joe Kelly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Joe Conway • Ms. Marian Walsh • Ms. Elaine Mullan • Mr. Thomas Holden • Mr. Jim Farnan • Mr. Farid Ahmad Mohamman
Present (WCCC Officials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fergus Galvin DOS • Gabriel Hynes SE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Stosic A/SEE • Aideen Jacob AO
Apologies		

Item No.	Decisions Taken	Responsibility/Action/When?
1. Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of Meeting 30th March, 2021 were proposed by Cllr Cllr John O'Leary, seconded by Cllr Jody Power and agreed. 	Adopted minutes to be published on website and added to Decision Time
2. Matters arising and updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Safe Routes to Schools Programme - B. Stosic said that the Council had been notified of the successful school applications for Waterford and the Council would now be engaging with these schools to develop and advance the projects. • Mahon Falls/Kilclooney Woods – Mahon Falls carpark extension application is with An Bord Pleanála for decision in September. Kilclooney Woods – there is an intention to provide park and ride facilities on a phased basis. • James O'Donoghue Waterford Local Link is to be invited to attend the next SPC meeting to provide a full update on developments. 	A. Jacob to invite J. O'Donoghue
3. Pubic Lighting Tramore/Slí na Sláinte & Doneraile upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Conway raised issues around safe walking and highlighted a number of locations with no street lighting in Tramore and asked for an update. B. Stosic gave a progress report on the Doneraile Walk ground lights and said that the completion date will be the end of September. She will also request a progress report from the Contractor in relation to the cabling works required at Splashworld. F. Galvin said that a consultant had been appointed to survey and design a safe cycling route at Newtown Glen/Ring Road. A preliminary design is due mid summer, following which the statutory process can commence. 	



<p>4. NTA Active Travel Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fergus Galvin gave an update on current planned Active Travel Projects for 2021 by district. Following some discussion and queries he responded as follows:-<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Are delivery times realistic – yes work on projects well advanced and timelines are achievable.➤ How are contract works to be delivered – mix of own crews/contractors.➤ Level of public consultation – engagement with residents at the very outset of plans eg Mount Pleasant.➤ Public Bicycle Hire Scheme -presentation will be given to council closer to the time.➤ Active Travel Team appointments – filling of posts ongoing, some of the team will be in situ in the next couple of weeks. Senior Engineer can attend SPC meetings going forward.➤ Bus Stop progress – key objective of Bus Connects and Active Travel agendas.➤ Safe Routes to Schools – list of successful schools to be circulated to committee members.	<p>A.Jacob to circulate</p>
<p>5. Motion Cllr Eamon Quinlan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion in the name of Cllr Quinlan referred from the March Plenary Council meeting for consideration by SPC Committee. <i>“That Waterford City and County Council carry out a review of all Council owned car parks to report on the feasibility of introducing a yearly arking pass to address the concerns of local business and service providers along with our current pricing model to ascertain if longer stay, discounted prices can be afforded.”</i><p>Cllr O’Leary said he supported the motion in long term carparks on a trial period. Cllr Kelly asked if monthly tickets could be issued for the carparks. Cllr Conway said he did not have an issue with it but enquired about the revenue implications. F. Galvin said that it would be difficult to cordon off and manage spaces within existing carparks. He also said that weekly tickets were already available in Millars Marsh and Waterside carparks but that uptake was very low. He added that from a sustainable transport viewpoint it would be contrary to our objectives by encouraging use of the car. E. Mullan said we should encourage park and ride and explore this with private enterprises. Cllr Kelly, Cllr Power and James Farnam all agreed. F. Galvin said that park and ride is one of the issues being considered in Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy as well as out of town carparking and bicycle hire. The final outcome of the discussion was that there was no overall support for the motion which would be reported back to the Metropolitan District Council.</p>	<p>F. Galvin to convey decision of the SPC back to Metropolitan District Council.</p>



<p>6. Issues from PPN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterford Bus Connects – public consultation will take place later this year but no date has been set by NTA. • Local Link – James O’Donoghue could not attend this meeting due to leave but will be invited to attend the next meeting at a date suitable to him. • Safety on footpaths with scooters/cyclists – F. Galvin said under current legislation it is illegal to use eScooters on public roads or footpaths and it is an enforcement issue for the Gardai. It is understood that legislation with relation to the regulation of escooters is currently being drafted. • Working Groups – the setting up of separate sub groups to progress certain issues was discussed. J. Farnan said that they would be helpful to progress certain issues. F. Galvin explained that there was no statutory basis for sub groups and that ultimately the job of the SPC is to do that work and that all issues must go through the committee meetings. No decision was made to form any particular sub group for the moment. It was then mooted that the particular issue of providing more bus stops could be progressed in a motion to the Plenary Council meeting recommended from the SPC. It was agreed that a motion would be drafted at the next meeting. 	<p>F. Galvin to follow up</p>
<p>7. Issues from Councillors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Kelly raised the issue of 30 kph being introduced in other locations apart from housing estates and requested an update on the survey to increase the cycle tracks in Lombard Street/Newtown Road/Park Road. F. Galvin responded that the next speed limit review will be commenced later this year and will start at SPC level. Amendments to current limits can be put forward as part of the process. In relation to the cycle tracks in the city area he said that the review of the above mentioned roads will be part of Active Travel projects. • Cllr Joe Conway raised road safety hazards in relation to outdoor seating arrangements and the challenges facing the Council with regard to Section 254 licences. G. Hynes commented that the enforcement of the conditions pertaining to Section 254 licences is a matter for Planning and any issues that arise should be brought to the attention of the Planning Department. 	<p>Include on Agenda for next meeting.</p>
<p>8. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Griffin enquired about the Local Improvement Schemes. G. Hynes said that the Council has a large number of applications on hand and that the scheme is always over subscribed. The annual funding granted is in the region of €280,000 per year which only covers 3 or 4 schemes. 	<p>A.Jacob to send on LIS application form.</p>



Date/time next meeting	The proposed date for the next meeting will be early September depending on the availability of James O'Donoghue. Members should send on any agenda items they wish to raise in advance.	A.Jacob to contact James O'Donoghue. <i>ALL Agenda Inclusion Deadline is -7 days from meeting</i>
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