



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

Zoom 20th December, 2023

Present (Councillor and PPN members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Tom Cronin (Chair)• Cllr Joe Kelly• Cllr Jody Power• Cllr Seamus O'Donnell• Cllr Joe Conway• Cllr Jim Griffin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. James Farnan• Mr. Farid Ahmad Mohamman• Chris Santillo• Mr. Tom O'Brien
Present (WCCC Officials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gabriel Hynes SE• Aideen Jacob AO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• James O'Donoghue, Deise Link
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr John O'Leary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fergus Galvin DOS

Item No.	Decisions Taken	Responsibility/Action/When ?
1. Minutes of last Meeting 15/09/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of Meeting dated 15th September, 2023 were proposed by Cllr Seamus O'Donnell, seconded by James Farnan and agreed.	Adopted minutes to be published on website and added to Decision Time
2. Matters Arising/Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No matters arising.	
3. Speed Limit Review Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gabriel Hynes SE gave a presentation to outline the changes to be introduced under the Road Traffic Act 2023 in relation to Speed Limits. Enacted legislation will be available Q1 2024 with guidelines to be issued by Department of Transport Q1/Q2 2024. Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws will be reviewed during 2024 and adopted by Council when the process is completed.	
4. Report on Storm Babet Severe Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gabriel Hynes SE presented a report on Storm Babet. He outlined how the National Severe Weather Co-ordination Group works with local authorities and the impact Storm Babet had on our road network. He stated that national funding is not adequate to deal with the consequences of such severe weather and that political pressure is needed to secure additional resources.	



5.Update on Rural Transport and Policy Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">James O'Donoghue Manager TFI Local Link gave an update on the recent changes introduced by NTA in relation to Connecting Ireland. Services will be less frequent and the same level of service won't be available. However he said that there has been substantial growth in passenger numbers and on the positive side new routes have been added and that there is better scheduling. He said that bigger buses will be required to deal with the demand and they will need dedicated bus stops, but the rollout of same is unclear. G. Hynes SE said that WCCC can provide locations and design but that NTA is responsible for providing the bus stops. James agreed to update committee on progress.	
Issues from PPN Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">J. Farnan thanked the Roads Crew for the recent cycle lane improvements on the Tramore Road.	
Issues from SPC Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Cronin – upgrade of N25 from Middleton Roundabout to Kilmeaden to dual carriageway. G. Hynes SE said that the Cork/Waterford link is needed economically and from a safety aspect and needs to be included in the National Development Plan. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter would be issued to the Minister.	A. Jacob
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Jody Power asked about a 10 year Strategic Development Plan for Metro City to look at policies such as the 10 Minute City concept, the Green deal and rush hour traffic. G. Hynes SE said that an initial approach could be made from the SPC to the Minister.	A. Jacob
Date/time next meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting Schedule for 2024 – 16th February (online) 26th April (online)	