

Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Transportation Policy / Mobility Management and Water Services held on Friday 11th December, 2020

Present: Cllr. Matt Doran (Chairman).

Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Pat Dunphy, Cllr Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cllr. Peter Cleere.

Mr. Ger Mooney, Mr. Barry Lynch, Mr. Gary Graham, Mr. Jim Mulhall.

In Attendance: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services; Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer, Ms Anne Marie Shortall, Administrative Officer Roads & Water Services, Ms Caitriona Corr, Cycling Officer.

Cllr. Matt Doran opened the meeting and welcomed all the SPC members to the final meeting of the year.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of previous meeting of SPC 2 held on the 23rd of October, 2020 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy.

2. Cycling Presentation

Caitriona Corr made a presentation to the meeting on Cultivating a Cycling Culture in Kilkenny. The presentation outlined the benefits of active Travel and of increased activity. The presentation detailed the trends and percentage of those cycling as a means of travel in Kilkenny. Caitriona also identified the actions and interventions required to develop a cycling culture in County Kilkenny.

3. Road Works Programme 2020

Seamus Kavanagh presented to the meeting details of the Road Works completed in 2020. There was a total budget of €29.4 million. The allocation for national roads was €11.5 m and an allocation for non-national roads of €16.7m. The presentation detailed the schemes and projects completed in 2020. Seamus Kavanagh answered a number of questions for the members in relation to the road works programme.

4. Update on meeting with TII

The agenda for the annual meeting was set out and agreed with the members for each Municipal District. It was also agreed that the following general items would be on the agenda:-

- Public Lighting national roads with footpath (Additional lighting where footpaths exist)
- Presentation of roundabouts, eg Grannagh, Kilmacow (Planting \Landscaping)
- Right hand turns of national roads (Issues around the count – Safety Schemes)

5. Water Capital Programme

Tim Butler presented to the meeting the on the Water Capital Programme.

The presentation gave the up to date position on schemes throughout the County including the following:-

- Inistioge Water Supply Scheme which was completed in 2020.
- Gowran Regional Water Supply Scheme which is at the planning and design stage.
- Kilkenny City Regional Water Supply Scheme. Planning for this scheme has been granted and has progressed to the tender stage
- Mullinavat & Inistioge WWTP Upgrades – Planning permissions granted and land and wayleave acquisitions substantially complete
- Small Towns & Villages Growth Programme – committed for Kilkenny €5.1m. Settlements for consideration include Bennettsbridge, Paulstown, Piltown, Fiddown, Glenmore, Windgap, Dungarvan, Deerpark and Inistioge.

Tim Butler answered a number of questions from the members in relation to the Water Capital Programme.

6. AOB

Cllr. Matt Doran and all the members of the SPC acknowledged all the work being done by the Roads staff and the staff of each Municipal District and thanked all those concerned.

This concluded the business of the meeting.