



# KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & WATER STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020  
@ 2:30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS CHILL DARA**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Suzanne Doyle (Chair), Ide Cussen, Brian Dooley, Anne Breen, Vanessa Liston, Brendan Wyse

Sectoral Interests: Evan Arkwright, Business/Commercial  
Padraic O'Luanaigh, PPN - Community/Voluntary

Officials: Joe Boland, Director of Services  
Ken Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer  
Brian O'Gorman, Administrative Officer, Environment  
Dara Wyer, Environment Awareness Officer  
Colm Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer  
Peter Mahoney, Warden, Environment  
Geraldine Morris, Clerical Officer, Environment

Invited speakers: Hugh Coughlan, Eastern and Midlands Waste Region

**APOLOGIES:** Emer Conway, PPN - Environmental/ Conservation

Cllr Suzanne Doyle, Chair, welcomed all members of the SPC and introductions took place.

**1. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER SERVICES STRATEGIC  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

Minutes were approved – proposed by Cllr Brian Dooley and seconded by Evan Arkwright

**2. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Noted

**4. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

A joint presentation was made by Ken Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer and Dara Wyer, Environment Awareness Officer which focused in particular on the following aspects:

- Each local authority is required to put in place a Litter Management Plan (Section 10 Litter Pollution Act 1997) which has to be reviewed every 3 years.
- Requirements/Objectives/Procedure were explained

- Draft plan to go out on public consultation and submissions to be sought from members of the public, local community groups, etc via the online consultation portal
- Some new initiatives are included
- Reference to Anti-litter Anti-graffiti grant, Anti-dumping Initiative etc
- Also reference to ongoing campaigns in schools – Neat Streets, Green Schools etc
- A continued focus on Community groups – Green Kilometre, Tidy Towns, Lilywhite clean up etc
- First water refill station installed this year, in Riverbank.

A copy of the draft plan was circulated. A question and answer session followed which focused on the following:

- Legal issues relating to naming and shaming;
- encouraging the creation of youth tidy towns committees;
- recycling and segregation of public bins – it was noted that a pilot project will be commenced soon by Dublin City Council
- the ongoing extent of dumping/flytipping
- dog fouling – learning from successful initiatives in other local authorities
- Introduce Put your Butt In! as a new initiative
- Possibly replicate the success of the mattress amnesty in the north of the county.
- Submissions to be encouraged through social media, radio, PPN, press etc.
- Urban v rural issues.
- Public awareness (should be more dramatic and impactful!)
- Compilation of data regarding use of kerbside collection

**Action: Members agreed that the draft plan go out on public display. Any submissions received will be considered and it is intended that a revised plan will be presented to the members at the next SPC meeting in October.**

#### **5. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM HUGH COUGHLAN OF REGIONAL WASTE OFFICE (LED BY DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL) ON ITS CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES**

A presentation was made by Hugh Coughlan which encompassed the following:

- Current Waste Management Plan priorities
- Effects of COVID 19 – increase in domestic waste and decrease in business waste; successes and vulnerabilities
- Regional Office main activities: prevention, resource efficiency, infrastructure, environmental protection
- The role of Mywaste.ie
- A proposed Bin Standardisation Project
- Resource Efficiency Training - Circular Economy Primer course
- Assessment of Civic Amenity Sites - report due
- Waste capacity constraints
- Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authority [WERLA] update
- Other national priorities

A question and answer session ensued wherein the following issues were raised:

- Differing international approaches to waste management – examples of good practice [Germany]
- Arrangements for hospital/hazardous waste
- A proposal on the part of Covanta to increase capacity at Poolbeg.
- An outline of the role of the National Transfrontier Shipment office
- Textile industry needs more consideration;
- The need to be more proactive in relation to the business community in assisting them to meet legal obligation
- Engaging with operators,
- Implications for businesses (suite of guidance available)

**Action: SPC to be kept informed on key national and international developments**

**6. TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2020 (COPY OF 2019 DRAFT ATTACHED AGAIN)**

A discussion took place which took account of policy issues brought forward from the previous SPC. A work programme relating to the following policy issues was agreed:

- Flood alleviation
- Derelict Sites
- River/Surface water quality
- Waste reduction initiatives
- Green procurement/green finance
- Drinking water dispensers
- Public markets (subject to approval of CPG)
- Creation/protection of woodlands
- Air Quality
- Biodiversity in a community/tidy towns context
- Compacting bins (possible partnership with businesses)

**Action: To consider 2 policy areas at each SPC meeting. It was agreed that the native woodland initiative would be considered at the next meeting from a policy prospective.**

**7. USE OF CCTV AND DATA PROTECTION – UPDATE FROM KEN KAVANAGH, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The meeting was addressed by Ken Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer who advised as follows:

- KCC has used CCTV to monitor and enforce instances of littering and illegal dumping
- GDPR implications in the use of CCTV
- Data Protection Commissioner has carried out an audit on the use of CCTV and related technologies - his report is awaited
- Issue being considered by the CCMA
- DPC expected to raise concerns raised over legislation required in this area.

**Action: SPC to be kept informed. Opportunities to have an input into new legislation from a policy perspective.**

**8. TO NOTE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 2.30PM – COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Noted

The Chair thanked all for input and the meeting then concluded.