

**MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 2 2017**

Present:

Councillor Darren Scully, Cathaoirleach
Councillor Mark Dalton
Councillor Réada Cronin
Councillor Seamus Moore
Councillor Anne Breen
Councillor John McGinley
Mr Vivian Cummins

Also Present:

Niall Morrissey, Director of Service
Evelyn Wright, Senior Executive Officer
Brian Martin, Administrative Officer
Celina Barrett, Chief Fire Officer
Niall O’Riordan, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Derek Whelan, Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Chanel Ryan, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Apologies:

Councillor Joe Neville
Mr Bill Clear
Councillor Paul Ward
Mr Cormac Browne
Mr Sean Lawlor

Item 1 - Introduction

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee.

Item 2 – Minutes

No matters arising from minutes of previous minutes which were approved by the members.

Item 3 – Welcome to New SPC Members

The Cathaoirleach and the Director of Service welcomed new members Vivian Cummins and Bill Clear to the Transport SPC.

Item 4 – Update from the Director of Services

The Director of Services gave the members an update in respect to Bus Shelters and the Bus Connect Programme. The Director informed the members that the NTA had agreed to a meeting in 2018 with Councillors in respect to Bus Connect Programme and other issues. Director also gave the members information in respect to the NTA funded Bus Shelter Programme for Kildare.

A general discussion arose over various matters arising in relation to Bus Shelter and Bus Connects Programme.

Item 5- Road Safety and Cycling Forum Update

Brian Martin brought proposals from the Cycle Forum for the SPC Members consideration in respect to following:

- To receive a presentation to SPC from Phil Skelton in respect to the “Staying Alive at 1.5” Campaign in regard to safe passing distances of motorists for cyclists
- Request to commence process in respect to looking at the feasibility of starting a pilot Bike to Shop Scheme in Naas town.

It was agreed that an invitation would be made to Phil Skelton requesting him to make a presentation to the SPC in respect to “1.5 Staying Alive Campaign” and that members of the Cycle Forum will also attend the presentation

In respect to the Bike to Shop Scheme the members discussed various elements of the request but it was agreed that they would require further information before they could make a final decision on the matter.

Item 6 – Local Link Rural Transport Services

Alan Kerry gave a presentation to the members in respect to Local Link Transport Services in County Kildare.

Cllr Scully thanked Alan for the presentation and a general discussion arose over various matters arising in relation to Local Link Transport Services in County Kildare.

Item 7- Draft Fire and Emergency Plan (Section 26 Plan)

Celina Barrett Chief Fire Officer gave a presentation to the SPC members in respect to the Draft Fire and Emergency Plan. Cllr Scully thanked Celine and her team for the presentation and a general discussion arose over various matters arising in relation to the draft plan. The members agreed that the Draft Fire and Emergency Plan should go forward to the full Council Meeting for consideration.

Item 8- Briefing on ‘Shared Space’

Evelyn Wright and Niall Morrissey gave the members a briefing and information in respect of the ‘Shared Space’ concept where motorist, cyclist and pedestrians use the space at the same time in concurrence with one another. Examples were given of the design concept across the EU and locations in Ireland.

A general discussion arose over the merits of ‘Shared Space’ and it was agreed to consider the concept on suitable future Road Design Projects on a pilot basis.

Item 9- Work Programme 2018

Niall Morrissey asked the members to forward any items that they wish to include the SPC's 2018 Works Programme. They also agreed to include the following items from 2017 Programme in the 2018 Programme:

- Naming of Roundabouts – Policy Review
- Enforcement of Parking Regulations and Illegal Parking
- Private Car Parks: Signage, Enforcement
- Speed Ramps in Housing Estates – awaiting DTTAS Advisory Service analysis
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The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The next meeting will be held in February 2018. The date was to be confirmed once the Meetings Calendar is published by Corporate Services.