

MINUTES

Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

1st of November 2018

Attendees:

Councillor Darren Scully

Councillor John McGinley

Niall Morrissey, Director of Services

Declan Keogh, Roads Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer

Evelyn Wright, SEO

Councillor Mark Stafford

Apologies:

Cllr Anne Breen

Cllr Joe Neville

Item 1 - Introduction

Cathaoirleach Darren Scully welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2 – Minutes

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

Item 3 – Update from the Director of Services

The Director of Services gave the members an update with regards to various Roads Projects in each MD around the County. The update included progress on the LIHAF projects, M7 project, 2nd Bridge Celbridge proposal (Phase 0 Submission to DTTAS), Draft Speed Limit Review, MEMC upcoming meeting with Principal

Response Agencies and SWAT including the fact that salting has already taken place on five occasions in October 2018.

Item 4- Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport

Declan Keogh updated the members on current and planned projects in relation to cyclists and pedestrians.

Cllr Scully raised the issue of the recent accident in Kill village and the absence of a controlled pedestrian crossing. DK advised that there was no requirement for a school warden and explained the criteria and justification for this.

Cllr Scully also queried whether it was mandatory to have lights on a bicycle when in use at night. DK confirmed same. A discussion on the need for a campaign in association with An Garda Síochána took place.

Item 5- Referrals from Municipal District and Full Council Meetings to SPC:

Motion - Councillor Mark Stafford

That the Council take the appropriate steps to prevent the over-bollardization* of the county. (*the prolific erection of bollards in public areas, ostensibly as a security measure in some countries).

Response from Roads Department:

The use of bollards on footpaths, while the least favoured option, is necessary to discourage and prevent illegal parking and to ensure the safety of vulnerable road users.

The issue was discussed by those present and the need for prevention of unauthorised parking on footpaths. Cllr Stafford noted that there were many types of bollard design and construction and that in Kildare town there were approximately 270 bollards in use. EW raised the issue of standardisation of bollards throughout the County.

Referrals from the Full Council Meeting (September 2018)

Referral re: permeability to be discussed at the next SPC meeting in February 2019.

Cllrs McEvoy/Kennedy/McCabe

Task group to examine how best practice designs etc to address general concerns with proposed permeability routes. Planning and Roads SPCs to consider.

Cathaoirleach Darren Scully thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The next meeting will be held on the 7th of February 2019.