

**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Transportation Policy / Mobility Management and  
Water Services held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021**

**Present:** Cllr. Matt Doran (Chairman).

Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr. Michael Delaney

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

**In Attendance:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services; Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Ms. Claire Buckley, A/Administrative Officer Roads & Water Services,

Cllr. Matt Doran opened the meeting and welcomed Claire Buckley.

Condolences were given to Mr. Ian Gardner on the recent passing of his father Mr. Paddy Gardner.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Cllr. Pat Dunphy asked for an update on the TII meeting. Tim Butler advised minutes of the December 2020 meeting hadn’t been received. Also it was agreed at the meeting that in future, two members of a Municipal District can attend.

The Minutes of previous meeting of SPC 2 held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and seconded by Cllr. Michael Delaney.

**2. Roads Update**

Seamus Kavanagh presented an overview of the Roads Programme and allocation’s for 2021. He outlined the programme of works for 2021 and the major projects to be undertaken.

Seamus Kavanagh answered a number of questions for the members in relation to the Roads Programme and major projects.

**3. Active Travel**

Ian Gardner presented on behalf of the City and Seamus Kavanagh on behalf of the County to the meeting giving details of the National Transport Authority Active Travel Programme with an allocation of €4.33m; €2.4m for the County, €1.9m for the City.

Cllr. Matt Doran complemented all the staff involved in the work that lead to securing the allocation. Cllr. Pat O’Neill noted he was disappointed from a rural town’s perspective.

Cllr. Delaney acknowledged that great credit was due to the staff but also concern for smaller villages.

Cllr. Deirdre Cullen also congratulated the staff and asked that the small rural towns are not forgotten Tim Butler advised the NTA are concentrating on higher urban areas, this will free up more money locally to be able to carry out smaller works throughout

#### **4. Broadband rollout**

Tim Butler gave a presentation on the National Broadband Plan.

Cllr. Patrick O'Neill thanked Steve Coverdale for his assistance with Connelly's, Dunbell and encouraged other areas to identify sites and get in contact with Steve to assist with the application.

Cllr. Pat Dunphy proposed Eir are invited to the next SPC Meeting to give an update on plans for rural areas.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty seconded this proposal and also thanked Steve Coverdale for coming to help in the Glenmore area.

Cllr. Delaney said Kilkenny County Council Planning Department need to get application through to avoid delays with the programme.

Cllr. Matt Doran added that the communication on the project to the public is not good.

Tim Butler stated that Kilkenny County Council have little control over installation. He said he will invite Eir to come to the next meeting.

#### **5. Water Capital Programme**

Seamus Kavanagh 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:-

- Major Schemes;
  - o Kilkenny Water Supply Scheme Troyswood.
  - o PRV valves Kilkenny City
  - o National Resource Plan
- Minor Schemes
  - o Gowran Water Supply Scheme upgrade

Seamus Kavanagh answered a number of questions from the members in relation to the Water Capital Programme.

#### **6. AOB**

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty raised concerns about electric scooters and the speed at which they travel.

Cllr. Deirdre Cullen asked if Kilkenny had applied for funding for signage to alert drivers of cyclists. Also asked of the SPC's could be arranged so as not to overlap with each other.

Tim Butler stated there are current no regulations in relation to electric scooters, a bill is going to the Oireachtas at the moment.

Tim Butler advised that all meetings will be entered in the Corporate calendar.

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.