

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Transportation and Water Services

Strategic Policy Committee

held on Tuesday 15th March, 2018, at 11.30am.

in The Corporate Services Meeting Room, County Hall, Wexford.

In the Chair: Councillor Larry O' Brien

Attendance: Councillors, Michael Whelan, Willie Kavanagh, Tony Walsh, Bernie Mullen (Community&Voluntary), Brendan Crowley (Business/ Commercial) Breda O'Sullivan Social Inclusion. Eamonn Hore, Director of Services, Noel O' Driscoll, Senior Engineer, Mick McCormack, Administrative Officer, James Whelan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, David Codd Chief Technician.

Apologies: Councillors, Mick Roche, Pip Breen, Anthony Connick Declan Roche (Trade Union), Michael Bennett (Construction Industry Rep),

1. Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the SPC minutes of the 29th November were proposed by Cllr W Kavanagh, seconded by Cllr M Whelan and agreed by all.

2. County Wexford Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 Review- Progress to date.

The Chief Technician presented the Members of the Committee with details of the Special Speed Limit Bye Laws which are out for public Consultation at the moment. He answered a number of questions from Members of the Committee.

The Chairman proposed that we write to the Gardai outlining the frustration of the Committee at seeing Speed Vans in operation during the height of the Snow Storm. This was seconded by Cllr Kavanagh and agreed.

3. Wexford County Council Traffic & Car Parking Bye laws 2018 for 4 Municipal Districts

The Administrative Officer gave a Presentation to the Members of the Committee on the Draft Traffic & Car Parking Bye laws for the 4 Municipal Districts and answered a number of questions from Members of the Committee.

4. Wexford County Council Control of Skip Bye laws 2018.

The Administrative Officer gave a Presentation to the Members of the Committee on the Draft Countywide Control of Skip Bye laws and answered a number of questions from Members of the Committee.

5. Invasive Species Treatment – National Roads

The Chief Technician gave a presentation to the Members on Invasive Species treatment on our National Roads and details of the Grant that we have received to do same. He answered a number of Questions from the Members and following a question from Cllr Whelan clarified that this grant was only for National Roads and wouldn't provide for assistance to Private Landowners.

Cllr Walsh queries as to whether there is an alternative to roundup, the Senior Engineer from Roads advised that following research Roundup was found to be most effective.

6. Non National Safety Improvement Scheme.

The Chief Technician gave a Presentation to the Members on the Non National safety Improvement Scheme and answered a number of questions from the Members.

Cllrs Whelan and O'Brien highlighted a concern they had in relation to a Junction at Templars Inn in Fethard and queries Wexford County Councils Policy on mirrors. The Senior Engineer advised that we do not use or advocate the use of mirrors.

7. Public Lighting upgrade.

The Chief Technician presented Members of the Committee with details of the Public Lighting upgrade programme. He highlighted the fact that we pay for the use and maintenance of over 14,500 lights and increasing. The Committee members expressed satisfaction with the App that exists for highlighted faults and were happy with the response times that they had received.

8. National Roads HD17 Safety Schemes.

The Chief Technician gave an update and advised that there was a substantial number of Concerns identified. He also answered a number of questions from the Members.

9. Non National Roads programme update.

The Senior Engineer for Roads gave a comprehensive Presentation to the Members of the Committee and answered a number of queries. Following a query from Breda O'Sullivan the Senior Engineer advised that we will be making an application for Funding to address costs of dealing with snow and any damage that would have resulted as a result of the snow. He is confident and hopeful that our claims will be looked on favourable.

Following a query from Cllr kavanaghh the Senior Engineer advised that the ideal Roads crew would consist of 3 people however with budgetary constraints this was not always possible.

10. National Road Schemes 2018

The Chief Technician and Senior Engineer gave the Members of the Committee an update on the National Roads Programmes.

Cllr O'Brien advised that he had had spoken with the haulage association who raised concerns with him over overgrown ditches and damage it can cause to Lorry Mirrors etc.

11. Water Capital Section update and UTAS

The Act Senior Executive Engineer from Water Services gave a comprehensive presentation to the Members of the Committee on Water Capital projects and UTAS and answered a number of questions from Members of the Committee.

The Members of the Committee acknowledged the work of the Water Staff during the recent storm and wished to thank them for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that Water supplies returned as quickly as was possible.

Following a request from Cllr Whelan the Act Senior Executive Engineer agreed to send a copy of his Presentation to all Members of the Committee.

12. Update On Rosslare Harbour Access Road

The Director of Services gave Members an update on the status of the Rosslare Harbour Access Road and answered a number of Questions from Members of the Committee

13. New Ross & Enniscorthy By Pass Update

Due to time this update was postponed to the next SPC for discussion.

14. AOB.

The Committee wished to thank all of the Staff of Wexford County Council for their hard work and dedication in dealing with the recent Snow Storm.

Brendan Crowley asked that the Committee write out to Phil Skelton and congratulate him on the work he is doing with "Staying alive at 1.5k" Road Safety scheme. This was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and agreed by all.

The Director of Services asked that the following motion that was passed at the March Meeting of WCC on the proposal of Cllr Kathleen Codd Nolan and seconded by Cllr L O'Brien be discussed by the Committee.

"In keeping with the tradition that a funeral cortege stops at the deceased's place of residence I call on Wexford County Council to include in its Roads Policy for severe weather conditions any local road for gritting/salting where there is a bereavement on that road".

The Committee discussed the motion. The Senior Engineer advised that we had dealt with over 50 Humanitarian cases during the snow. On the proposal of Cllr L O'Brien seconded by Cllr W Kavanagh it was agreed to accept the motion with an amendment that would say "where possible".

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on the 15th day of OCTOBER, 2018


Chairperson

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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Strategic Policy Committee

held on Monday 1st October, 2018, at 11.00am.

in The Ground Meeting Room Block A, County Hall, Wexford.

In the Chair: Councillor Larry O' Brien

Attendance: Councillors, Willie Kavanagh, Pip Breen, Anthony Connick , Bernie Mullen (Community&Voluntary), Brendan Crowley (Business/ Commercial), Eamonn Hore, Director of Services, Noel O' Driscoll, Senior Engineer, Mick McCormack, Administrative Officer, James Whelan, A/Senior Executive Engineer Water, Noel O Driscoll Senior Engineer Roads, Sinead Casey District Manager New Ross, James Wickham CO Roads.

Apologies: Councillors, Mick Roche, Michael Whelan, Tony Walsh. Declan Roche (Trade Union), Michael Bennett (Construction Industry Rep), Breda O'Sullivan Social Inclusion.

1. Adoption of Minutes

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2. Presentation by Phil Skelton "Staying alive at 1.5"

Phil Skelton gave a presentation on cycle safety and his "Staying alive at 1.5" campaign.

Mr Skelton spoke of need of Wexford County Council to be mindful of cyclists in terms of road design and works. The Senior Engineer for roads gave an insight into the Councils policy and approach to cycle lanes and how they are designed into roads.

The Director of Services spoke of the improvements that have been made and how the appointment of a county cycling officer has helped with raising awareness of cyclists and cycling issues.

Mr Skelton answered a number of questions from committee members. The committee congratulated him on his work so far on cycle safety and wished him well in the future.

3. National Roads Project update

The Senior Engineer gave a presentation and update to the members on national road projects.

Following queries from Cllr Kavanagh about Kyle cross the Senior Engineer advised that he would look at putting increased safety signage in the area and would also ask the Gardai to increase enforcement.

4. Non National Roads Project update

The Senior Engineer gave a presentation to the members of the committee on non-national road projects and answered a number of questions from the members regarding roads in specific locations throughout the county.

5. New Ross and Enniscorthy By Pass update

The Senior Engineer played a video for the members of the committee on the by pass projects. The committee members were very impressed with the work and scale of the project as demonstrated in the video

6. Water projects update

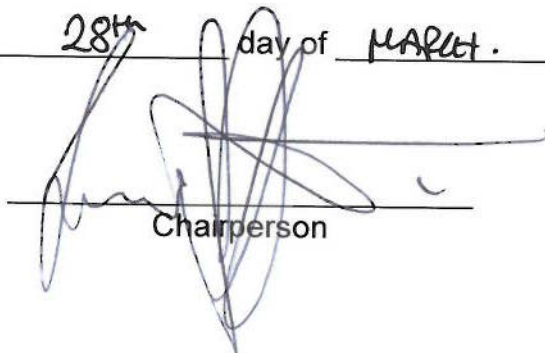
The acting Senior Executive Engineer for water gave a comprehensive presentation to the members of the committee on water and waste water projects and answered a number of questions in relation to specific timelines on a range of projects.

7. AOB.

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on the 28th day of MARCH, 2019



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Chairperson



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