



Minutes

Transportation, Infrastructure Delivery & Emergency Services

Strategic Policy Committee Meeting

Monday 17th November 2025 at 2.30pm, Würzburg Room, County Buildings

- Present:**
- Cllr. Stephen Stokes, Cathaoirleach
 - Cllr. Joe Behan
 - Cllr Shane Langrell
 - Cllr Orla Finn
 - Cllr. Danny Alvey
 - Ian McGahon, Trade Union
 - Deirdre McCormack, Social Inclusion
 - Tomás Peare, Development Construction
 - Mary Catherine Murphy, Agriculture/Farming
- Staff:**
- Joe Lane, DOS
 - Jackie Carroll, DOS
 - Linda Healy, SEO
 - John Bowes, SE
 - Michael Flynn, SE
 - Vivienne Killeen, SO
- Apologies:**
- Cllr Pat Fitzgerald
 - Matthew Hudson, Business and Commercial
 - Eanna Gallagher, Environment/ Conservation
 - Mark O'Neill, AO

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Stephen Stokes expressed his sympathies over the tragic loss of five young lives in a traffic accident that occurred in Co. Louth over the weekend. He also expressed his thanks and credited the Staff of Wicklow County Council for the work carried out during the orange weather warning event on the 14th and 15th November 2025.

Item No 1. To note the minutes of Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2025

Proposed by: Cllr Orla Finn

Seconded by: Cllr Shane Langrell

In relation to a motion put forward at the meeting held on the 19th of May 2025 by Ian McGahon, detailing how disabled people and people with additional medical needs were failed nationally during Storm Éowyn. A motion was put forward to set up an SPC subcommittee and seek members from WCC Disability and Inclusion Steering Committee to sit on the subcommittee.

Jackie Carroll, DOS advised the members that this item was within the remit of the Social Development Directorate and should be discussed by the Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee (DISC)

It was agreed by the Committee that this item should be brought to the Wicklow Disability & Inclusion Steering Committee for further consideration.

Proposed by: Cllr Stephen Stokes

Seconded by: Cllr Orla Finn.

Item No. 2 To receive Presentations & Updates from:

(a) John Bowes Senior Engineer, Transportation Projects/National Roads Projects/NTA Bus P&R/Greenways.

John Bowes gave an update of items that were not included in the presentation:

- **N81** Hollywood Cross to Tallaght Road Improvement Scheme – The Preferred Route Corridor was published in 2016. Wicklow County Council is seeking funding from TII
- **N81 Hearn's Cross** - Kildare National Roads Office have agreed to prepare a Feasibility & Options Report
- **N81 Crehew Junction** - Kildare National Roads Office has agreed to prepare a Project Information Note for submission to TII

Cllr Stephen Stokes thanked John for his presentation.

Cllr Shane Langrell asked for an update on the start date of the Ashford Park and Ride M11/ J16 project. John Bowes confirmed that this was dependant on funding being available from the NTA. If funding is made available early in 2026 then it would be possible for a start date in Q2 of 2026 for construction work to commence, with expected completion date in Q1 of 2027.

Cllr Joe Behan thanked John Bowes and Michael Flynn for the Noise mitigation works that have been completed on the N11 Parallel service road at Kilmacanogue.

Cllr Joe Behan asked if any discussions have taken place with the Department of Transport in relation to the Herbert Road, Bray. John Bowes confirmed that that there is ongoing consultation with TII in relation to N11/M11 including Herbert Road, but WCC have no contact with the Department.

Cllr Behan asked what consultation will take place in relation to the Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross Active Travel scheme. John Bowes informed the Committee that Phase 3 Design works have resumed and this will inform the preparation of the Design and Environmental reports. For phase 4, a planning submission will be made to An Coimisiún Pleanála for statutory approval. Ongoing Consultation will take place with the SPC, Bray Municipal District and the landowners. A statutory public consultation will be included in the statutory approval process.

Cllr Danny Alvey asked in relation to the N11 Kilpedder "Rat-Run" Road Safety Improvement scheme, which Municipal District will the Part 8 come under. John Bowes confirmed that it will be brought before the full council, but there will be a Pre Part 8 briefing for both Greystones and Wicklow Municipal Districts.

(b) Jackie Carroll, Director of Service, Emergency Response

Cllr Stephen Stokes thanked Jackie Carroll for her presentation and Cllr Orla Finn expressed her thanks for all the work carried out by Emergency Response over the Halloween period and the recent orange weather warning.

Cllr Stephen Stokes asked about anti-social behaviour in certain estates during the Halloween period, of which Jackie Carroll, DOS confirmed that this was a matter for An Garda Síochána (AGS)

The committee members asked if the Waste Management Section of WCC in conjunction with the Municipal Districts would consider the following actions in advance of the Halloween period in 2026: -

- (a) Letter drop to residents outlining the consequences for householders in handing over waste
- (b) temporary CCTV to be installed in estates a month before Halloween,
- (c) signage at the entrance of estates one month before Halloween.

They also asked for the costs associated with clean ups undertaken by Wicklow County Council for the next meeting scheduled for 16th February 2026.

Tomás Peare brought up that WCC's recycling centres were not accepting Cardboard from businesses, Cllr Shane Langrell advised of a recent issue where the Recycling Centre refused to accept cardboard from a business due to the fact that it causes the machine to breakdown. The committee asked if the status of acceptance of cardboard from business' could be relayed to them.

Linda Healy, SEO to follow up with the Director of Services, Climate, Environment, Recreation & Amenity.

Cllr Joe Behan asked why there was no current Fire and Emergency Operations Plan, of which Jackie Carroll confirmed that WCC is commencing the preparation of the S26 plan, and a draft plan will be presented to the elected members of the full Council in quarter 2 2026.

(c) Michael Flynn Senior Engineer, Non-National Roads/Active Travel.

Cllr Stephen Stokes thanks Michael Flynn for his presentation.

The Committee thanked Wicklow County Council for all the work carried out during the recent orange weather warning and Cllr Danny Alvey expressed his thanks for all the work carried out on public lighting to date. Cllr Behan asked for a breakdown of the number of outdoor personnel in each Municipal District and stated that extra work needed to be carried out on drain cleaning. It was also discussed that there have been reports of incidents where people have slipped on footpaths.

Michael Flynn agreed to discuss with the Municipal Districts in relation to slippages on footpaths and informed the committee that the public lighting contractor is without one member of staff at present, but WCC have appointed an Electrician to the public lighting team.

Cllr Danny Alvey asked in relation to bus stops if funding rolled over into the next year. Michael Flynn informed the Committee that there is an annual allocation for bus stops and pedestrian crossings, and further funding would be sought for next year.

Ian McGahon stated that speed ramps need to be redesigned and could Finnegans bus company and Aircoach bus stops be removed as they are no longer in use.

Michael Flynn to check the regulations on speed ramps, and Linda Healy, SEO to write to Aircoach and Finnegans in relation to the removal of bus stops.

Cllr Orla Finn informed the committee that there was a need for Pedestrian crossings in Greystones at Kindlestown Lower, The Mill Road and Church Road, Michael Flynn confirmed that this was a matter for the Municipal District.

Cllr Stephen Stokes informed the committee in relation to bus stops that he would compile a list from the Municipal Districts for funding for 2026.

Item No. 3 To receive an update on the Review of the Parking Bye - Laws for County Wicklow.

Linda Healy advised that Arrangements are being put in place to commence the review of Parking Bye Laws in Q1 2026. The Roads directorate will not be leading this review but will be inputting to the process. There will be significant involvement by the Municipal Districts.

Item No. 4 To discuss Bray Traffic Study

Cllr Joe Behan asked if the Bray Transport Sub Committee could be considered as a Stakeholder and consulted during the process for the forthcoming LAP (LPF) for Bray Town.

Cllr Orla Finn asked if there was a traffic audit for Greystones Municipal District, Michael Flynn confirmed that there was a study carried out but no works have commenced.

Item No. 5. To circulate list of Circular Letters received from Department of Transportation.

Circular on Roadside memorials to be circulated and put on the agenda for the meeting in February 2026. The Transportation Section is researching what policies other Local Authorities have in place.

Item No. 6 To consider proposed dates for 2026 SPC meetings.

Schedule of dates circulated.

Proposer: Cllr Shane Langrell Seconded by: Cllr Orla Finn.

Item No.7 Correspondence

Correspondence from the NTA was circulated to the Committee, and read out at the meeting by Linda Healy, SEO.

Item No. 8 Any Other Business

It was proposed that Bus Éireann be invited to an SPC meeting to discuss concerns.

Proposed by: Cllr Stephen Stokes

Seconded by: Cllr Shane Langrell

Tomás Peare asked what SPC water and Sewerage services (Uisce Éireann) now came under, Linda Healy to find out information for the next meeting.

Item No. 9 Date for next meeting

Monday 16th February 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

