



Minutes

Transportation, Infrastructure Delivery & Emergency Services

Strategic Policy Committee Meeting

Monday 25th May 2026 at 1:00 p.m., Members Rooms 1 & 2, County Buildings

Present: Cllr. Stephen Stokes, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Joe Behan
Cllr Shane Langrell
Ian McGahon, Trade Union

Staff: Joe Lane, DOS
Jackie Carroll, DOS
John Bowes, SE
Kevin Scanlon, SEE
Mark O'Neill, A/SEO
Vivienne Killeen, SO

Apologies: Cllr Orla Finn
Cllr. Danny Alvey
Tomás Peare, Development Construction
Mary Catherine Murphy, Agriculture/Farming
Eanna Gallagher, Environment/ Conservation
Matthew Hudson, Business and Commercial
Deirdre McCormack, Social Inclusion
Michael Flynn, SE

Item No 1. To note the minutes of Meeting held on 16th February 2026.

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Cllr Shane Langrell

Item No 2. To discuss the 'Multi Annual Work Programme' agreed by the CPG on 13th April

Ian McGahon suggested that the number of SPC meetings be increased from 4 to 6.

Joe Lane, DOS, informed the meeting of recent changes in staff.

Linda Healy, SEO retired on the 20th May 2026.

Mark O'Neill, Administrative Officer, has taken up the post of A/Senior Executive Officer, until the post is filled.

Micheel Flynn, SE, has taken up the post of Senior Engineer in Infrastructure Delivery and the post of Senior Engineer in Transportation is currently vacant.

Item No 3. To agree a draft policy for 'Roadside Memorials'

Cllr Joe Behan asked the meeting if this was now policy. Joe Lane confirmed that the Roads Memorial Policy is not a reserved function, Cllr Behan stated that the elected members should have a say in it, Joe Lane would review the matter and report back to the committee.

Ian McGahon suggested that it should be brought to the full council.

Discussion to be deferred to the next SPC meeting.

Item No 4 To receive Presentations & Updates from:

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

Cllr Stephen Stokes thanked Jackie Carroll for her presentation.

Cllr Stephen Stokes asked when funding would be received for collisions. Jackie Carroll, DOS, said she would review the matter and report back to the Committee.

Cllr Joe Behan requested an update on a full time Fire Service for Bray. The members were advised by Jackie Carroll that the outcome of the Area Risk Categorisations on each station, being undertaken under the current review of the S26. Operational Plan process will determine the requirements for each station.

Cllr Joe Behan also asked in relation to collisions on the N11/M11. Jackie Carroll informed the committee that all relevant information will include the above.

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

Cllr Stephen Stokes thanked John Bowes for his presentation.

Cllr Shane Langrell asked why is the Fassaroe Park & Ride is not open. When will the Ashford Park & Ride be open and have Wicklow County Council met with the landowners in relation to the Greystones to Wicklow Greenway.

Cllr Joe Behan asked if there are details available on the Bus company to provide transport for the Fassaroe Park & Ride, in relation to the route and price to use the service.

He also requested if a non- statutory public consultation could be held for the Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross, Active Travel scheme. Cllr Behan also expressed thanks to John Bowes for meeting with residents.

John Bowes confirmed that the Fassaroe project has been completed since the beginning of the year. The NTA are in the process of recruiting an Operator and hopefully will be in place by August 2026. Possibility of a supplementary service of the 131 routes, with additional services that would terminate at Fassaroe, no more details at present.

The Ashford Park & Ride project is waiting on funding to progress. Construction is not expected now until 2027 due to NTA funding constraints.

Greystones to Wicklow Greenway – WCC are meeting with landowners.

Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross, Active Travel scheme - John Bowes confirmed a non- statutory public consultation could be set up, A statutory public consultation is required in any event as part of the EIAR approval process. The Project team has met landowners and the process was successful; a project website has now been set up.

Cllr Stephen Stokes discussed the Chapel Road, Delgany Infrastructure scheme, and queried what assurances are in place that works will be completed by September 2026.

John Bowes responded that it was now dependent on the EIR Infrastructure, overhead cables being removed and utilities being diverted. ESB works are now nearly completed.

The Part 8 Public consultation for the N11 “Rat – Run” Safety Improvement scheme is under way, and the elected members will decide if the scheme progresses.

Ian McGahon suggested if a submission could be made to Google maps to alert commuters that Kilpedder should not be used as an alternative route, local access only. John Bowes responded that anyone can make a submission to google maps for updates, revisions etc.

Cllr Pat Fitzgerald informed the committee that traffic congestion was becoming an issue in Arklow, and with new house builds proposed where is the extra traffic is expected to go.

John Bowes responded that if the Southern Port Access progresses it should offer relief and a Park & Ride was being looked at being developed at Templaraine. (M11 J20).

**(c) Michael Flynn, Senior Engineer, Non-National Roads/Active Travel
presented by Kevin Scanlon, SEE**

Cllr Stephen Stokes thanked Kevin Scanlon for the presentation.

Ian McGahon asked about bus stops in Bray,
Kevin Scanlon informed the Committee that safety audits post construction have been carried out.

Cllr Joe Behan asked in relation to the Bray Traffic study that there was no progress to date,
Kevin Scanlon informed the Committee that there were meetings taking place with the NTA and Bray Municipal District.

Cllr Behan also enquired about proposals for a transport bridge across Golf course lands in Bray. Kevin Scanlon to come back to the Committee with an update.

Cllr Shane Langrell expressed his thanks to Michael Flynn, for all his work in the Transportation Section, and in particular for his contribution to the work on life- buoys on river areas.

Cllr Langrell mentioned the speed of vehicles on Slaughter Hill, and could a speed limit review be carried out. Also, Callow Hill where he had received complaints in relation to commercial vehicles using the road which is too narrow.

Kevin Scanlon to talk to Brian O'Sullivan, EE in relation to a speed limit review.

Cllr Stephen Stokes welcomed the addition of new machinery and vehicles purchased and asked where the machinery is kept. Kevin Scanlon confirmed that specialised machinery is kept in the Machinery yard at County Buildings, and other vehicles used by the Municipal Districts are kept in the district depots.

Cllr Stokes also looked for an update if extra funding had been received, for storm damaged roads in Storm Chandra. Joe Lane, DOS, responded that an application for €16M had been sought, but no response had been received from the Department. Cllr Joe Behan requested that the application should be pursued again.

Item No. 5 . Defunct bus stops

Ian McGahon raised the issue about bus stops owned by Aircoach and Finnegans Bus that need to be removed. Cllr Stephen Stokes suggested that letters should be issued to them. Cllr Joe Behan suggested that the Committee should request if Aircoach have plans to operate again in Co. Wicklow. Mark O'Neill, A/SEO to action.

Item No. 6 Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg (Council of the youth) public transport consultation

Cllr. Stephen Stokes spoke to the Co-Ordinator of Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg, Cllr Caroline Winstanley and proposed that they be invited to give a presentation to the SPC.

Cllr Joe Behan seconded the proposal.

Item No. 7 To circulate list of Circular Letters received from Department of Transportation.

Item No. 8 Correspondence

No Correspondence

Item No. 9 Any other Business

Parking bye-law review. – the members were advised that an additional resource was now in place to oversee this review, and the timeline was being finalised. This will be circulated to the members.

Item No. 10 Date for Next meeting.

Monday 14th September 2026 at 2:30 p.m. Wurzburg Room, County Buildings.

Signed: _____
Cllr Stephen Stokes,
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____