

TRANSPORTATION, WATER & EMERGENCY SERVICES SPC
Strategic Policy Committee meeting 20th January 2020 at 2.30pm Wurzburg Room

Present:

Cllr Derek Mitchell, Chair

Cllr. Joe Behan (JB)

Cllr. Vincent Blake (VB)

Mr. Colm Lavery, Director of Services, Transportation, Water & Emergency Services (CL)

Mr. Michael Flynn, Senior Engineer, Transportation, Water & Emergency Services (MF)

Ms. Helena Dennehy, Senior Executive Officer (HD)

Mr. John Bowes, Senior Engineer, Water & Roads (JB)

Allyson Minion, Administrative Officer

Margaret Coughlan - Trade Union Representative (MC)

Tim Morgan, Environment/Conservation PPN (TM)

Tomás Peare, Development Construction Representative (TP)

Michael Gahan, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Bray

Virginia Kangley, Kildare RDO

Deirdre Forde, Wicklow County Council

Sheila Nolan, ARUP

Apologies:

Cllr Pat Fitzgerald

Donal Murray, Business / Commercial Representative

Pat Dunne, Agriculture / Farming Representative

Non-Attendance:

Cllr. Irene Winters

Item 1. To note minutes of 29th October 2019

Cllr. Derek Mitchell opened the meeting. Minutes noted and apologies accepted.

Item 2. Update Presentation on M11/N11 Junction 4 to 14 Project –ARUP & KNRO

Ms. Kangley clarified miscommunication, feedback from public, scheme objectives - CA Framework – Over-riding decisions to Scheme. Details on dates for submission discussed with specific open day limited. Formal consultation process, ongoing 3 year consultation/oral hearing. Ms. Kangley indicated that this scheme has several stages, with many parties – Consultants, Project Management Team, WCC – when a decision is made and submitted to TII, the Department of Finance get final say on funding availability etc.

Preferred route published later this year- Public will be advised Mid Summer.

~ **Item 3. From meeting of 29/10/2019 – Updates on Suggested Policy Areas for Review & SPC contribution to policy in these areas as part of Work Programme for 2020**

- **Pay Parking Byelaw Review**
- **Public Transport – impact of Climate Change from Climate SPC**
- **Full time Fire Service in North Wicklow – bring original review**

Pay Parking Byelaws Review

~ ***Pay Parking***

It was noted that Pay parking is a Countywide function and Byelaws adopted in 2017 will commence review. Bray MD office now manage all the back office functions in relation to pay parking across Bray, Greystones, Wicklow & Arklow. It is proposed as review commences that a public consultation will be held. The review Byelaws, with proposed changes, will be across these four sub areas, with 4 town separate appendices. Review will go to Districts first, and then public consultation. Further areas outside the main towns can be added, for example parking in Blessington - separate schedule.

The matter of clamping was raised, and it was confirmed that there is no provision for clamping within the current bye laws, and any amendments to the byelaws would be a decision of the elected members

On review of the byelaws further areas outside the main towns can be added, for example parking in Blessington - separate schedule.

~ ***Public Transport –Impact of Climate Change from Climate SPC***

It was noted that the next meeting of the Climate Change SPC was scheduled for 30th January 2020 and at that meeting it was hoped to identify specific actions that would be forwarded to this SPC for consideration. Climate Adoption Officer to be appointed

~ ***Full time Fire Service in North Wicklow –***

It was noted that a copy of the review, is available on the WICKLOW.ie website. and members noted that it was a comprehensive report and to take it away to read. Michael Gahan, ACFO discussed the current report with members. Colm Lavery, DOS referred to County Development Plan population, Fire Risk Assessment used nationally, extra industrial development in area etc.

.The SPC Committee requested an update review of the original figures and data contained therein, based on increased population and the number of people living in the area now and in the future. Michael Gahan undertook to take the request for more updated figures, and indicated that this would be looked at and report to next SPC meeting.

As an SPC committee the other areas that this committee could contribute to and develop policy in the area of fire were discussed. The SPC was asked to consider their contribution across areas of prevention and protection and develop such areas as

- Building Control in Bray Fire Station making building safer for people.
- Smoke concerns, school projects, can we increase contribution across vulnerable areas?
- Community Fire Service – visiting homes, better effect costing €4m every year.
- Fire Prevention Policy – monitor effectiveness
- Fire Safety tasks in this area - €22k of smoke alarms to distribute

Item 4. Any Other Business

The following points were made and views expressed viz:

- PPN (Public Participation Network). Helen Howes, Co-Ordinator. Distribute Community Wellbeing booklet for information.
- Blessington N81 – immediate upgrade required. Ring road around Blessington proposal.
- Issues raised about Irish Water with a CIF meeting held attend of November with Irish Water –
 - Any small job e.g. delays - duct piping/specialist/adding costs
 - same system for 3 houses or 300 houses/no communication at all
 - Evidence of extra costs/ examples/ make case/demonstrate /Show impact with evidence.

The committee were informed that IW operated a National Connections Policy that set out the charges for connection across the varied types of development. It was noted that this was Irish Water Policy which had gone through National Public Consultation and agreed by Irish Water oversight body being the Commissioner for Regulation of Utilities.

A copy of regulation available on IW website for any member of the committee, or developer.

Item 5. Date of next meeting

The next SPC meeting will take place on **Monday 20th April 2020 in the Wurzburg Room at 2.30pm.**

Due to Covid Restrictions the meeting did not proceed in April 2020, and the next meeting is rescheduled for 30th September 2020.

Minutes of 20th January 2020 were agreed by the SPC committee at meeting of 30th September 2020.

Proposed: V Blake

Seconder: D Murray