

**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Issues held in County Hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.**

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

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach; Cllr. Fidelis Doherty;  
Cllr. Michael McCarthy.

Ms Mairead Phelan, Mr. Barry Lynch, Gary Graham, Michael Rice.

**In Attendance:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services; Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer Roads, Simon Walton Senior Engineer Roads City

**Apologies:** Cllr E Aylward, Cllr. M. Doyle

**1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**

Minutes of previous meeting of SPC 2 held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

Proposed by Cllr M. McCarthy

Seconded by Cllr T. Breathnach and agreed.

**2. Comprehensive Mobility Plan**

Declan Rice from Kilkenny Leader Partnership and Jackie Meally from Rural Links gave a detailed presentation on Kilkenny Integrated Transport Initiative and topics covered were:

- Kilkenny Transport Action Group
- Transport & Broadband
- Kilkenny Transport Services Report
- iRoute Conference
- Meeting with National Transport Authority

Jackie Meally from Rural Links informed the meeting that Ring a Link has applied to the NTA for a package of measures including 7 new services. A response from the NTA is awaited.

The SPC committee members thanked both Mr Rice and Mr for their informative presentation.

**3. Parking – Kilkenny City**

Simon Walton Senior Engineer gave a presentation on Kilkenny City public car parks. This was following on from a Notice of Motion at the Kilkenny City MDC July 2018 meeting.

The presentation included details as follows:

No of public paid car park spaces	1012
No of short term on street (paid) parking	152
No of medium on street (paid) parking	615
Charges for all various locations	
% of occupancy of car parks at various times	

The meeting was also advised that as an incentive to encourage people to shop local, that for the next two weeks in the run up to Christmas, there would be three hours free parking from 9am to 12noon Monday to Friday. Same would be advertised on the KCC website and local radio.

#### **4. Broadband**

SIRO were the only company available but as they only provide Broadband in city and urban areas. No national tender has yet been awarded for Broadband.

#### **5. AOB**

Climate Change

B Lynch gave a presentation on climate change and what policy changes could be implemented to reduce climate change such as carbon emissions. He referred to a number of adaptations for dwellings at planning stage:

- Provide a suitable cable and space on the electric circuit board dedicated to car charging off the house mains supply
- Battery storage combined with solar power
- Inclusion of an actual charge point for the dwelling
- Improve capacity of ESB infrastructure
- On Street charging for terraces and apartments
- Smart charge point fitted to lamp-posts
- Facilitate community solar powered car charging stations

All members of the committee agreed that Barry should continue with his research and bring further detail to the next meeting. The Chairman Matt Doran asked that this SPC make recommendations to the Environment SPC.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: February 2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.