

Chairperson's Report of meeting of Strategic Policy Committee 4 – Environment Protection, Climate Action and Energy held on 29th March 2019

- Margaret Whelan gave a Presentation on the PPN, specifically in relation the Environmental Pillar. Margaret advised the meeting that Tidy Towns can join the PPN.
- Paul Murphy gave a Presentation on the current status of the Climate Adaptation Plan. Sean McKeown also gave clarification on the Plan.
- A discussion took place around the difficulty of community groups in gaining insurance. Cllr. Thomas Breathnach to explore the idea of groups coming together and obtaining one insurance cover.
- Frank Stafford advised the meeting that Kilkenny County Council recently advertised a Tender relating to the supply, installation and maintenance/servicing of textile banks at each of its bring centres.
He also advised that new bottle banks have been installed in Urlingford and that the bottle banks in Graigue-managh have been re-located to the Aldi carpark.
- Frank Stafford advised that a National Awareness Campaign will be rolled out in relation to the Waste Management Bye Laws. Following on from this campaign the Environment Section will commence door to door inspections.
Frank Stafford also advised that meetings have been held with Service Providers and that Kilkenny County Council will be aiming for a significant increase on compliance.
- Tomas Breathnach conveyed his thanks to all on the SPC and within the Environment Office. He expressed his thanks to Cllr Maurice Shortall and wished him all the best especially in light of his decision not to run in the upcoming local elections.