

**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Transportation Policy / Mobility
Management and Water Services held on Thursday 22nd February, 2024**

Present: Cllr. Matt Doran (Chairman).

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Eileen Ryan, Jim Kehoe.

In Attendance: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services; Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer; Lorraine McGuire, Staff Officer, Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer; Caitriona Corr, Cycling Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Peter Cleere, Ger Mooney, Jim Mulhall & Ella Dunphy.

1. Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising

Chairman Cllr. Matt Doran informed the meeting that Seán Ó hArgáin had resigned from the SPC.

The minutes of SPC2 meeting held on 7th December, 2023 were adopted.
Proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach.

2. Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan – SUMP

Caitriona Corr presented to the meeting giving an update on the current status of the SUMP and its objectives.

Cllr. Deirdre Cullen enquired with regard to the possibility of the city bus service extending its route to the Springhill Roundabout.

Ian Gardner informed the meeting that there are 2 routes operating in the city and that the service is currently due for review.

He has prepared a list of desirable routes to present to the NTA, which includes Springhill and is hopeful to get agreement from the NTA.

Contributions were made from Cllr. Tomás Breathnach in relation to:

- The Focus Group – a group of 35 -40 people consisting of representatives from Gardaí, KCC, Community Groups, national organisations, traders and large employers.

- the economics of the proposed Park n (St)Ride – will involve use of buses, car pooling, bikes & bike bunkers.
- assessment of the demand for public transport. He noted the competition between transport providers and a preferred collaborative approach.
- He also enquired with regard to the Safe Routes to School. Caitriona Corr noted that the process is slower in city schools but confirmed that the process has been completed in Dunamaggin and that Graignamanagh is listed for 2024.

3. Capital Projects – City & County

Seamus Kavanagh presented in relation to the ongoing and planned capital works in Kilkenny.

He confirmed that the TII allocations had been received and that the N24 Waterford to Cahir Road Project has not been listed for funding in 2024.

Tim Butler advised the meeting that he hopes to secure funding to complete Phase II. He will be linking with the other local authorities affected with a view to making a joint submission to the minister for funding.

Contributions from Cllr. Pat Dunphy in relation to the junction coming onto the Tower Road in Piltown where there is a stop sign.

Seamus Kavanagh confirmed that this is in line with design guidelines and will update on the audit report.

Eileen Ryan noted the danger coming onto Ossory Bridge from the Bennettsbridge Road Roundabout where it is now reduced to one lane. Seamus Kavanagh advised that more signage/road markings may be required and that the Council is monitoring traffic movements.

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach enquired about the Part 8 on Belmont Road (North South Link Road & Greenway Connectivity). Seamus Kavanagh confirmed that going with a Part 8 application is his preference but will be guided by environmental reports on the process.

4. Accessible Parking County Wide

Cllr. Matt Doran brought this matter as a result of an issue raised by Cllr. Peter Cleere. He requested that through the SPC, the Council would carry out a survey to determine if there is adequate accessible parking.

He enquired if the spaces could be mapped through the GIS to allow the public to see where the spaces are when planning their journeys.

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach enquired with regard to clarification on any regulations in relation to disabled parking.

Tim Butler agreed that Seamus Kavanagh will speak with the area engineers with regard to the survey.

Eileen Ryan enquired with regard to parking spaces for the elderly and if the Council have any powers with regard to misuse of these spaces. Tim Butler confirmed that we don't as they are merely courtesy spaces.

5. AOB

The next meeting of SPC2 was confirmed for Thursday 9th May, 2024 at 4.00 p.m.

This concluded the meeting.