

<p>Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 5 – Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on Thursday, 11th February, 2016 at 3pm in Meeting Room 1</p>
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In the Chair: Cllr. Maurice Shortall

In Attendance: Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr Breda Gardner, James Murphy, Owen Sweeney

Also Present: Ms. Mary Mulholland, Director of Service
Ms. Carol McCarthy, A/Senior Engineer
Mr Billy Mernagh, Senior Engineer
Bernadette Moloney, Environmental Awareness Officer
Michael Nugent Enforcement Officer
Dave Gallagher Enforcement Officer

Apologies: Sadhbh O'Neill, Cllr. Ger Frisby, Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr Joe Malone,

Item 1 Minute of SPC5 Meeting held on the 12th November, 2015

Proposed by Cllr. Brennan seconded by Cllr. Shortall and agreed:-
“that the minute of SPC5 held on the 12th November, 2015, copy of which had been circulated to each member with the agenda, is hereby adopted”.

Item 2 RMCEI Plan

Mike Nugent presented an overview of the RMCEI Plan outlining Environmental inspections planned for 2016 and summarised works completed in 2015. The Chair thanked the Enforcement team for their dedication and contributions made by Cllr Brennan, Cllr Gardner, Mr Sweeney & Mr Murphy. Mr Murphy suggested that Kilkenny County Council issue guidelines regarding illegal dumping on private lands and for them to be circulated to landowners via the IFA Kilkenny branch. Agreement made to devise a list of litter black spots around the county and advertise locations in local press and increase the use of mobile cameras to deter fly tipping.

Item 3 Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021

Billy Mernagh outlined Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021 and its impacts and benefits for the county. He explained how IW will operate in the future dividing works into projects and programmes which will deliver better economies of scale and delivering financial savings. Contributions made by; Cllr Shortall, Cllr Brennan, Cllr Gardner and Mr Murphy.

Item 4 Litter Bin Survey Update

Bernadette Moloney provided an update on the litter bin survey and outlined the new initiative with Urlingford Tidy Towns. Contributions made by; Cllr Shortall, Cllr Brennan, Cllr Gardner and Mr Murphy.

Item 5 Household Waste Management Developments 2016

Bernadette Moloney outlined the roll out of the pay by weight collection system for householders which will become compulsory for all waste service providers in July and she outlined the roll out schedule for the food waste bin which will be implemented in the smaller urban areas this summer. Contributions made by; Cllr Shortall, Cllr Brennan and Cllr Shortall. Cllr Shortall agreed that this issue needs to be discussed with the full Council and proposed to invite all Cllrs to the next SPC and allow for this topic to be the single issue discussed at the next SPC.

Item 8 AOB

None; meeting ended.