

**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 5**  
**Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy**  
**Held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Dunmore Recycling and Waste Disposal Centre**

In the Chair: Cllr. Maurice Shortall

In Attendance: Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Maurice Shortall, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Tomas Breathnach, Cllr. Joe Malone, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. Shem Caulfield

Also Present: Ms. Mary Mulholland, Director of Service  
Ms. Bernadette Moloney, Environmental Awareness Officer  
Ms. Catherine Millea, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Ger Frisby

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**Item 1**                      **Minutes of SPC 5 Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**  
Proposed by Cllr Shortall, seconded by James Murphy and agreed:- “that the minutes of SPC5 held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, a copy of which was circulated to each member with the Agenda, is hereby adopted”

**Item 2**                      **Animal Welfare Charter**  
Mary Mulholland opened the meeting by stating that an animal welfare charter needs to be developed and adopted and that any animal welfare committee could buy into it. Discussions took place and contributions were made by James Murphy and Cllr. Joe Malone

Mary Mulholland welcomed Cllr. Tomas Breathnach to the committee and she thanked Cllr. John Brennan for his time on the committee.

Mary Mulholland also thanked Maeve Good for her tour of the civic amenity site and her invaluable help.

**Item 3**                      **Draft River Basin Management Plan Submission**  
Mary Mulholland advised that a substantial submission had been made and advised that a further meeting on the implementation plan would be held in October by Carol McCarthy, Senior Engineer and Ann Phelan, LAWCO.

Discussions took place and contributions were made by Cllr. Maurice Shortall, Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Tomas Breathnach and Shem Caulfield

It was agreed that there is a need to develop a cohesive approach.

**Item 4**                      **Litter Management Plan**  
Bernadette Moloney gave a presentation on the Litter Management Plan. The current plan runs out in December 2017. It is hoped to bring the new Plan to the full Council by January 2018. Bernadette requested that comments be sent into her in writing within two weeks.

A discussion took place on various forms of preventative measures such as cameras, black spots, tidy towns, name and shame and prosecution.

Contributions were made by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Maurice Shortall, Mary Mulholland and James Murphy.

It was agreed that there is a need for the Council to highlight the good work that is currently being done.

**Item 5**

**Pay by Weight**

Bernadette Moloney explained that the flat charge is being phased out. She stated that each county will have recycling ambassadors.

A discussion took place around contamination and the need to know what can be recycled.

**Item 6**

**Enforcement**

Discussions took place around the need for money to be set aside in the budget for prosecutions, the need for targeted enforcement and the need to get serious on enforcement.

**Item 7**

**AOB**

Pat Dunphy expressed concern over a sewerage problem in Newrath related to the public mains. Enquiries were also made as to when the new Civic Amenity Site in Grannagh will be opened.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm in County Hall.