

Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Issues held in County Hall on Friday 19th October, 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, Mr. Declan Keogh, Energy Office.
- Apologies:** Cllr E Aylward, Cllr. M. Doyle

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st June, 2018

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Proposed by Cllr F. Doherty
Seconded by Cllr T. Breathnach and agreed.

2. Electric Car Presentation

Declan Keogh from 3CEA made a presentation on Electric Cars. The Presentation covered electric vehicle infrastructure, climate action fund application in respect of additional charge points throughout the County and advances in the industry.

A general discussion took place on climate change. In light of recent reports on climate change, Barry Lynch suggested looking at Policies to generate reduced carbon emissions on a broader scale. Barry Lynch agreed to examine issues in relation to introducing changes at Planning to see if any adaptations could be made to dwellings at construction stage that would reduce the need to retrofit homes in the future. This will be done in consultation with 3CEA.

It was also suggested that Ronan Ryan, Community Section consult with Declan Keogh 3CEA to examine opportunities to partner with another European Local Authority to learn ideas and seek funding for future proposals. Cllr Tomas Breathnach also suggested consulting the Environment SPC on these matters.

Declan Keogh also referenced the Climate Change Committee which feeds directly in to the environment SPC. At the request of Michael Rice Declan to do some research on Basalt and hydrogen fuel cells.

A copy of Electric Car Presentation will be posted to Mairead Phelan.

3. Three Year Roads Plan

S Kavanagh Senior Engineer gave a presentation on Three Year Roads Plan which included criteria for selection, NOAC oversight of the roads programme, department funding available and details of the roads including the lengths of roads covered by the plan.

4. Winter Maintenance Plan

Last year with extreme weather conditions, the winter maintenance Crew salted priority 1 & 2 routes on 103 nights. The average is somewhere between 50 & 60 nights. The period of the Winter maintenance for 2018/2019 will run from 15th October, 2018 to the 28th April, 2019. A user friendly map of the Priority Salt Routes will be available on Kilkenny County Council Website next week for access by the public.

All present acknowledged assistance of I.F.A. members during Winter 2017/2018 along with other members of the public and voluntary organisations.

5. AOB

Summary of the National Broadband Plan and Other Broadband Issues circulated.

Broadband – Tim Butler DOS advised that the local authority has no involvement in the direct provision of Broadband but facilitate Broadband providers insofar as possible. It was agreed that Steve Coverdale [IS Project Leader - Networks/ Infrastructure & Broadband Officer] be invited to the next SPC meeting to give update on current status of Broadband in Kilkenny. Representative from Broadband providers are also to be invited to next meeting.

Along with items already mentioned, it is proposed that the following be discussed at the next meeting if at an appropriate point in development:

- Mobility Management Plan.
- HGV Plan.
- Parking.

6. Next Meeting:

Next Meeting to take place on Friday, 7th December, 2018. E-Mail to be sent two weeks in advance.

This concluded the business of the meeting.