

Minutes of Planning & Support Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the Zoom platform on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at 4.00 p.m.

**In Attendance**

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| Cllr. John Reilly    | Louth County Council |
| Cllr. Bernie Conlon  | Louth County Council |
| Cllr. Antoin Watters | Louth County Council |
| Cllr Edel Corrigan   | Louth County Council |
| Eddie Phelan         | Business Sector      |
| Richard Barry        | Community (PPN)      |

**Officials**

Joanna Kelly, Senior Planner  
Willie Walsh, Senior Engineer  
John O’Hagan, Senior Engineer  
Adrian O’Sullivan, Road Safety Officer

**Apologies**      Thomas McEvoy, Breeda Tuite

**Matters Arising**

**Motorhomes/Campervan Bye-laws**

Cllr. John Reilly instigated a brief discussion on the length of stays allowed for Aires vs Campsites, and non-serviced vs serviced sites, with replies from Eddie Phelan and Joanna Kelly.

**Residential Zoned Land Tax**

Cllr. J Reilly mentioned that a constituent was finding it difficult to access online maps on the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT). Joanna Kelly advised that the maps are available on the website, and are easily examined and drilled into when using a laptop or PC, and the difficulty possibly may have been from using a mobile phone.

**Possible Survey of Quay & Piers Safety.**

Cllr. Antoin Watters enquired as to whether some of the funding announced for the Marine Infrastructure Scheme could be used towards a safety survey of Piers etc. Joanna Kelly, Senior Planner advised that Willie Walsh would be the person who could assist with this query. She mentioned that possibly this might be something that could be included when drawing up the SPC Work Programme for 2023 if agreed.

### **Road Safety Strategy**

Adrian O’Sullivan, Road Safety Officer, gave a resumé of the County Louth Road Safety Plan 2022 – 2030, and answered questions arising. The draft Co Louth Road Safety Strategy is due to go before the Senior Management team once approved by the Senior Engineers. The strategy consists of three phases of action plans, the first of which covers the period 2022-2024, containing 62 actions. The other two phases will cover the periods 2025-2027 and 2028-2030.

A copy of the presentation was forwarded to the Members after the meeting.

Cllr. J. Reilly raised questions regarding the possibility of more 4-way Stops being used in some areas of Cooley, and there was a brief discussion. John O’Hagan, Senior Engineer, advised that there was no legal basis in Ireland for 4-way Stops.

During the discussion on road safety John O’Hagan advised that there was going to be an Assessment of Speed Limits commencing in 2023, to be in place by May 2024 following ratification by the Council Members.

### **Date & Time of next SPC Meeting**

Cllr J. Reilly suggested, and it was agreed that the next meeting will be held in person in February 2022, date to be confirmed in January.