

Minutes of Planning & Support Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the zoom platform on the 14th April, 2021 at 4.00 p.m.

In Attendance

Cllr. Maria Doyle	Louth County Council
Cllr. Edel Corrigan	Louth County Council
Cllr. Antoin Watters	Louth County Council
John Morgan	Social Inclusion
Eddie Phelan	Business Sector
Richie Barry	Environment

Officials

Frank Pentony, Director of Services
Joanna Kelly, Senior Planner
John O' Hagan, Senior Engineer

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the Planning & Support Infrastructure SPC meeting held on the 10th February, 2021 were proposed by Cllr. Antoin Watters and seconded by Cllr. Edel Corrigan.

Matters arising from SPC meeting of 10th February, 2021

John O' Hagan advised the meeting that there is a delay in publishing the Sustainable Rural Mobility Plan.

SPC 3 Year Work Programme

Cllr. Maria Doyle advised the meeting that the proposed 3 year Work Plan, which was circulated to the members, was agreed that the last Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 10th March, 2021

Casual Trading Bye-Laws

Frank Pentony advised the meeting that Casual Trading Bye-laws should be in place for the whole of the County and that these Bye-Laws be consistent throughout the County.

Cllr. Antoin Watters informed the meeting that he discussed Casual Trading Bye-Laws with Willie Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations and that he is currently working on this.

He also advised that Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer will give a presentation on Traffic Calming Measures and on the Road Safety Strategy.

In relation to park-lets, he also advised that funding is available for same and an application can be made between 07/05/21 and the 21/05/21.

Motorhomes/Camper-Vans Bye-laws

Eddie Phelan asked the Chairperson if he could make a presentation to the meeting on Motorhomes/Camper Vans Bye-laws. This was agreed and E. Phelan proceeded with the presentation.

Following his presentation, Cllr Doyle asked if the purpose of the Bye-Laws was about regulating the industry or promoting tourism or both and how much income would be generated from it.

E. Phelan responded in relation to the local spend and advised that a report had been prepared on this and that €2,000 per month per person would be the likely spend in relation to this.

John O' Hagan, Senior Engineer asked Eddie Phelan were specific areas within the County being looked at for Camper Vans Bye-Laws and advised the meeting that most areas close to the coastline of Louth would not have good road infrastructure and that these areas were also adjacent to Special Areas of Conservation which would not be ideal.

Maria Doyle suggested that this SPC as a group would look at the whole area of Camper Van Bye-Laws and she would get information from other Local Authorities who have such Bye-Laws in place and will circulate this information before the next meeting.

In relation to other items on the Work Plan, she advised that she would speak to Mark Johnston regarding the Road Safety Strategy and Casual Trading Bye-laws. She advised that she would invite someone from the Operations Section to attend the next meeting to discuss formulating Casual Trading Bye-laws.

Cllr. Edel Corrigan suggested to the meeting that a structure be put in place around the work-plan and that each topic on the work-plan be linked to the relevant department with LCC.

Draft Plan

Joanna Kelly, Senior Planner advised the meeting that the first meeting on the Draft Plan is due to be held on the 16/04/21. This will be the first in a series of meetings.

Frank Pentony told the meeting that a total of 833 submissions were received in respect of the Draft Plan and LCC have until the 15th June, 2021 to put together a report on same. Material amendments will go out on public display.

He also advised the scheduled timeframe for the new Plan will be mid October and will come into effect six weeks later.

Cllr. A. Watters commended the Planning Staff on their work in preparing the Plan.

AOB

It was agreed that the next meeting of this SPC would take place on the 7th July, 2021 at 4.00p.m.

New Nomination from the Environment PPN

Cllr. Maria Doyle advised the meeting that a new rep to replace Eoin Daly from the Louth Environmental Network is being sought and it is hoped that they will be nominated and in place by the next SPC meeting due to be held on the 7th July, 2021