

**STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE  
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting  
held via Microsoft Teams  
on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 3.00 p.m.**

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**PRESIDING:** Councillor Turlough McGovern, Chairperson.

**PRESENT:** Councillors - Paraic Brady, Colm Murray, Pat O'Toole and Gerry Warnock.  
Ms. Fiona Fenelon and Stephanie Igoe, Maria Keelty, Tess Murphy

**APOLOGY:** Damien O'Reilly and Ann Marie McKeon.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Services.  
Mr. David Tubridy, Senior Engineer.  
Mr. Tom Murtagh, Senior Engineer.  
Mr. David Coppinger, Senior Executive Engineer.  
Mr. Con Duffley, Senior Executive Engineer.  
Ms. Maura Hegarty, Administrative Officer.  
Ms. Annie Blessington, Senior Staff Officer.

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Anne Lee.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES.**

On the proposal of Councillor G. Warnock seconded by Councillor P. Brady, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, as circulated.

## **MATTERS ARISING.**

### **Refurbishment of Houses in Longford Town - Councillor G. Warnock.**

J. Brannigan stated that a number of properties have been identified in Longford Town for refurbishment and consultations are ongoing with the property owners. John also provided an update regarding a number of Compulsory Purchase Orders in the Ardnacassa area.

### **Policy regarding the Provision of Speed Ramps – Councillor P. Brady.**

A policy document regarding the provision of speed ramps to be prepared for consideration by the SPC.

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Noted.

## **WINTER MAINTENANCE REVIEW.**

John Brannigan briefed the members regarding the Draft Winter Maintenance Review and replied to queries raised by the members regarding a number of routes which they queried should be included. John to review the requests.

It was agreed that the Draft Winter Maintenance Review be submitted to Longford County Council for consideration and adoption. The Winter Maintenance Plan will be placed on the Council's website following adoption by the full Council.

## **SPEED RAMPS IN DEVINE CRESCENT AND AUBURN PARK.**

Notice of Motion referred from Ballymahon MD Meeting –July 2020 -  
Councillor Paul Ross.

“That speed ramps be installed in Devine Crescent and Auburn Park in the interest of child safety.”

C. Diffley stated that in accordance with the Traffic Management Guidelines and the Longford County Council Traffic Calming Policy, ramps should only be considered as a last resort for traffic calming on public roads. As a first step, vehicle speeds will be surveyed by Longford County Council. If there is a speeding issue, Longford County Council will notify the Gardai to carry out appropriate enforcement. Longford County Council will also consider appropriate measures to address any ongoing speeding issues.

A number of housing estates considered by the members to be in need of traffic calming were listed. Con to liaise with the Councillors regarding these areas.

### **SIGNAGE ALONG THE ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY.**

Notice of Motion referred from Ballymahon MD Meeting – July 2020 –  
Councillor Colm Murray.

“I call on Longford County Council to erect new signage along the Royal Canal Greenway from Clondra to the border with Westmeath. The signage would include indicated distance to the next/nearest town or village and information about some of the amenities and hospitality/tourist related businesses in the vicinity of the Greenway.”

It was noted that this item was dealt with at the Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee.

### **REVISED HOUSING TRANSFER APPLICATION FORM – circulated.**

J. Brannigan briefed the members regarding the revised Housing Transfer Application Form.

It was agreed that the Revised Housing Transfer Application Form be submitted to Longford County Council for consideration and confirmation.

### **CEMETERIES.**

#### **Columbarium Wall at Ballymacormack**

#### **Pricing for the use of this new facility together with revised pricing for burial plots.**

It was noted that these two items were dealt with by the Climate Action and Planning SPC.

### **EPA WATER QUALITY REPORT 2019.**

It was noted that this item was dealt with by the Climate Action and Planning SPC.

### **LITTER PROGRAMME.**

Notice of Motion referred from Longford County Council Meeting - July 2020 –  
Councillor Gerard Farrell.

“That Longford County Council considers that a new Litter Programme for outdoor recreation areas, as this is becoming a serious problem across the County.”

T. Murtagh stated that Longford County Council currently have arrangements in place for the servicing of litter bins at a number of amenity areas around the county e.g. Lanesboro and Barley Harbour.

In addition, Longford County Council liaise with local groups in these areas in relation to dealing with dumping incidents generally. If it is considered that the scale of this activity needs to be increased, then this can be considered in the upcoming budget process and funding allocated under the Recreation & Amenity heading.

**CONSISTENCY FOR SIGNAGE ON SHOP FRONTS.**

It was noted that a Policy regarding consistency for signage on shop fronts is currently being developed.

**POSITIONING OF POLES ALONG FOOTPATHS.**

M. Keely raised an issue regarding the location of poles along footpaths which is a problem for people with disabilities.

This issue will be examined.

**PAID PARKING DURING LEVEL 5 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.**

The issue of paid parking during Level 5 Covid-19 Restrictions to be kept under review.

**NEXT MEETING.**

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Anne Lee,  
Meetings Administrator.

**Confirmed and adopted at Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson.