

**STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
held via Microsoft Teams
on Thursday, 4th February 2021 at 3.00 p.m.**

PRESIDING: Councillor Turlough McGovern, Chairperson.

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

APOLOGY: Colm Murray

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Services.
Mr. David Tubridy, Senior Engineer.
Mr. Tom Murtagh, Senior Engineer.
Mr. Bernard Shea, Senior Executive Engineer.
Mr. Con Diffley, Senior Executive Engineer.
Ms. Maura Hegarty, Administrative Officer.
Ms. Martina Mc Grath, Administrative Officer
Ms. Sheila Healy Administrative Officer.
Ms. Ann Marie Mc Keon, Administrative Officer

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Anne Lee.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES.

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Warnock seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 22nd October 2020, as circulated.

MATTERS ARISING.

Affordable Housing Bill

Councillor Gerry Warnock asked what implications the Affordable Housing Bill had if adopted for Longford County Council and Councillor Warnock requested that it be noted that he thanked John for representing Longford at Custom House.

Councillor Pat O'Toole stated that he was delighted to see the Bill and complimented John for all his work over the year

John Brannigan replied that the Bill is amending previous Legislation and that there still is no Affordable Housing Scheme, people who have applied for Affordable Housing in the last three years and haven't received it don't need to reapply.

Retrofit Scheme

Ms. Tess Murphy enquired about the Retrofit Scheme and said she was aware that a person had applied for new windows and doors and was this the same scheme? John Brannigan replied that this scheme was only applicable to those living in Towns and Villages and that funding is not provided for one off rural house.

Footpaths

Ms Maria Keelty asked for an update on poles along the footpaths that are in the way of people with disabilities. John Brannigan replied that a policy is being developed and will be brought to the SPC for approval.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

SUPPLEMENTARY STANDING ORDERS – REMOTE MEETINGS – circulated.

The Supplementary Standing Orders for Remote Meetings adopted at the November meeting of Longford County Council were noted.

COLUMBARIUM WALL PROPOSAL AT BALLYMACORMACK GRAVEYARD

Tom Murtagh gave a short Presentation to the SPC with regard to the Columbarium Wall in Ballymacormack Cemetery which included a proposed price of €450 per wall niche. Cllr Gerry Warnock and Cllr Paraic Brady raised queries with regard to the type of material being used in the construction of the wall and if it were possible to expand the facility in the future. Tom Murtagh stated that the wall would be a very robust construction with granite slabs which were similar to the granite slabs use in the manufacture of headstones. The location of the wall was in the area where new grave plots are currently being made i.e. along the central pathway, and as the wall is modular many more sections / modules could be added in the future along the same line depending on the demand for same. Cllr Gerry Warnock proposed, and Cllr Pat O'Toole seconded the Policy on the Columbarium Wall.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST THAT THE MIDLAND SIMON COMMUNITY
GIVE AN UPDATE AT THE NEXT SPC MEETING REGARDING THE
SUPPORTED HOUSING IN VICTORY COURT.**

Ms. Tess Murphy informed the meeting that she proposed this presentation to highlight the success of this project. Councillor Gerry Warnock seconded this request.

NEXT MEETING.

22nd April 2021.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



Signed: _____

Anne Lee,
Meetings Administrator.

Confirmed and adopted at Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 22nd April 2021.

Signed: _____

Chairperson.