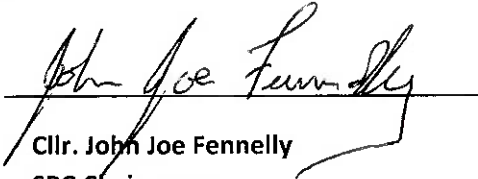


<b>File Ref:</b> Env/SPC	<b>Date/Time:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2 pm	LEO Training Room Áras an Chontae
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Transportation, Environment &amp; Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee</b>	
<b>Present:</b>	<p>Cllr John Joe Fennelly, Chair Cllr William Aird Cllr Paddy Bracken Cllr Ben Brennan</p>	Mr. John Killeen, Construction Rep
<b>In attendance:</b>	<p>Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Acting Director of Services Mr. Adrian Barrett, Senior Engineer Mr. Diarmuid Donohoe, Senior Executive Engineer Ms. Siobhan Maher Mr. John Killeen</p>	Ms. Chris Byrne, ASO Roads
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Cllr Noel Touhy Mr. Simon Walton, Director of Services Ms. Fiona Skehan, AO Roads Mr. John Talbot, Agricultural Rep</p>	
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1	<p><b><u>Quorum Present</u></b> Cllr Fennelly opened the meeting by welcoming the committee and advising quorum was in place.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</u></b> Proposed by Cllr Paddy Bracken Seconded by Cllr Willie Aird .</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b> Cllr Willie Aird referred to the presentation from Fire Services and reiterated that he will be pressing ahead with a rota system put in place</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Progress Report from Mr. Adrian Barrett re Hedge Cutting on Regional Roads:</u></b> Mr. Adrian Barrett provided an update on the pilot hedge cutting project being progressed in conjunction with the IFA. Project will run for the four weeks of October, LCC will undertake promotion of hedge cutting in the County – LCC will cover the cost of VMS Boards advising motorists of hedgecutting in the various areas; the actual cost of the hedgecutting will be covered by the landowners; IFA will liaise with their members with regard to this initiative.</p>	Update required for December meeting

	A discussion followed on the options available to the council for landowners that do not cut their hedges	
5	<p><b>Smarter Travel – re-allocation of Road Spaces</b></p> <p>Mr. Diarmuid Donohoe gave a very comprehensive report on all works carried out to date and also works that it is hoped will be completed before the end of the year.</p> <p>Cllr Ben Brennan asked if the area at Crettyard GAA Grounds could be examined to see if there was anything could be done to alleviate a very dangerous situation; it was agreed that Diarmuid Donohoe would meet on site with Cllr Brennan.</p> <p>Cllr Aird asked that we give careful consideration before we remove the right turning lanes.</p> <p>Cllr Paddy Bracken congratulated all staff involved in the brilliant job that had been done at The Rock Mountmellick.</p>	
6	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>No correspondence received.</p>	
7	<b>Date of next Meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2pm.</b>	
8	This concluded the business of the meeting	

Signed:

  
 Cllr. John Joe Fennelly  
 SPC Chairperson

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022